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Dear Friends,

Greetings and blessings to all of you near and far. Once again I want to thank you from my heart for your dedication and support to our neighbors and friends in Mirebalais, Haiti. Thanks to Fr Romel and Fr Alphonse for their leadership in Haiti.

The past few weeks have been tough here in the US and our friends in Haiti continue their struggles.

Our hearts go out to all those who were affected by the hurricanes in the South. We continue to keep them in our hearts and prayers.

Haiti has seen a rise in gang violence in the past few weeks. Fr Alphonse said that the gangs are getting closer to Mirebalais and their goal is to eventually take over the town. So please pray for our friends here and in Haiti.

Even though we haven't been to Haiti in a while, thanks to you, our supporters, we've been able to accomplish a lot. We were able to help families with donations for food, lodging and even helped a few start small businesses to help their families. We are providing some food assistance to young patients coming to the clinic who are malnourished. We were able to have a solar power system installed at the St Pierre Clinic which keeps them from having to get diesel fuel for the generator, which can be scarce and expensive.

The Culligan water purification system at St Louis, which needed some maintenance but due to the gang activities had come to a halt, is now back open and providing drinking water to the public. The school children get water for free. A 5 gallon container barely costs 1 USD.

Earlier this year we've lost an avid supporter of HOM, Jim Schairbaum. All our sympathies to his wife Bonnie and his extended family. See page 17 for his memorial.

A special thanks to all of you who work tirelessly to make things happen on the board and in your churches. HOM would not be able to function without you. One of these people is retiring from his occupation as a C.P.A., Mark Martin. He has been our accountant since HOM incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit in 2005 and has never charged us for his work. Thank you Mark and enjoy your retirement! His wife Chris will continue to take care of donations for HOM by collecting them from her office and depositing them into our 501(c)3 account. Thank you Chris!

Just as last year, 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](mailto: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

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- 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.

Our 2024 **Annual Meeting** will be held **Sunday November 10** 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 [lobos7kiko@aol.com](mailto:lobos7kiko@aol.com)



## WHY HAITI? By Mary Beth Dawson

Why Haiti? With all the problems in the world, and in our own country, why support Haiti? Conflict is negatively affecting the lives of people around the world. Everyone here is concerned about the economy, and many Americans are homeless! So, why donate to Haiti?

With only a hour and a half flight separating Haiti from Miami, it is practically our neighbor. We help our neighbors! Haiti shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic in the Caribbean Sea. How many people have vacationed in the Dominican Republic, enjoying this tropical island and its beautiful beaches. I would venture a guess that while sipping a Margarita at a swim-up bar, the furthest thing from any vacationer's mind is the horrific unrest on the other side of the island.

Life in Haiti is a daily struggle for food, for shelter, for education – for survival. It is an incredibly dangerous country, overrun with gang violence, and this has sadly been the case for several years. Gang violence affects every facet of Haitian life.

- Can you imagine eating *every other* day? <sup>1</sup>
- Can you imagine taking your child to the first day of school, only having to return home because of a gun battle between gangs?
- Can you imagine leaving behind everything to be on the run from the never-ending violence?
- Can you imagine sending your child to school, not simply to acquire knowledge, but rather because that is where they will be assured a meal; and because it is their best chance of not being recruited by the gangs?

This is daily life in Haiti and it affects everyone. As of 2024 at least 578,000 people were displaced within Haiti and more than 1 million face hunger and food insecurity. <sup>2</sup> Yet, the people experiencing the brunt of these problems are peaceful, resilient and faithful. Many of the adults can recall a much better time in their lives, and they want this for their children. Darnley Saint-Vilus is Project Manager at World Relief Haiti. She grew up in Haiti and recalls living in Port-au-Prince. She fondly recalls her teen years with “seaside days”, recreational activities during the summer and camps with the local church youth associations that allowed her to explore other parts of the country. <sup>3</sup> Those days are long gone, but with consistent assistance from people around the world, perhaps they can be recaptured.

Americans are generous! However, it has been well established that people are eager to contribute when a sudden disaster occurs, such as a hurricane, massive shooting or wildfire. However, as time goes by, that eagerness diminishes. <sup>4</sup> For example, Haiti was hit with a 7.2 magnitude earthquake in 2021. The humanitarian aid reaching Haiti following this earthquake diminished by 50% in 2022 and 2023, compared with that immediately following the earthquake. <sup>5</sup> Haiti is now in a constant state of crisis. May I suggest that every day in Haiti is an epic disaster and worthy of our attention.

We've all heard the phrase, "think global, act local." The premise of this phrase is that if we all work locally for the common good, those actions will spread, working their way up in a positive manner. But in some cases we have to act globally – Haiti is such a case. Any social programs that are available to Haitians have very limited accessibility due to their essentially non-functioning government. Therefore, help to the Haitians must come from other countries.

Most people are inherently good. We are all affected by the suffering of others, and though we may feel powerless to effectuate change, we like to see change nonetheless. There are many organizations working to diminish the suffering in Haiti. It probably can't be totally alleviated until the gang situation is under control. To that end, the Kenyan Police force arrived in Port-au-Prince in July to attempt to regain control of the city from the gangs, but so far they have had a limited effect. But, it's a start. Meanwhile, large organizations like UNICEF work to provide for the needs of Haitians, albeit often with steep overhead costs.

