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This month's photo shows St. Louis Parish School students enjoying a special egg celebration during Easter!

News from St. Louis Parish, Pointe-a-Raquette, Haiti

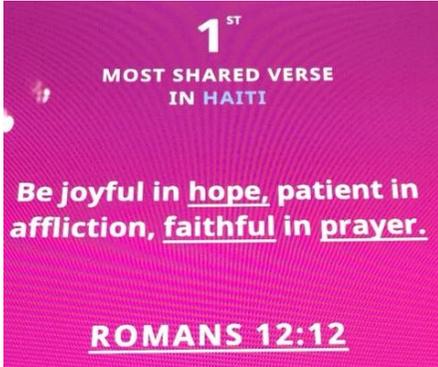
Please pray for the country of Haiti, and for the community of our twin parish. There has been instability and violence during the last few months that has thrown the country into crisis. Soaring inflation has made even the purchase of rice difficult. Our Lord holds the people in His hands and sent a true miracle to our Ministry so that we were able to help St. Louis Parish through the worst of the crisis. A special donation arrived just as Fr. Augustin asked us if we might be able to help the parish weather the crisis and we were able to send extra help for the last few months!! Fr. Augustin was able to prepare rice kits to give to the people and to help them with water availability. When we prayed on the phone with Fr. Augustin and told him of this donation,

he responded with such tears of joy and appreciation! Pray that the leaders of Haiti will govern in such a way as to bring justice to all. Pray that the people will continue to hope. Pray for Fr. Augustin to have courage and trust as he stands in the face of such challenges. There is a beautiful Haitian expression that we often hear when the people of St. Louis Parish are trying to thank our parish for its help. "I have nothing to offer you today but my prayer." Please carry this in your hearts and join us in offering your prayers for Haiti.

We also had sad news this month that two dear parishioners of St. Louis Parish died, Ismith Panache et Berria Pouloute. Ismith had been sick for about 2 weeks. Berria was a cleaner at the church. She cleaned the church on Sunday and died Monday morning.



Colette Pettit and Berria Please pray for these special souls.



News from St Louis Parish School

Back to School Student Sponsorship Drive
July 13-14, 2019

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE:
SPONSOR A STUDENT**



Fr. Augustin called us in February to report that the support for the school was insufficient to feed the children lunch each day, and he was in the situation where he must consider serving lunch only 3 days per week. Due to a generous donor to the school lunch fund, we have been able to continue to feed the students each day, and were even able to have a special Easter Feast for the students with eggs! The Haiti Outreach Ministry has prayerfully studied the school budget. We are in need of more student sponsors! The Ministry will hold a St. Louis Parish School Student Sponsorship Drive during the weekend of July 13-14. We have also determined that our current sponsorship



next September.

The 1st Kindergarten Class with their teachers Bianca and Arlys.

amount is not sufficient with the rising costs of feeding the students. We have not increased the sponsorship amount in 10 years. The sponsorship amount needs to be increased from \$25 per month to \$30 per month (\$300 per year to \$360 per year) in order to cover student food costs, and we will ask sponsors to consider this increase. Please know that we do not want to cause any hardship for current sponsors. Sponsorship Renewal letters will go out in July. We do not want to lose your support so let us know if you need to continue at the current level. As always, we appreciate your generosity! The school year will end on June 14 with a graduation for our Kindergarten students. The year has been blessed with the addition of the 7th grade, and the school will add an 8th grade

News from Bob’s Clinic and IMPACT 100

The clinic continues its good work in the community. You may remember that last June, the clinic staff compiled a wish list for clinic improvements. Their first priority was to create a more hermetic space for the Laboratory. The current lab collects dust and has no water. They would like the ceiling repaired, the door replaced, glass windows put in (that can close), a source of potable water, and a small air conditioning unit to keep the room and instruments clean and sterile.

The Haiti Outreach Ministry is so excited to announce that the **IMPACT 100** initiative voted by the **IMPACT 100** partner donors is the Laboratory Project at Bob’s Clinic! About 50 donors joined together to raise \$5000! This amount will help to make the clinic laboratory environment a clean secure area with glass windows, and climate control. The laboratory will also purchase a new microscope!

This project is so important to the community because current diagnostic tests have been compromised due to a dusty and hot environment. The lab will benefit the entire community in ensuring that the following 6 tests are available at Bob’s Clinic: urine examination, hemoglobin/hematocrit, blood sugar, stool specimen, culturing, and pregnancy tests. Patients will no longer be faced with the hardship of having to travel to obtain more accurate testing! Thank you to our generous **IMPACT 100** partner donors! GOD BLESS YOU!



The lab technician Gertrude in the lab.



IMPACT 100

Economic Development



A focus of the Haiti Outreach Ministry continues to be on how to give the people a hand up instead of just a hand out and our goal is to do this through helping people to start small businesses such as St. Yves Moto Parts and Apotheose Fishing. We currently are searching for an investor/underwriter for Rosita who wishes to re-start her small food store. She had health problems and had to close the business, but is now ready to start again. Please consider a donation to help her! Rosita is pictured to the left! Thank you!

Thank you from Father Augustin, the people of St. Louis Parish and the Haiti Outreach Ministry

Father Augustin and the people are always so appreciative of what St. Francis does for them. They look forward to a visit from you! Please consider traveling with us!

For questions about the Ministry, please contact us at stfrancishaitioutreachministry@gmail.com or call Marie Thomas at 540-255-3166 and Angie McFarling at 540-569-6041. Thank you always for your love and support!

Men anpil chay pa lou. Many hands make the load lighter. Bondye beni ou. God bless you.