

# HAITI OUTREACH MISSION

Dear Friends,

I want to say thanks to all of you for supporting our cause!! HOM cannot function without YOU!!! And thanks to our great partners in Mirebalais Haiti Fr. Alphonse, Rector of St. Pierre Church and Fr. Romel, Pastor of St. Louis Church!!!

Haiti is still in turmoil and a gang made it to Mirebalais. However the Town retaliated and defended itself so Thank God our friends in Mirebalais are safe. Please continue to pray for them and for Haïti.

Even though there is instability and unrest, with your support we are able to keep St. Pierre clinic open 5 days a week. Fr Alphonse asked for help with a program where he is providing some groceries to the kids who are identified by the pediatrician as being malnourished.

HOM recently installed a solar power system at St Louis rectory and are in the process of getting one for the clinic. We've also sent money for Fr. Alphonse to get medication in town since he is not able to go to the DR to get them. Nobody can go to Port-Au-Prince right now to do anything because of gang activities.

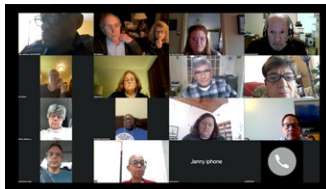


In last years Newsletter I wrote about my need to visit my very ill godmother in Haiti. Her suffering has ended. Nicole St. Victor has passed. We have also lost others dear to us; Edith Morisseau, Dr. Jean-Marie Pierre and Ron McKay. Please see page 13 for their memorials.

We must be careful because of the gang crises in Haiti. There will be no funds detailed in this Newsletter or during our annual meeting. If you wish to view our financials, email us at lobos7kiko@aol.com and identify who you are. Thank you and please continue to pray for Haiti.

Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews  
President and Chair Haiti Outreach Mission

Our 2023 **Annual Meeting** will be held **Sunday November 12** at 2PM EST as a **Zoom** meeting. All interested persons are welcome to attend. If you have not received an e-mail about the meeting and you wish to attend, please request the link via mcnee@umich.edu



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## Haiti Outreach Mission Member Churches

Corpus Christi	Detroit, Michigan
Our Lady of Victory	Northville, Michigan
St. Bernard's	Billings, Montana
St. Blasé	Sterling Heights, Michigan
St. Clare of Assisi	Ann Arbor, Michigan
St. David's	Southfield, Michigan

Since 1998, Haiti Outreach Mission has had many individual donors. But our member churches support through their annual donation of "seed money" and additional fundraising events makes our work in Haiti possible.

SOLAR POWER SYSTEM, was installed at the St. Louis rectory in May by KDEL Energie Solaire.

Haitian-government owned electricity utility Electricite d’Haiti (EDH) is inconsistent at best. For the last year little electricity has been available in Mirebalais, leading many to use (very) expensive fuel, diesel generators.

In December 2022 Fr. Romel requested funds for solar power. He received several proposals and forwarded them to HOM. After much discussion a majority of the executive committee voted to approve the project. The solar power system that was proposed had 8 solar panels and 8 storage batteries. As installed the system has 9 solar panels and 12 storage batteries. St. Louis Parish paid the difference between the cost in the original proposal and the final cost.

This system provides electricity for the St. Louis rectory and church 24/7. It requires very little maintenance, mostly battery maintenance.

Fr. Romel thanks you for your goodness, your understanding and your generosity for providing the solar power system.

**KDEL ENERGIE SOLAIRE**  
 Route Nationale #3  
 Anse à la Pêche  
 Les 80 pas Sable  
 Tel: 3800-8114 / 4006-0046 / 3519-0745

Full Name: PRESEBITAIRE MIRBALAIS  
 Date: 5/06/2023  
 Address: Hinche

**FICHE US**

Description	QT	Unite	PRIS. TOTAL
PANNEAU SOLAIRE	9		
BATTERIE TROVAN 225 AMP	12		
ADUPT BACK 80 AMP	1		
INVERTEUR LAC SOLA 4000 WATT 24 VOL.	1		
ROULEAU FIL PV	2		
BREAKER 16 DC	4		
BREAKER 100 DC	1		
BREAKER 32 AC	2		
JOMPEUR 2/0 5 PIED	2		
JOMPEUR 6"	6		
JOMPEUR 12"	4		
BOIT PANEL 8 CIRCUITS	1		
ROULEAU FLEXIBLE 1"	1		
REGULATEUR 60 MPPT	1		