Haiti Outreach Mission ([www.haitioutreachmission.org](http://www.haitioutreachmission.org)) has been assisting the people in and around Mirebalais, Haiti since 1998. Though missionary trips have not been possible since 2018 due to the dangers presented by the gangs, HOM continues to help in many meaningful ways:

- HOM has established and maintains a working medical/dental clinic
- HOM has provided and maintains water purification systems
- HOM consistently provides funds for food, rent and education

Unlike the larger organizations which operate with substantial overhead costs, HOM's only operating costs at this time is HarnessGiving for our website, and wire transfer fees to get funds to Haiti. Donations go directly to our partner priests, Fr. Alphonse and Fr. Romel, as the church remains the only functioning organization of Haiti. Therefore, your donation will place food on a table, it will educate a child, it will keep that child distanced from the gangs. You will make a very meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors - and that is why we should help Haiti!

1. World Relief (2024, August 7) *Haitian Leaders Respond to Violence in Haiti Today*. <https://worldrelief.org/blog-leaders-respond-to-violence-in-haiti-today/>

2. *ibid*

3. Davis, Eryn (2024, August 14). *In Haiti Gangs Recruit Kids Because They Are Not in School*. PassBlue. <https://www.passblue.com/2024/08/14/the-forgotten-crisis-of-haitis-children/>

4. *ibid*

5. Davis, Eryn (2024, August 14). *In Haiti Gangs Recruit Kids Because They Are Not in School*. PassBlue. <https://www.passblue.com/2024/08/14/the-forgotten-crisis-of-haitis-children/>

# Our Lady of Victory (Northville, MI) Christmas Fundraiser

## Hats for Haiti



After Mass on December 9, 2023, the Pastor of OLV, Fr. Denis Theroux, talked about the *Hats for Haiti* fundraising effort while showing a hat created by the *Hats for Haiti* team at the church.



Karen Bennet creates pieces as a member of the Hats for Haiti team at OLV (See HOM Newsletter 2023, page 8) Her husband, Rick Bennet, is a member of the Nights of Columbus. She asked if the Knights might do something for HOM. The result: A generous donation from the OLV - K of C to HOM! Thank You!

## Zoom Meetings with Fr. Alphonse and Fr. Romel December 4, 2023

As most of you know, Haiti Outreach Mission is partnered with two priests in Mirebalais, Haiti. The Pastor of St. Louis Catholic Church, Fr. Romel and the Rector of St. Pierre Episcopal Church, Fr. Alphonse. Despite communication problems, we send emails and talk/text via WhatsApp and are able to talk to them via Zoom.



Fr. Alphonse



Fr. Romel

On Dec. 4, 2023 we were able to talk via Zoom to Fr. Alphonse about gang problems in Mirebalais [On Sept. 26 2023 Izo's 5 Second gang members came to Mirebalais and attacked, during the early morning hours, the Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais , leaving the neonatal intensive care unit riddled with bullets. No one at the hospital was killed.]<sup>1</sup> As Dominique translated, he said the gang members left because the townspeople killed many of them. [thirty were killed, with more than a dozen wounded. At least 800 families in turn fled their homes.]<sup>2</sup> Right after the gangs came, they couldn't function for about two weeks because everybody was scared. And then slowly, the townspeople started working again. Now they are walking around again in the streets. And any little noise makes people think the gangs are back but it is a little bit better. St. Pierre clinic was closed but is now open again. The clinic was seeing patients, including a couple of malnourished kids.

Gangs have been moving out of Port-au-Prince, into the Artibonite department, Haiti's main rice growing area, close to Mirebalais. People here feel like they are being surrounded by gangs. So they organized security - who actually stop cars and check for gang members and anyone with guns. They have to be vigilant. And now they're going to have to find a way to pay these people for the job that they doing. They are private citizens. Anybody who's got a gun, who can help with securing the town. They don't have enough police officers to do the job. So anybody who can help actually is helping to protect the town. So sometimes, he said, what ever they have, they'll give to them to protect the clinic and things like because now they don't sleep at night because they have to be on their guard to make sure that nobody gets into town.

He said **school** is open again. It used to be that it was only kids from Mirebalais were in the school. Now, with all the stuff that is going on in Port-au-Prince, a lot of people have moved here because it's quieter. So the school has a lot more kids and a lot of them can't afford to pay tuition. So when they don't pay tuition, they don't get the kids report cards. So he's saying that he's got tons of report cards because, you know, the parents don't pay, therefore they can't get the report cards for those kids. And it's a lot of kids that are there who can't pay. He has about 800 students and less than 50% are paying students. And he said he cannot keep them out of school because the gangs are recruiting those kids. Yeah. And giving them guns to become gang members.

He said, they actually got **medication** and they were able to pay. And he sent medication to some towns where cholera was even worse. So Fr. Alphonse was able to send a little bit to help those people in other towns that were more affected than in Mirebalais, because they could not travel to our clinic. The medication went even faster because all the kids from school, who got sick came to the clinic. You know, we always said that the school kids cannot be charged. So it went it went by a little bit fast, the medication that they bought.

1 Partners in Health. (2024, June 27), *A Commitment to Public Health Strengthened Under the Weight of Adversity*.

<https://www.pih.org/article/commitment-public-health-strengthened-under-weight-adversity>

2 <https://globalinitiative.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Romain-Le-Cour-Grandmaison-Ana-Paula-Oliveira-and-Matt-Herbert-A-critical-moment-Haitis-gang-crisis-and-international-responses-GI-TOC-February-2024.pdf>

## March 4, 2024 Zoom Meeting

Fr. Alphonse was visiting with Fr. Romel before our meeting. He returned to his rectory at St. Pierre due to the dangers of being outside after dark. There, he experienced communication difficulties. After a while he was able to call Dominique's phone. Fr. Alphonse was able to participate in the meeting as Dominique held her phone up her computer microphone and translated when he spoke..

