

Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



Monthly Newsletter

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How to Feed the Children



At the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Chauffard, Haiti, Father Raymond leads the parish. He serves the community at the church, 5 neighboring chapels, the medical clinic, and 5 local schools. He sees the children as the future and he believes they need not just a good education, but one good meal a day. That is the main project Father Raymond asks of us: **feed the students one good meal each school day**. This costs more than \$5,000 a month to feed the over 1,000 students.

How do we pull together over \$50,000 annually? Our highest grossing fundraiser is the Bottle & Can Drive each 3 months (\$7,627 for 2023). The beautiful wool mittens and crafts handmade by Pam Abbamont and Theresa and Olivia Malvasi earned an amazing \$6,460 (pictured in the photo on the left)! We thank them so much for sharing their talents and time to support the children of Chauffard. Our other fundraisers are

Book & Bake sales (\$5,785), the annual June second collection for Haiti (\$5,014), the Chicken & Biscuit Dinner (\$2,525), the Trunk Sale (\$2,052), Coffee & Chocolate sale (\$859), and the five Soup Suppers (\$353). Along with the \$21,255 generous donations from all of you, this totals \$57,793 for the year! **Thank you for your support.**

News from Chauffard:

“The situation in Haiti is getting worse day by day. The phenomenon of insecurity is always making its way. In Chauffard, God wants good for us. Our dreams for the community still continue. I don't go to Port-au-Prince too often. When I am in need, I go there. It will still be possible go buy food for the children. It comes at the cost of risk, but the Lord has always protected us. Words fail me to express all my gratitude to the entire parish who never stop thinking of us. God knows everything. May He fill you with His blessing.” *Father Raymond, Dec. 27, 2023*

Upcoming Events:

Tuesdays in Lent: Soup Suppers
Donations support Haiti

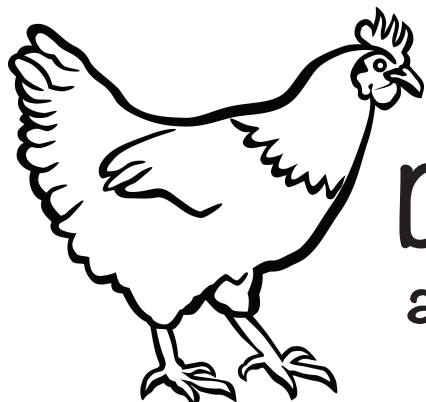
March 2, 4 - 7 pm:
Chicken & Biscuit Dinner
SMSP Church Basement

April 19-21:
Book & Bake Sale,
Bottle & Can Drive at SMSP

For more information, call
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**Supporting the Church of the Immaculate Conception,
Chauffard, Haiti, Father Raymond, Parish Priest**

CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER



Food by:

Diamond Catering
at the Cider Mill, Fay Road

Saturday March 2nd
from 4 - 7 pm

\$15 per person

Chicken & gravy, biscuit, green beans,
coleslaw, cranberry sauce, cookie dessert

EAT IN OR TAKEOUT

Church of St. Michael & St. Peter Basement,
Corner of Velasko Rd & W Seneca Turnpike,
Onondaga Hill

In support of our twin parish in Chauffard, Haiti