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Solar Panels



Batteries



Inverter

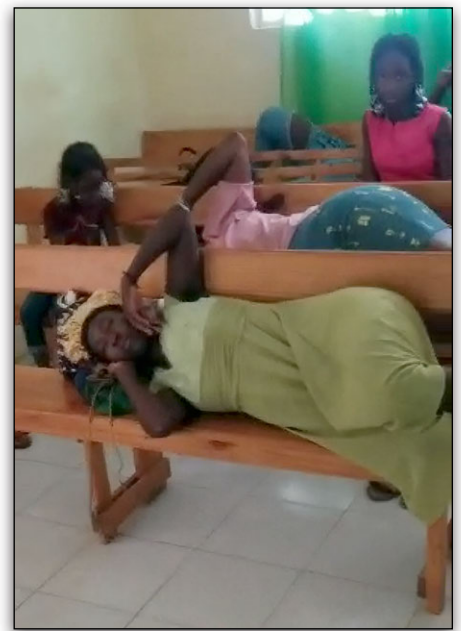
# ST. PIERRE MEDICAL & DENTAL CLINIC



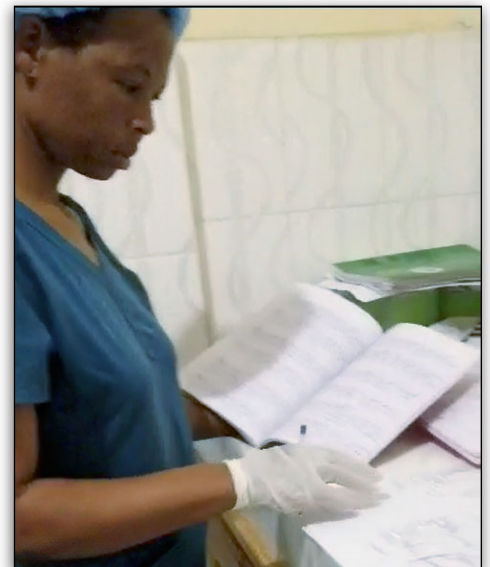
Clinic Entrance



Daphnee Guerrier, Reception Desk



Patients, Waiting Room

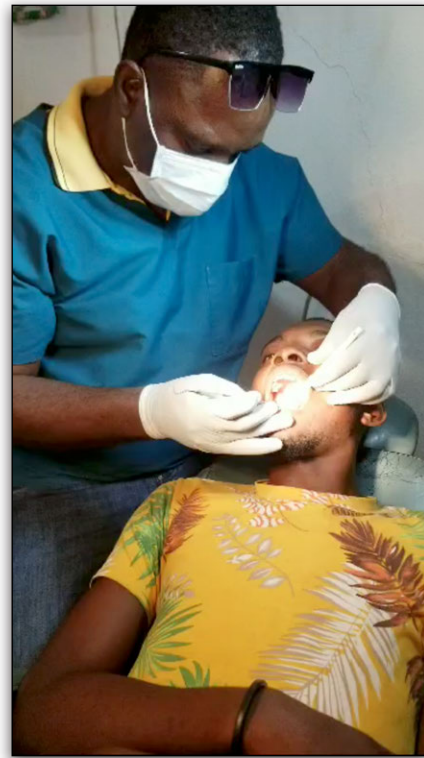


Claudette is taking blood from a 13-year-old boy. Claudette is preparing to get test results in the lab.





Dr. Nathalie Antoine, Pediatrician



Dr. Lamontagne Elisier, Dentist



Lichrist Dorsainvil, Pharmacist



Clinic Pharmacy

Photographs of St. Pierre Clinic are from six videos taken and sent by Fr. Alphonse in July, 2023. Captions are based on his commentary in the videos, translated by Mark Davis-Craig.

# WATER PURIFICATION

Dear Executive Committee of HOM  
 Dear friends,  
 Thank you for this beautiful meeting we had tonight and for the frank discussion. Thank you for your love for HAITI and for the great support you always give to Fr. Alphonse and myself for taking care of some parishioners or people from Port au Prince and Croix des Bouquets. God will reward you for all !  
 Here are some pictures I have taken tonight while I went to the water system to buy water for the rectory :



There are people who came and buy



These are boys from schools who did not have money to buy. They get water for free to drink on place.