*Fr. Romel began:* The situation in Haiti right now is not complicated. There are people with power and the gangsters. We understand that we are in the middle and we can't do anything. So every night, we have bad news. The gangs, they are coming because they tried to come a second time (see insert next page). And the people in Mirebalais took them out and they did not let them enter the city. To escape gangs people come, they come here and most of them, they don't have anything to do. They try to find some place to stay and those who can, they try to do taxi work with a motorcycle. *Fr. Alphonse:* Everybody thinks that, the priest, is the one who can help. Whatever is happening, they always come to the priest for answers, for food, for everything.

*March 4, 2024 Zoom Meeting continued*

The priests continue: We wonder if HOM can help because we don't know what to do at this point. We thought about three things. The first one is **feeding**. The second thing is to help some of them to pay **rent** for some place to stay because, we have a lot of people, they come all the time to both of us, to ask some help to pay. And the third thing is to help give scholarships to people who come with their children, so they can put them in our **schools** and they can pay. And for ourselves, we have to pay the teachers every month, for example, during February, we have only two days of school and we were obliged to pay the whole month to the teachers. If not, they won't come. There was demonstrations and unrest in the country, that's why schools were open only two days and we have to pay. And, the people we are trying to save, we can't ask them for money they don't have. Yes, we know for sure we won't be able to help everyone, but if we can help those who are in most need, it would make a difference.

(We began a discussion of costs for rent, food and education so HOM could get an idea of what we could do, financially)

They will rent a room or two for the family, and they have to pay every month, or they have to pay every year. It's up to the place they find. Fr. Alphonse told us: He had a family that had six children that he tried to refer to someone that had a space to rent and they wanted 125,000 gourds for the year - \$952.00 or **\$80.00 a month** for one room.

Fr. Romel told us: Food is difficult, it's difficult. Many try to live on \$46.00 for the whole week. For a family of three, they eat twice a day, twice a day with this money. **\$2 a day** per person. In December I spent 15 days talking to the sellers to find rice, beans, spaghetti and oil. But then when we make the reservation and they will try to get the food so we can make the distribution. But the drivers have to pay the gangs. They have check points. You have to pay and you go. This situation is tough in Port-au-Prince. Gangs don't let individual people out of their territory. Those in business trucks and busses may go but they have to pay.

Costs per year per child for lower school is **\$152.00 to \$266.00** and for upper school, **\$380.00**. (10-24) (Inflation has been very bad in Haiti.)

More about life in Haiti from Fr. Romel:

. . . people who go and get the rice and spaghetti and so on. They are public transportation and they pay the gangs. If you go with people, they charge more money. And last week gang members killed around nine people from Mirebalais in a large private van. Yeah. Yeah, last week. Because the driver was moving his van and they told him to stop and he took off and they killed them.

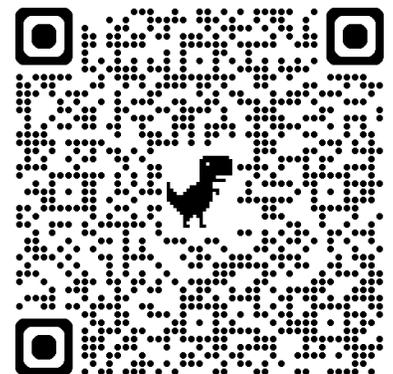
[Oh my God.] Oh yeah. There were 14 people in the van, nine died and the others were gravely wounded. And they went to the hospital. So it's really dangerous for a private car. For three years I have never gone to Port-au-Prince. So thank you so much. Thank you so much for taking this time to hear our problems and we ask you to keep praying with us and for us so we can have, this situation, the situation gone one day.

Father Alphonse: Bye,Bye. (Dominique translates) Benediction. Father Alphonse said May God bless us all.

When Gangs Came a Second Time

Email sent Feb 15 2024 by Fr. Romel: The situation was very hard February 5th. There was a clash between two armed groups: the police through UTAG (Anti-gang Tactical Unit) and BSAP (Protected Areas Security Brigade which is connected with Guy Philippe). They were firing cartridges in all directions. Businesses and private homes were pierced by assassinated bullets. The Saint Louis church was hit by at least three bullets. The stained glass window on the main facade of the church was pierced by a cartridge during the exchange of fire. Two people participating in demonstrations were killed. They were seriously hit by UTAG projectiles. Thanks to the citizen interventions that I myself initiated to force the two groups to retreat, the carnage was stopped. These interventions took place by telephone with the authorities and highly respected senior figures in the city. BSAP had withdrawn as well as the Police and calm returned to the city.

Since that day, there has been an apparent calm as the situation of worry, unrest and mistrust persists throughout the country. Today we are resuming classes in all our schools. We hope that this will work because there are no proven threats and announcements of demonstrations.



Point smartphone camera at QR code above. Link titled harnessgiving.org appears. Touch Link and Secure HOM donation site appears.

## Food, Rent, and School Assistance

Fr. Alphonse and Fr. Romel talked to us via Zoom about current conditions in Haiti and Mirebalais (See pages 5 and 6). During the day streets are crowded because so many people have come to escape gang violence. The population of Mirebalais may have doubled. Those who have recently arrived are hungry, need a place to stay, and education for their children. They ask the priests for help. The generosity of HOM's supporters made it possible for us to assist our priest partners and their churches to provide help. We wired funds on March 13, May 7, and June 7 to both priests. Here and on the next page are reports that show how funds were spent. Amounts and names are blurred for this newsletter.



**PAROISSE SAINT PIERRE DE MIREBALAIS / EGLISE EPISCOPALE COMMUNION ANGLICANE D'HAITI**

**COLLEGE SAINT PIERRE DE MIREBALAIS**

Boulevard Jean Jacques Dessalines, # 68

Rapport sur les dons pour l'achat de la Nourriture, Scolarité et du Logement de personnes vulnérables.

