

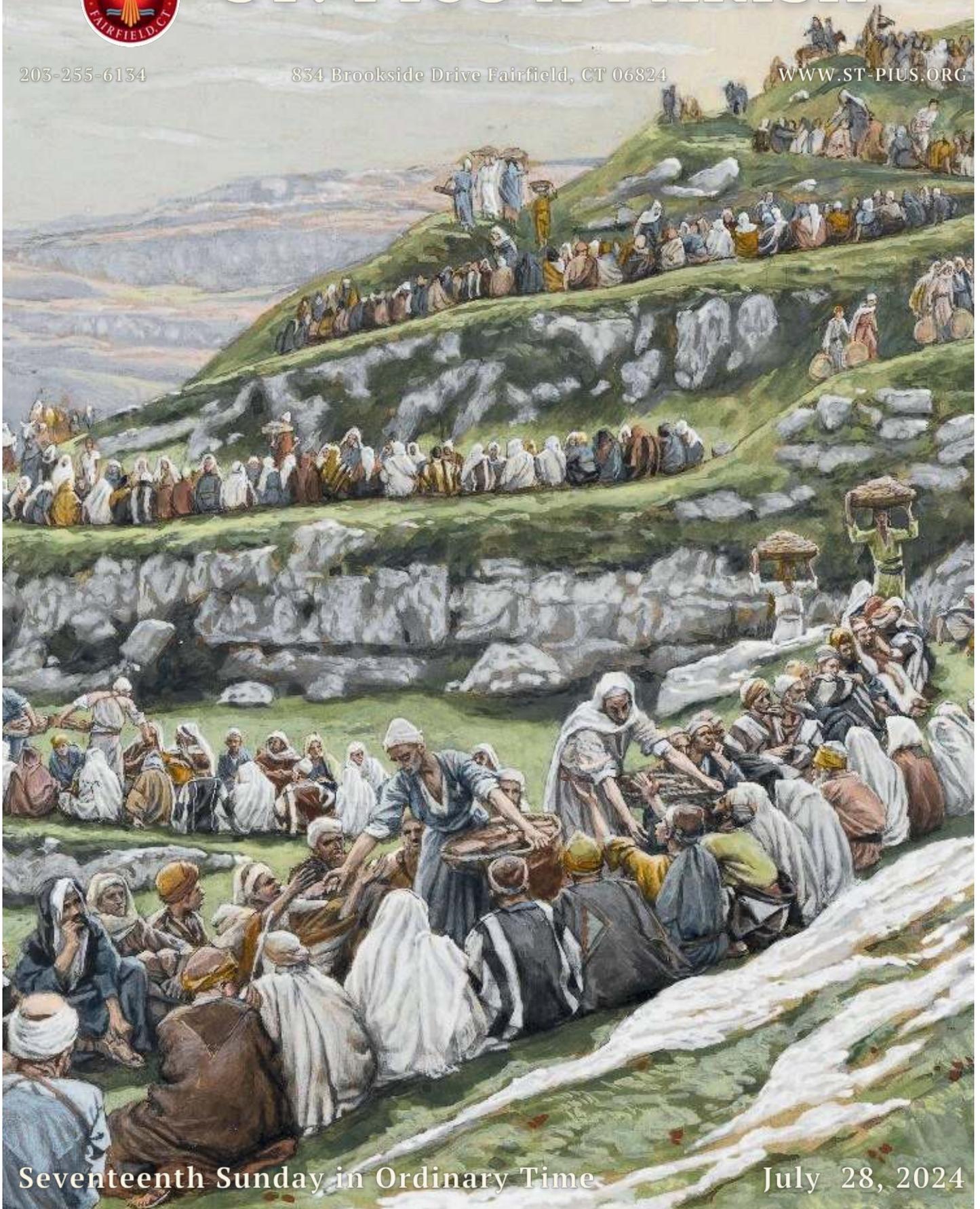


ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2024

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MASS TIMES

Daily 8:30AM, Monday-Saturday, Church
Monday 7PM, Extraordinary Form, Chapel
Saturday 5:15PM, Vigil Mass, Church
Sunday 7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM, Church

Holy Days

Vigil 5:30PM, Church
Holy Day 8:30AM, 5:30PM, Church

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4-5PM, Church
Wednesday, 7-8PM, Church

Baptism

Pre-baptismal classes are on the first Sunday of every month. Call the Parish Office to register for the class and to schedule your child's baptism.