Thank you for this great donation. I am pleased to tell the people in Mirebalais that our water system is not a business but a humanitarian service because the big Culligan gallon you see cost 25 Gourdes at Saint Louis water system and it is at 175 Gourdes everywhere in Mirebalais. Before the inflation it was at 30 Gourdes and because of the inflation I put it at 25 Gourdes in order to facilitate the people more and more. Because of your support I can afford that to our people. Thank you!  
 Fr Romel  
 Envoyé de mon iPhone

# CELEBRATIONS



This is a picture of all the choirs of St. Pierre church and the choirs of St. Louis who performed at the concert of the Transfiguration at St. Louis Church as one of the activities to celebrate the 300 years of the parish. Fr. Romel in white and Fr. Jean Alphonse in blue are in the pictures.  
 Have a good and blessed day to the whole HOM.  
 Cordially  
 Fr Romel



The solemn mass of Fr. Romel's 28 years of ordination was celebrated on Sunday, August 13. During this mass, the restored parish church of Mirebalais was blessed and the new altar was consecrated

Haiti Outreach Mission was invited to these celebrations. Conditions in Haiti did not allow us to attend.

Fr. Romel supplied photographs  
 And (edited) text.

# St. Blasé Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



Food Servers: Theresa Locklear Ken Iwankowski Ron Hitt James Lotito and Maria



Daryl Bukowiecki (Deputy Grand Knight) Linda Bukowiecki  
Rose Welper Peggy Koss (Back to camera)



Photos by  
Marv Ciemiak

*Save the Date!*

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Hosted by The Knights of Columbus Pope John Paul I Council (6865)

Sat, September 23rd  
after 4:00pm mass  
St. Blase Hospitality Center

Free-will donation for Haiti Outreach Mission

50/50 Raffle | Tin Can Raffles



John Messina Claudia Messina Unknown



Carolyn Agrusa Rose Lotito



Mark Bruski James Lotito



Carolyn Agrusa Ed Glowniak (Financial Secretary) Ed Skupny (Grand Knight)

## Knights and Spouses that Supported the Spaghetti Dinner

Carolyn Agrusa, Mark Bruski, Daryl and Linda Bukowiecki, Marv Ciemiak, John Corbat, Ed Glowniak, Ron Hitt, Ken Iwankowski, James and Rose Lotito, Gerry Malone, John and Claudia Messina, Ed Skupny, Gerry Winowiecki, Teresa Locklear, Matt Hudson, James and Debbie Richard

## St. Clare of Assisi Annual Tasting Event and Wine Auction

In the church social hall on July 29 a wine and appetizer tasting event took place. Money was raised for Haiti Outreach Mission and The Back Door Food Pantry. The afternoon included appetizers and dozens of wines available to taste. Tickets were \$40/person. At this event, participants help select the wines that will be available for St. Clare’s Annual Wine Auction in September. This sale generates the bulk of the funds they provide to support the medical clinic and school in Mirebalais, Haiti.

At St. Clare, Mary Lu Barth, Clare Heidema, Joanne Heaton. Susan Evett and Christine Cook are and have been the prime movers and shakers behind the wine auction. Barry Fuller helps.



Barry Fuller delivering wine purchased during the auction

Photograph by Bill McNeece

## HOM Executive Committee Visit with St. Clare of Assisi May 7, 2023



From Top: Dr. Dominique Monde -Matthews, Rev. Anne Clarke, Rector, Dr. Nancy Hopwood, HOM EC meeting church members after Service, Dr. Mac Dick, Mark Davis-Craig



Photographs by Bill McNeece

# Our Lady of Victory

HOM'S new liaison at Our Lady of Victory (OLV) is Mary Beth Dawson. She is facilitating fundraising that will be in addition to the gift of "seed money" the church gives us every year. She is working on many fund raising ideas for this Christmas and beyond.

One is organizing donations to HOM (instead of buying "more stuff") as a gift. For example, instead of buying a tie for a birthday gift, a donation is given to HOM. A document with text and a photograph is given to the recipient from the gift-giver.