N°	(Pers. aidées)	Explication	Qté	Prix unitaire./ HTG	Montant en HTG.	Montant en \$ US
1		Riz / sacs	23			
2		Pois / sacs	8			
3		Huile/ gallons	16			
4		Transport				
		<b>Total</b>				
	<b>Nom complet</b>					
1		Logement	1			
2		Logement	1			
3		Logement	1			
		<b>Classe</b>				
1		2 <sup>e</sup> AF	1			
2		2 <sup>e</sup> AF	1			
3		G. Section	1			
4		G. Section	1			
		<b>Total</b>				
	<b>G. TOTAL</b>					

L'administration de la Paroisse Saint Pierre de Mirebalais Vous salue et vous remercie pour votre bienveillance à l'égard des personnes vulnérables de la communauté.

PS: Désolé pour le retard!

*Boiziau Jephther*

**BOIZIAU Jephther,**  
Trésorier

**Rév. Père Jean Alphonse JEAN PHILIPPE,**  
Prêtre en charge

**L'administration de la Paroisse Saint Pierre vous Salue et vous remercie pour votre bienveillance à l'égard des personnes les plus Faibles de cette communauté**

*(The administration of Saint Pierre Parish salutes you and thanks you for your kindness towards the weakest people in this community)*

*Hello to you*

*Bill, Dominique and Mark, I hope you are well thank God. Thank you for your support to the families who have been very affected by current events. May God be gracious to us and protect us always. Have a good day in him*

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## Food, Rent, and School Assistance continued

These reports (this page and page 7) are from one of three distributions of funds HOM made to Fr. Alphonse and Fr. Romel in Mirebalais, Haiti.



### PAROISSE SAINT LOUIS ROI DE France, MIREBALAIS

59, rue Louverture, Mirebalais, Haïti

Mirebalais, June 17, 2024

**Members of the board of HOM**

Dear friends,

I am so grateful and proud of you for giving me this opportunity to help many people into the parish who are suffering a lot. I want especially to thank you for these people arriving from Croix-des-Bouquets and Artibonite and who received some help from these donations.

Let me give you a little report about what I have done with the money you sent me to provide some help. The movement was so great that I spent my own little Pocket money in it. I am blessed and I praise the Lord.

**I. Money for Food: USD**

Product	Quantity	Unit price	Tot. price in Gourdes	Tot. price in USD
Rice	48 bags	1,100.00	52,800.00	1,100.00
Cristol oil	4 cases	1,100.00	4,400.00	100.00
Plastic bags	1 bags of 100	5.00	5.00	0.10
<b>Total</b>	//////////	//////////	57,205.00	1,200.10

One bag of rice has been shared for two people. We gave rice and oil to 96 people  
Personal contribution: USD



Rice and oil for distribution

**II. Money for Shelter support: USD**

Name	Location	Social reason	Gourdes received	USD received
	X des Bouquets	Rental	1,100.00	100.00
	Mirebalais	Rental	1,100.00	100.00
	Lachapelle	House renting	1,100.00	100.00

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	Port-au-Prince	House renting	1,100.00	100.00
	Mirebalais	sheets	1,100.00	100.00
	Mirebalais	Rental	1,100.00	100.00
<b>Total</b>	//////////	//////////	3,300.00	300.00

Personal contribution : USD

**III. Money for school suport: USD**

Name	School	Niveau	A m o u n t i n Gourdes	Amount in USD
	Fraternité		1,100.00	100.00
	Mgr Remy	Philo	1,100.00	100.00
	Caprofes	-	1,100.00	100.00
	Aventiste	S2	1,100.00	100.00
	Abel Maim	S3	1,100.00	100.00
	Bolivar	S1	1,100.00	100.00
	Mgr Remy High school	S3	1,100.00	100.00
<b>Total</b>			7,700.00	700.00

Personal contribution: USD

Expenses: USD

Personal contribution: USD

**Total of money received from HOM: USD**

**Total money spent: USD**

**total of personal contribution: USD**

Thank you very much! God will reward you all!

 Paroisse Saint Louis  
MIREBALAIS  
HINCHE - HAITI

**Romel EUSTACHE**  
Pastor of Saint Louis

# Fr. Randy Phillips and Deacon Ed McLeod Anniversary Celebrations/St. Blasé Feast Day

*"All Profits go to Haiti Outreach Mission"*

**ST. BLASE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**

**Fr. Randy Phillips' 40th & Deacon Ed McLeod's 20th Anniversary**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2024  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM, DINNER AT 6:30 PM

**Buffet Dinner • Blackthorn Concert • Beer/Wine**

**CENTURY BANQUET CENTER**  
33204 MAPLE LANE, STERLING HEIGHTS

TICKETS ARE \$50 EACH  
INCLUDES BUFFET DINNER, BEER/WINE, & AFTER DINNER BLACKTHORN CONCERT

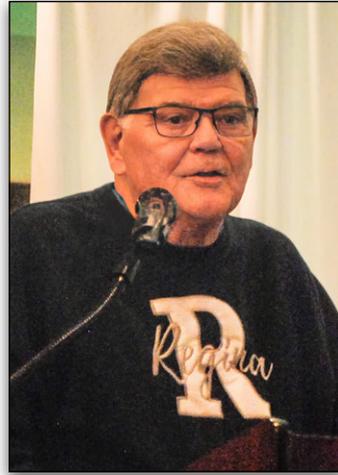
TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE OR STBLASE.ORG  
DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS: SUN, JAN 28, 2024

**\*\*COCKTAILS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE\*\***  
50/50 RAFFLE

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Fr. Randy



Deacon Ed



Dr. Dominique



Members of the St. Blasé Knights of Columbus with Fr. Randy Phillips (From Left to Right)

James Lotito Ben Ancona Gerry Winowiecki Matt Hudson Deacon Ed McCloud Fr. Randy Phillips James Richard Edward Glowniak JR. Tom Haas Edward Skupny John Corbat Greg McGrath John Messina Kenneth Iwankowski

