

February 16, 2021

Lent is a time for all of us to prepare for the Easter mystery – the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Preparation is accomplished by the three traditional Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

As part of our almsgiving during Lent, consider giving a gift to our Haiti Medical Mission through the *Share the Cross - Crosses for Haiti* drive. This fundraiser has been a vital part of our spring medical missions to Haiti for many years. Although we cannot do this program in the same manner we have in the past, it is important for our sister parish that we attempt a modified version this year. St. Francis has carefully resumed sending medical mission teams to Haiti, and thus our continued support is critical.

Please prayerfully consider one or more of the following “virtual options,” each representing an actual cost of common treatments for a person in need in our sister parish in Haiti:

- Orange Cross: \$4 = three months asthma treatment for a child
- Pink Cross: \$10 = Prenatal vitamins for a woman during pregnancy
- Red Cross: \$20 = Blood pressure medicine for an individual for a year
- Blue Cross: \$40 = Diabetes medicine for an individual for a year
- Green Cross: \$80 = Cataract surgery for one person
- Yellow Cross: \$225 = Breast cancer treatment for a woman
- Gold Cross: \$300 = Orthopedic surgery for one person

Starting February 20 and 21, you can pick up an envelope near the doors of the church to take part in the Share the Cross drive. Please enclose a check for the amount you wish to give and place the envelope in the collection basket before or after an in-person Mass. You can also mail the envelope to the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Office.

Thank you to all our parishioners who have been so generous over the years in support of our medical mission in Haiti. Your support truly changes lives in profound ways. You are the love of Jesus Christ for those in need in our sister parish in Haiti.

In Christ,
Fr. John Dillon