She has also organized a HATS FOR HAITI team. Hats and other clothing items are sold as Christmas gifts.



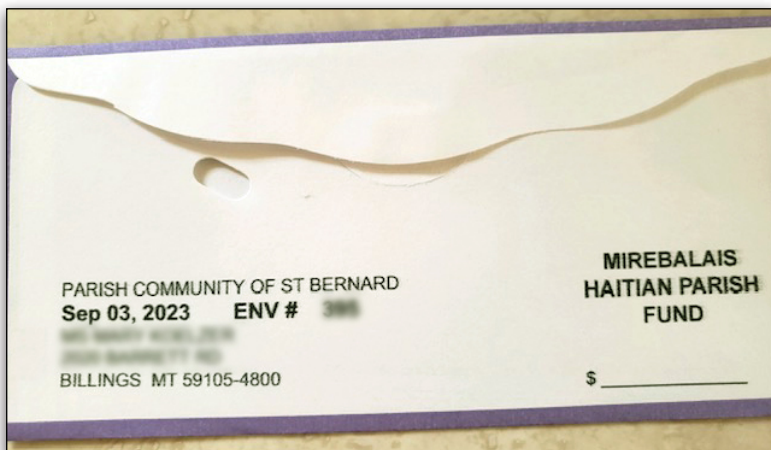
Standing, L to R: Karen Bennet, Brenda Karl, Karen Peper, Diane Gaydek  
Seated, L to R: Regina Moser, Sue Kurylo. Mary Beth Dawson  
Others who have helped were not present.



Photographs from Mary Beth Dawson

# St. Bernard

Through Kari Brown's leadership, St Bernard continues to support HOM with yearly "seed money."

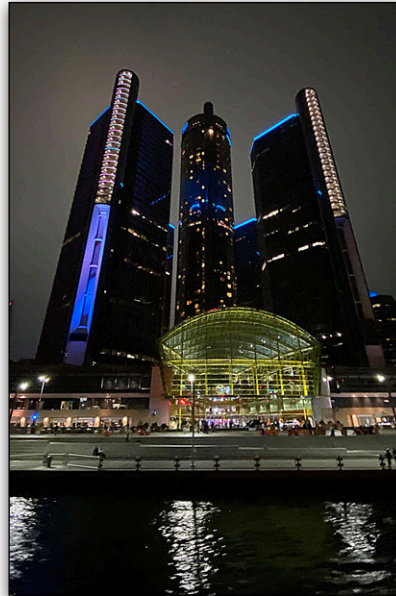
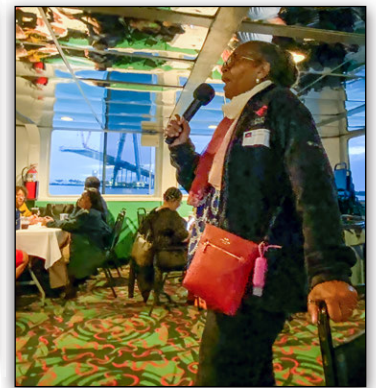


Envelopes are available in church for donating and reminders of Haiti are displayed in the church building.

Photographs by Kari Brown



# Corpus Christi River Cruise September 9, 2023



50/50 raffle: Cheryl Hill, Pat Burnett, Mary Davis and Fr. Patrick

Photos: Valerie McNeece, Bill McNeece

It takes many people to make a successful River Cruise fundraiser. At Corpus Christi that also includes:



Mary Davis, Fellowship Events Coordinator and Cathy Long, Finance / Faith / Website Support (reflection in computer screen) for Corpus Christi



Curtis Simpson, Director of Evangelical Charity for Corpus Christi and Mary Davis, Cathy Long



Joe Long, Technology Coordinator for Corpus Christi. He brought his sound equipment and was the first to board the cruise ship Diamond Belle and the last to leave after breaking down his set-up.

Photographs by Bill McNeece

## St. David's *Help for Haiti* at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle October 24, 2023





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50/50 Ticket draw and  
Silent Auction



Pulling the winning 50/50 ticket

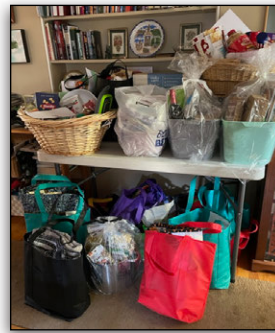


Fr. Chris Yaw congratulates  
a silent auction winner



Dominique was on a Mission in  
South Africa so Jan Ernst read  
her message.

