



## Updates on St Therese Parish, the School, and Clinics:

St Therese's feast day was celebrated October 13th, as you can see in the photos this is a large celebration in the parish.

The church roof was damaged by a hurricane, however as there is an emergency fund in place, the roof was able to be repaired quickly. This is all due to the ongoing support of St Ambrose parishioners..

Father Julio has been in negotiations with teachers for their salaries in the new school year. They received a small raise to avoid a strike, and now have a provided lunch four days a week. Father was able to make some small repairs such as benches and blackboards for the school.

The clinic at Gaspard is seeing several cases of Typhoid. The committee is hopeful that we can help provide clean safe water so that this disease as well as the ever present threat of cholera can be diminished.

The truck has received several needed repairs including welding to repair severe rust. Repairs will be an ongoing cost, however as the only vehicle in the area it is a needed resource for the community. Father Julio has reported that the immediate area is still not seeing large amounts of gang activity, however there has been increasing violence in nearby areas.

Please continue to pray for our brothers and sister in Haiti.

## The water project:

The committee has been exploring several avenues over the last year to provide clean safe water to the people of Gaspard. While a water storage and delivery system is out of our financial abilities, we have found a possible solution in a water filtering system that relies on community involvement and has shown success in other similar communities in Haiti. At our last meeting we met with Sister Lorraine Lauter who is the executive director for Water by Women. She has met with Fr Julio and feels that Gaspard could successfully launch a two bucket filtration program. The cost would be \$10,000 to supply 100 filter systems, each of which generally supports four homes. For more information on the system and water by women please visit <https://waterbywomen.org/>

If you would like to contribute to the water project specifically please write Haiti Water Project on an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off to the office.

Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti. If you are able to offer financial support to the mission, you may do so through the Haiti envelopes, or just write Haiti on an envelope and drop in the collection. You can also mail a check to the office noting that the donation is for Haiti, or you may set up an EFT to donate monthly.

**HELP ME, O LORD, THAT MY HANDS MAY BE MERCIFUL AND FILLED WITH GOOD DEEDS, SO THAT I MAY DO ONLY GOOD TO MY NEIGHBORS.**  
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Our sister parish, St. Thérèse, is located in Gaspard, Haiti, on the North side of Haiti, in the mountainous area. St. Ambrose parish supports a medical clinic in Gaspard, and a second remote clinic in Jean Clair. St. Ambrose also provides incidental support to fund a portion of school teacher salaries and school expenses, educating over 350 students. Gaspard is home to a rich culture, beautiful landscape, and Caribbean weather. Gaspard is also very vulnerable to natural disasters, extreme poverty, and political instability. Haiti has been declared an unsafe travel destination due to its political instability and rampant violence. And still, the hope of God shines through Father Julio and through the support that St. Ambrose provides to the St. Thérèse parish.

*Want to learn more? Come to a meeting, watch the bulletin for upcoming meeting dates. For information please email John: rennekampfam@cinergymetro.net*