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Full Name: PERE ALFONS Date: 24/07/2023 Adress : MIBALAIR			
<b>PROFORMA US</b>			
Description	QT	Dollars	PRIX TOTAL
PANO 420 WATT MONO	12		
BATERIE TROJAN	16		
INVERTEUR 5000 WATT 48 VOLT LAC SOLA	1		
REGULATEUR 100 AMP LAC SOLA	1		
FERONERIE			
ACCESOUA			
TRASPOR			
MAIN DOEUVÉ			
		Totale US	

The initial estimate for Clinic Solar Power

## Solar Power for the St. Pierre Medical/Dental Clinic

HOM provided the funds for a 5 KW solar power system at the St. Pierre Clinic. The system has 12 panels, 16 batteries to store power, an inverter to convert the DC power produced by the panels and stored in the batteries into AC power. It produces enough electricity to power the lights, fans and equipment used in the laboratory and by the dentist. The clinic no longer relies solely on the generator and the expensive and unreliable supply of diesel fuel.



Solar Panels installed on the roof of St. Pierre Medical/Dental Clinic



Security Cage for Inverter/Charger, Controller and Batteries



Inverter/Charger and Batteries



Solar Power Controller

## ST. CLARE OF ASSISI ANNUAL TASTING EVENT AND WINE AUCTION

In the church social hall a wine tasting event takes place every year. Funds are raised for HOM and then more funds are raised for HOM as wines are selected that will be available for St. Clare’s Annual Wine Auction in September. *(Always good choices! ed.)*



Dr. Jean Alce about to enjoy a glass of Caymus Cab he bid on via email during the Annual Wine Auction

2024 WINE AUCTION BID SHEET					
Due no later than noon on 9/22					
	REDS	RATING	COST/cs	# cases	TOTAL \$
Two Mountain Cabernet					
Fossil & Fawn Pinot Noir	Matthew Fritz Cabernet Sauvignon	3.8	\$205		
Napa Quilt Cabernet Sauv	Chateau La Houcade Medoc	3.8	\$220		
Caymus Cabernet Sauv	Boen Pinot Noir <b>6 pack</b>	3.8	\$105		
Argyle Bloom House Pin	Domaine Castel Oualou Rouge	3.9	\$220		
Matthews Blackboard R	Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon	3.9	\$225		
Daou Reserve Cabernet	Paquis Passimonto Valpolicella <b>6 pack</b>	3.8	\$110		
	WHITES				
Lange Win Valley Pinot	Anisfield Sauvignon Blanc	4.1	\$225		
Marques D Riscal Rioja	Drouhin La Foret Chardonnay	3.6	\$225		
Ricasoli Brolio Chianti Cl	Morganer Rose	3.6	\$205		
Borgo Maragliano Chard	Babylostoren Candide White Blend	3.5	\$180		
Babich Sauvignon Blanc	Licia Rias Baixas Albarino	3.6	\$220		
Cerevito Moscato D'Asti	Arte Lattino Brut Cava (sparkling)	3.8	\$120		
Librandi Critbone					
	MIXED CASES				
	Red mix (2 bits of each of the reds listed above)		\$215		
	White mix (2 bits of each of the whites listed above)		\$200		
	MIX mix (1 bit of each listed wine)		\$210		
	TOTALS				

Wine pickups at the church beginning Sunday 9/29 after church or schedule with Mary Lu Barth



Tom Maza unloading Caymus Cab he picked up at St. Clair's in Ann Arbor

## ST. LOUIS WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEM AT MSGR. REMY AUGUSTIN COLLEGE

The water purification system (see Newsletter 2023 page 5) at Msgr. Remy Augustin College sells water for 25 gourdes (19 cents US). Commercial water stores in Mirebalais sell safe water for 75 gourdes (56 cents US). But Fr. Romel had to shut the water system down for lack of maintenance. The reason for the shutdown: Gangs controlling the roads in and out of Port au Prince. Culligan maintenance people used private cars. They were not allowed to pass through gang roadblocks while trucks and public transportation are allowed to pass after paying. (Those who try to run the roadblocks are killed).

Fr. Romel has a technician who was trained by Culligan to change filters but not do major maintenance. “They didn’t come often like they used to, every two months. So we would have sold dangerous water to the people. I preferred stopping.” Major maintenance was done in August to bring the system to life. The reverse osmosis membranes were replaced, the motor was repaired and the filters throughout the system were replaced.



St. Louis Water Store



Reverse Osmosis System



Trojan UV Light

# Corpus Christi Detroit River Cruise for HOM September 14

**You Are Invited!**

Haiti Outreach Mission Fundraiser  
Saturday, September 14, 2024, 6:00 to 9:00 pm  
Diamond Jack River Cruises



Stroh's River Place Dock  
201 Jos Campau, Detroit, 48207  
Dinner Reservation \$75 Payment due August 30

We are pleased to announce our Fourth Annual Detroit River Dinner Cruise on the lovely Diamond Belle. The cruise will depart from the dock at Stroh's River Place promptly at 6:30pm. Parking in nearby structure-shuttle provided to dock. Your \$75 reservation will include a 2 1/2 hour river cruise, full buffet dinner and dessert. There will be a cash bar for all beverages. Reservations remain at \$75 although the cost of the cruise and food has increased by \$12 per person. Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews will give an update on current conditions in Haiti and the work of HOM and will answer your questions.