It takes many people to make a successful fundraiser.  
At St. David's that includes the Comedy Castle Team 2023



**St. David's Help For Haiti**  
**October 24, 2023**

**WHERE** COMEDY CASTLE  
310 South Troy, Royal Oak

**WHEN** Tuesday, October 24, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

**WHAT** A fundraising evening sponsored by St. David's in Southfield to help support the St. Pierre Medical Clinic in Mirebalais. The clinic is staffed by Haitian medical personnel and is open year round.

This fun filled evening includes:

- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Drawing
- Dinner

**Comedy by Crystal P**

**COST** \$60 a ticket - Cash Bar

**TICKETS or INFORMATION:**

Lise-Pauline Barnett (737) 818-3747  
Janny Milton (248) 827-4638 Janet Ernst (248) 981-8851

**OR-- SCAN FOR TICKETS OR DONATIONS**

St. David's is a supporting member of Haiti Outreach Mission.  
**HAITI OUTREACH MISSION INFORMATION:**  
<http://haitioutreachmission.org/>

**Parking available after 5:30 in an attended lot: \$10/cash**

On the day of the event arrival at the Comedy Club begins at 3:30 PM. Tables for the silent auction items and the buffet must be set up. Auction items must be set up. Haitian rice and beans are prepared for the buffet. Etc, Etc, Etc.



Photographs from Jan Ernst

COMEDY CASTLE TEAM 2023

- Lise-Pauline Barnett
- Ellen Boyes
- Janet Ernst
- Steve Ernst
- Carolyn Gamble
- Kathy Graham
- Maureen Mahar
- Janny Milton
- Rita Spiller

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this Newsletter

- Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews
- Tom Maza
- Valerie McNece
- Marv Ciemniak
- Janet Ernst
- Steve Ernst
- Jim Lotito
- Haitian Network Group of Detroit
- Mark Davis-Craig
- Fr. Romel
- Fr. Alphonse
- Barry Fuller
- Mary Beth Dawson
- Kari Brown
- Janny Milton
- Bill McNece, editor

You may donate to Haiti Outreach Mission by sending a check to our business address:

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You may also donate through our website, [haitioutreachmission.org](http://haitioutreachmission.org) via credit or debit cards or with PayPal. Thank You!

# In Memorium



Nicole St. Victor, Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews godmother, passed on January 21, 2023 in Haiti. During HOM missions in Haiti, Dr. Dominique always visited with her. Nicole St. Victor was called the Grande Dame of classical music. She visited Detroit in 2010 and added her special touch to a fundraiser that benefited the 2010 earthquake victims in Haiti, organized by HNGD.



Edith Baker Morisseau passed on January 18, 2023. During the 1940s in Haiti, she founded with Sister Joan Margaret, a nun at the Episcopal church, the St. Vincent School for the Handicapped. In Detroit, she volunteered at the Suicide Prevention and Drug Abuse Center. Always a supporter of Haiti Outreach Mission, she joined us on several medical trips.



Ron McKay passed on August 22, 2023. He was a long time member of Haiti Outreach Mission. He worked on the construction team. A great guy! Our sympathy is extended to his family and friends. Photos he took and captioned in Mirebalais, Haiti were featured in the Haiti Outreach Newsletter / Issue Eight / Pages 9 and 10. This issue may be seen (and downloaded) at [haitioutreachmission.org](http://haitioutreachmission.org)



Dr. Jean-Marie Pierre passed on April 29, 2023 Throughout his career, Dr. Pierre gave the best of himself to his patients, and he was equally passionate about giving back to those in need. Dr. Pierre was one of the first Physicians who made the mission trip with Roger and I. He was a humble man and a hard worker who never complained about anything. The Dr. Jean-Marie Raynald Pierre Memorial fund has been created to assist Haitian migrants in Metro Detroit. Visit the Haitian Network Group of Detroit website to donate. <https://www.haitiannetworkdetroit.org/dr-raynald-pierre-memorial-fund/>