

**100 years!** That's a lot of memories to recall and blessings to count. Years of worshipping together, supporting each other, rejoicing in our blessing and standing together in challenges. We have watched each other's families grow and said goodbye to beloved members. Think of the 100s of saints we have commended to heaven. We have made our community a better place and have been a light to others throughout the world. I have 30 years of memories here. They start when Fr. McCarty welcomed me as an elementary teacher. He even found a house for our family. And St. Lawrence became our home. I've been blessed in getting to know and serve you and your children. All of our lives have been enriched by God's grace flowing through our parish family in our prayers, songs, works, laughter and tears. Together we stand on the brink of a second century with its promise and uncertainty. We can have faith that together with our Lord we will continue to be blessed as we work closer with area parishes, welcome new members to our family, and pass our legacy on to future generations. God has amazing things in store for us, just look at the past. He started by putting us here for reasons we may only be able to glimpse. I realized recently that the most likely day God gave me life was on the feast day of St. Lawrence 60 years ago. I don't think it is a mere coincidence that I was called to be a deacon in a parish with a deacon as its patron. It has been great to witness us living out his motto: "The poor are our treasure." God is good and a 100 years as a parish is quite a testament to that.

God bless our parish, Deacon Tim

Front of the new chapel



Haiti news:

Hi Deacon Tim,  
For the last three months the electric company (EDH) was not working for much of the time, so it wasn't so easy to communicate. I seize the opportunity to let you know that I got the July money. The amount is \$1142.54. That helps us to cover our meeting space. Here is a picture. It's a good new to learn that the money for chapel roof has arrived. That makes me very happy.

I am sending you my semiannual report. I seize the opportunity to express to you and St-Lawrence people all my gratitude for supporting our Parish and our pastoral work. One thousand of thank yous!  
I remember well of my stay with you last year. Thank you to everyone who welcomed me!

Fr. Joseph

**Semiannual Contribution Report**  
**Donations dated from January 2016 to June 2016**

**Sister Parish : Laborde**  
**Church : Notre-Dame de Lourdes**  
**Diocese : Les Cayes**  
**Administrator : Père Joseph Petuel Lainesca**  
**Sister Parish in U.S. : St. Lawrence Church**  
**City and State : Carroll, IA / USA**

Sent in	AMOUNT-US\$
January	1,179.71
February	1,483.62
March	1,965.31
April	1,200.78
May	1,258.21
June	1,130.79
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,218.42</b>

This money has been spent in the following pastoral fields: celebration of the Our Lady of Lourdes Day (February 11) and Easter, the construction of a meeting room, rectory and vehicle maintenance, school salary and bonus. The following table is our expenses.

ITEM	Expenses- US\$
Our Lady feast day	1,100.00
Meeting room	1,800.00
Easter	1,063.62
Rectory maintenance	1,675.81
Vehicle maintenance	1,000.00
School	1,000.00
Salary and bonus	600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,239.43</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>- \$ 21.01</b>



New meeting space by church

Thanks to the good performance of the schools in official exams and the skill of the new principal, Fr. Osny Jacquet, enrollment has been increased by 30% this year and our usual deficit is decreased. That has permitted us to invest more in other pastoral fields like the construction of the meeting room. However other emergencies come to us.

We are making preparations to welcome the 3 sisters to our school at the end of August. So, in spite of all responsibilities that we know you have, I come to you to solicit some additional help

- 1) To prepare for the sisters we need \$2,500.00
- 2) For adjusting our electrical system (purchase of 12 batteries \$2,277.00 including installation fees).

With all my gratitude

Fr. Joseph P. Lainesca, pastor