Reservations are available now. There are only 110 reservations available and payment must be received by August 30. We hope that you will plan on attending this important event. If you can't attend, donations to Haiti Outreach Mission are always gratefully accepted. Scan the QR code to reserve online or visit [corpuschristi-detroit.org](http://corpuschristi-detroit.org) and click on Haiti Dinner Cruise

Questions: call Mary Davis 313-506-7049 or email [mary.davis@corpuschristi-detroit.org](mailto:mary.davis@corpuschristi-detroit.org)  
Please join us as we work together for HOM

Fr. James Lowe, CC Priest in Solidum  
Bill and Valerie McNecce Event Co-Chairs




Fr. Don Archambault leading Grace before eating



Gordie Howe Bridge between Windsor ON and Detroit MI



Mary Davis/Cruise Organizer Dr. Dominique/HOM



Fr. Romel of St. Louis Catholic Church  
Prayer for Haiti from Zoom 3-4-2024 (pages 5 and 6)  
Mirebalais, Haiti

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Lord our God we want to thank You for the faith You gave us so we can have brothers and sisters all over the world who care about our lives. At this moment of the Haitian life we want You to overcome all our difficulties in the country by giving us the right people who can take the leadership of Haiti.

I want to pray to You so You can put Your love into the heart of all the gangsters. And all the people who want power so they can understand the need of the Haitian people, the need of the people who would like to leave their house to go anywhere. The needs of these people who just wish to get to life - a good possibility to have peace and stay home.

We are praying to You tonight so You can give us a time of peace in this country, so we can move and go everywhere we want at any time. See our friends, our families, go to work and try to give a better life to the people. While we are meeting tonight with HOM, our friends give us good ideas so we can share about this situation and so we can share together what we can do for those in need and You can give us a very strong heart filled with love. For all those who are suffering. For those who have guns so we can help them to understand the needs of peace For those who have power, who do not care about the life of the people. May they understand they need to use their power that has been given by God to serve everyone in the country.

Send to us your Holy Spirit during this meeting and, keep us in love. In peace. Amen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Transcribed by Bill McNeece

Reflections on Stewardship from  
Père Alphonse of St. Pierre Episcopal Church  
Mirebalais, Haiti

The way to success

There exist many definitions of the notion of success in today's culture. For some, success is defined by the number of works we have done or wealth that we have accumulated.

The definition which Jesus gives is contrary to the cultural one. It has nothing to do with accomplishments or acquisitions. It is linked entirely to our character.

The teaching of Jesus in Luke 16:10 touches primarily on the depth of our character. It says that one who is a faithful steward in the smallest of things is also a faithful steward in the greatest of things. Those who have been faithful stewards of what they have received will see themselves entrusted with greater things. And those who are dishonest, unjust, and unworthy will be the same with what has been entrusted to them.

At the end of the day, our financial success in life is not important to Jesus. On the contrary, what is more important is what we do with what we already have been given to steward.

Every day and over time, little acts of faith [stewardship] shape our character. Small decisions and difficult choices are what transform us into sincere people of faith.

If you ask God to give you more in life, be sure you are a good steward of what He has already given you. Use your resources and the opportunities you have to establish a relationship of faith and honesty toward others.

God seeks to call people of character rather than people of success. Pray therefore that God strengthens your character and gives you opportunities to become a faithful, honest steward in every aspect of your life.

Translated by Mark Davis-Craig



Pastor Fr. Randy Phillips  
Pastoral Associate Dr. Mary Dumm

# St. Blasé Church Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser for Haiti Outreach Mission Sept. 21, 2024 Knights of Columbus Pope John Paul 1 Council # 6865



Michael Golek (son) James Golek (dad)



Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews thanking everyone



Daryl Bukowiecki (Deputy Grand Knight)



Carolyn Agrusa Jim Lotito (Warden)



Rita Pridgen looking for a winning ticket

**FUNDRAISER FOR**  
  
**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
 SAT, SEPTEMBER 21ST | AFTER 4 PM MASS  
 ST. BLASE HOSPITALITY CENTER | ALL ARE WELCOME!

**FUNDRAISER FOR  
 HAITI OUTREACH MISSION**  
 Cost: Free Will Offering. All proceeds to go to Haiti Outreach Mission.

**DINE IN OR CARRY OUT**  
 Good Food, Fellowship,  
 50/50 Raffle & Tin Can Raffles

Scan the QR code to learn more about Haiti Outreach Mission




Michael /silent auction winning ticket /Jim and Carolyn

The Knights of Columbus at St. Blasé put on a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Haiti Outreach Mission twice a year.

## St. Pierre Medical and Dental Clinic

The St. Pierre Clinic has remained open except for two weeks in early December 2023 after Izo's 5 Second gang members came to Mirebalais and attacked during the early morning hours.

In early March Pere Alphonse sent a video to us in which Francois, on behalf of the clinic staff, asks for a pay raise. Gang activity was causing shortages making most things more expensive to buy. The HOM EC asked Pere Alphonse for an updated list of employees at the clinic and their current salaries. By June, with the roster of the clinic employees and their salaries, we voted to increase the salary of each employee by 10%.

Below is the employee list edited by Dr. Dominique Monde-Matthews.

Some Translations:

Good Evening Doctor  
 I hope you are doing well by the grace of God.  
 Here is a list of employees at St. Pierre Clinic.  
 Wanelson replacing the Doctor Cadet.  
 Elisier replacing the Doctor Lancie.  
 Laude replacing the Doctor Antoinette.  
 Dr. Sabine Charles cius (?) volunteer.  
 Thank you good evening under God's protection



Francois Mytil in the archive room St. Pierre medical/dental clinic

Sent from my iPhone

Bonsoir docteur.

J'espère que vous allez bien par la grâce de Dieu

Voici la liste des employés de la clinique saint pierre .

Dr Dumornay wanelson remplant du docteur cadet

Dr Lamendier Elisier remplaçant de docteur lancie

Dr Meedjen laude remplant du docteur Antoinette

Miss claudette pierre - Lab

Miss lichriste - Pharmacie

Miss Claudinette - lab

Me Francois Mytil - Archives

Miss roseline Jules - ~~Treasurer/Secretary~~ - paym Cashier

Miss Daphnée Guerrier - Receptionist

Miss mirlande Pierre - Vital Signs

Miss Eunide Charles - Dental Assistant

Miss Elouisemene - Pharmacie

Mme marie joe Joseph - Cleaning Lady

Dr Sabine charles cius bénévolat

Total des employés 16

Merci bonne soirée sous la protection de Dieu

Roger Losama  
 - Treasurer

Heraniel Clervoix  
 - security

# St. David's Help For Haiti Comedy Castle October 15, 2024



Silent Auction bidding / Emmanuel and John / with David watching



Dr. Dominique thanking all for continuing support



Fr. Chris Yaw congratulating a silent auction winner Tom Graham



Lise-Pauline Barnett / Fr. Chris Yaw / Jan Ernst

**St. David's Help For Haiti  
October 15, 2024**

**WHERE**  
COMEDY CASTLE  
310 South First, River Oak  
Tuesday, October 15, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

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

This fun filled evening includes:

- Silent Auction
- \$40 Dinner
- Comedy by Horace Sanders

**COST** \$40 a ticket - Cash Bar

**TICKETS or INFORMATION:**

Donny Williams (941) 831-2837  
Doreen Williams (941) 831-2837  
Doreen Williams (941) 831-2837

**OR - SCAN FOR TICKETS OR DONATIONS**



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

Parking available after 6:30 in lot adjacent to: \$2.00/30min



This was the 12th  
Comedy Club  
fundraiser for Haiti  
Outreach Mission!  
Organized yearly  
since 2012 - with  
the exception of  
2020 & 2021  
(Covid), when we  
did the OnLine  
fundraiser.



Horace Sanders, Headliner  
Very Funny!

## In Memorium



Jim at St. Pierre Clinic 2010

Jim Schairbaum died on Sunday January 7, 2024

He was the Secretary of Haiti Outreach Mission for many years. One of his many other accomplishments for us was facilitating assistance for Haiti after the tragic 2010 earthquake. Because of the earthquake HOM received many generous donations and we were able to assist in rebuilding. Jim had been active with Habitat for Humanity and connected us with them. We sent members of our construction team on two housing builds in Leogane, Haiti. November 5-12, 2011 (*HOM Newsletter Three Part One pages 2 and 3*) and November 24 - December 1, 2012 (*HOM Newsletter 6, pages 2 through 6*) (*HOM Newsletter 7, pages 6 and 7*).

*From his wife, Bonnie Monash: Jim loved his life, his family and his many friends. He devoted his talents to St. Clare's projects and missions. Lucky are we who worked along side on one or more of his passion projects. HOM held a special place in his heart. He worked tirelessly to attend to every detail. Jim cherished his HOM buddies.*

James Herbert Schairbaum, age 81, Ann Arbor, Michigan, died on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

Jim was born on July 5, 1942, in Alliance, Ohio and was the eldest child of the Rev. Harry G. Schairbaum and Harriet (Doerschuk) Schairbaum.

Jim graduated from Wilmington College with a degree in Agri-Business in 1964. Instead of being drafted into service during the Vietnam War, Jim volunteered for naval duty and graduated from Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island in 1965. He served in the Navy as an Operations Officer (Lieutenant) on the USS Meeker County from 1966-69 with tours in Vietnam and Guam. He married his first wife, Judith (Tanno) Schairbaum in 1967.

Upon returning to the United States in 1969, Jim joined The Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, MI, where he worked for nearly 30 years in executive management. Jim's employment with Ford took him to South America, Europe, Asia and Mexico, and included a three year residency in Cologne, Germany. Jim also earned an MBA from Eastern Michigan University while working for Ford.

Jim will be remembered as a kind and loving soul who volunteered regularly to serve in leadership roles within his local community. His volunteerism touched many lives in both small and large ways: Cub Scouts (Den Leader), Saint Clare's Episcopal Church (Senior Warden, capital campaign manager and choir member), Genesis of Ann Arbor (2008 Humanitarian Award), Forestbrooke Athletic Club (President), Haiti Outreach Mission (Secretary), and Habitat for Humanity. Among his many interests, Jim enjoyed family, friends, gardening, pets, vacations, University of Michigan athletics, music and reading. His commitment to helping others was relentless and the driving force behind much of his life. He faced challenges head on with meticulous style, sometimes painfully so, and with tireless effort.

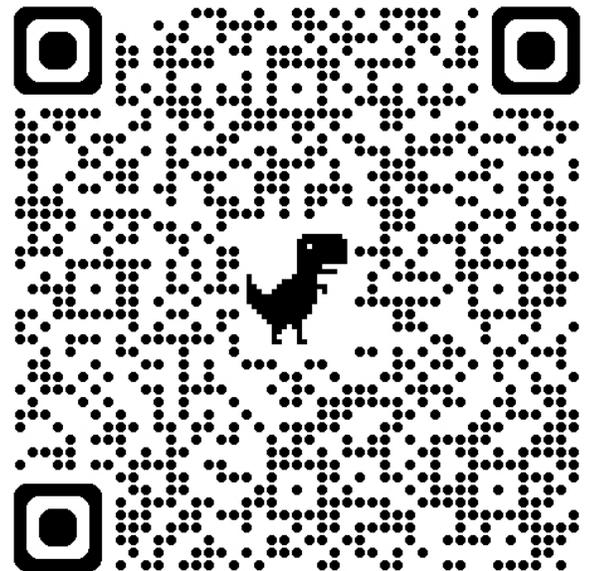
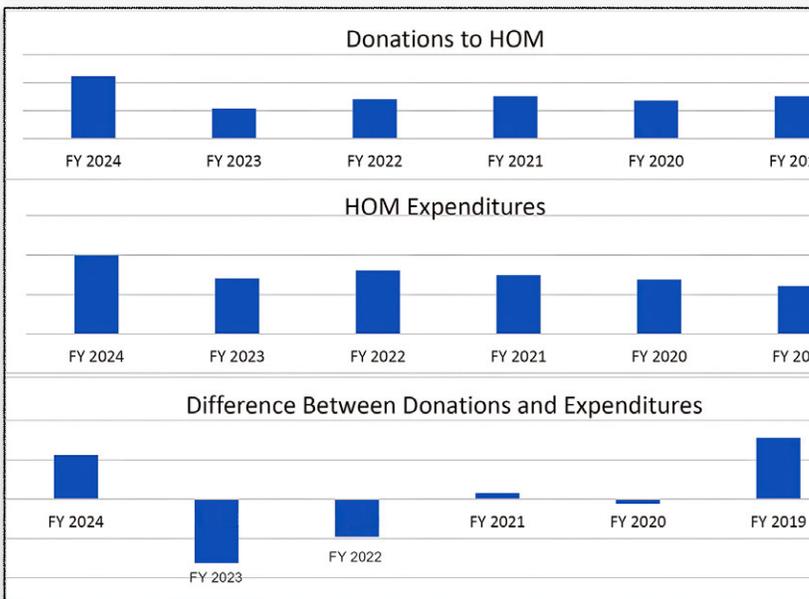
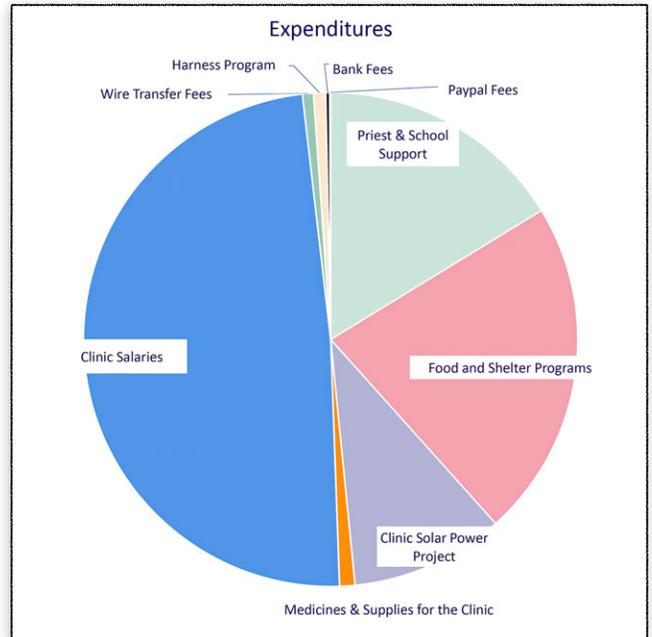
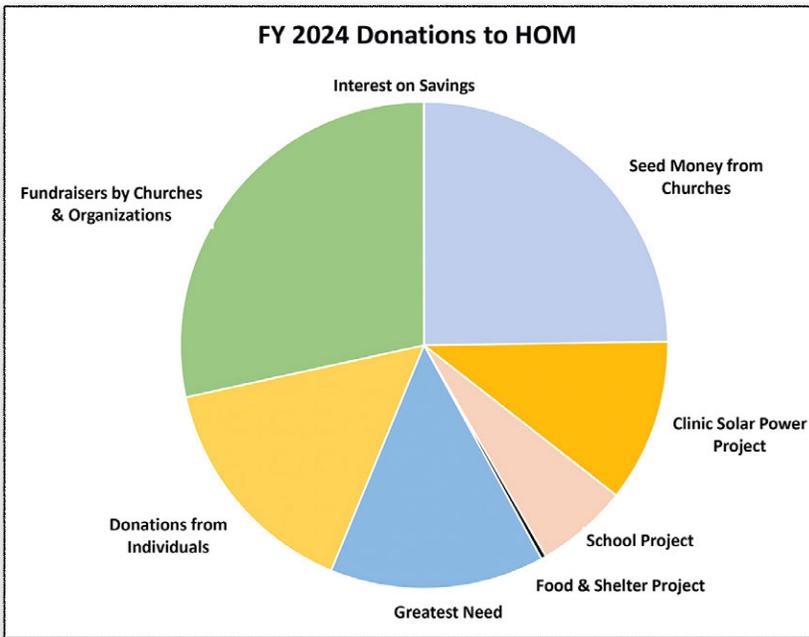
Jim will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved him. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Judy. He is survived by his wife Bonnie Monash, his two children, Jennifer (David) Widger and Daniel (Sarah) Schairbaum, five grandchildren (Lily, Owen, Andrew, Liam, and Julia), his three siblings-Frederica Erath, Philip and David, their respective spouses and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at 2:00PM on January 16, 2024, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 2309 Packard Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Haiti Outreach Mission Fund at St. Clare's Episcopal Church (2309 Packard Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104). Donations can be made payable to "St. Clare's Episcopal Church" with "Haiti Mission" in the memo OR donors may visit [www.saintclareschurch.org/give](http://www.saintclareschurch.org/give) and follow the instructions to give by text, ACH, or credit card, including "Haiti Mission" to direct the donation to the proper fund. Published by Ann Arbor News from Jan. 9 to Jan. 14, 2024.



Wine for auction is selected at a wine tasting party in July--Caroline Dick, Dr. Mac Dick, Dr. Barry Fuller, Mike Barkman, and Jim Schairbaum compare wine notes.

St. Clare wine tasting event / Choosing wine for Fundraising Auction / 2011  
(*HOM Newsletter 3 Part One page 4*)



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