Marriage

Registered parishioners should make arrangements one year in advance with the Parish Office. Visit www.st-pius.org for more information or call the Parish Office.

Communion for the Homebound

If you or a loved one would like to receive Communion at home, contact Deacon Don Ross at dnross@diobpt.org.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone you know is ill and would like to be anointed, call the Parish Office.

Becoming Catholic

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is open to anyone who wants to learn more about our faith or complete their initiation as a Roman Catholic. Call the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH INFORMATION

Summer Office Hours Monday-Thursday, 9AM-4PM
Friday, closed with staff
available by email until 12PM

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Pastor's Note

Today's Readings

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

1st Reading: 2 Kgs 4:42-44
Res. Psalm: 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18
2nd Reading: Eph 4:1-6
Gospel: Jn 6:1-15

This Sunday we begin a sequence of Gospel readings that will take us through the 6th chapter of John. I encourage everyone to read through this chapter on their own. The Gospel of John stands out from the other three, considered the "Synoptic Gospels" for they are summaries or synopses of Christ's life. At the same time, John has a very distinct writing style; in many ways, his writing delves even deeper spiritually and theologically.

This 6th chapter of John is foundational for the theology of the Eucharist. In the other Synoptic Gospels, the link between the multiplication of the loaves and the Eucharist can be reasonably presumed. It is in the Gospel of John that the link becomes explicit and serves as a precursor to the institution of the Eucharist. In this case, there was a trust in Christ along with the generosity of giving up the five loaves and two fishes. The constant lesson of essentially all of Christ's miracles involves the interplay between an act of faith consisting of total self-gift and the exercise of divine power.

The timing of this miracle around Passover, and the fact that John mentions it specifically, implies a connection between the Jewish feast and its ultimate fulfillment and perfection in the institution of the Eucharist, the new Passover. To compare this scene with what we are familiar with in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the words or formula expressed here are very close to the

description in the Synoptic Gospels of the actions of Christ at the Last Supper, where he instituted the Eucharist. The important phrase, "gave thanks" should stand out. This term in Greek is "eucharisteo" (εὐχαριστέω) which is why we use the word "Eucharist" regarding this great sacrament. Giving thanks is at the ultimate root of how we understand Christ's presence under the species of bread and wine.

At the end of this scene, Jesus withdrew. The people acclaimed Christ for his miracle, but they sought to make him a temporal king who would provide for their material needs, show military power, and liberate the Jews from Roman rule. Christ left the scene before that swell of support could take place, for although he is a king, his kingdom is not of this world. For those who were present, experiencing that miraculous and generous gift, their bellies were filled. When we gather before the sacred altar of God we have before us something far greater than the multiplication of bread and fish, we have Christ himself. Mass is a holy sacrifice that is much more than a meal. When we leave Mass our bellies may not be full, but receiving the Eucharist worthily and well, our souls receive its proper nourishment. We receive our creator who has made us in his own image and likeness, therefore it is only he who can fill our souls, hearts, and lives most fully.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Brendan

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 27

8:30AM.....+Lorraine Barr.....Nunziata Family
 5:15PM.....+Meghan Raveis.....R. & E. Boldrighini

Sunday, July 28

7:30AM.....All Parishioners
 9AM.....+Kevin Leary.....C. & D. Van Tornhout
 11AM.....+Constance Casalina.....J. & B. Marschall

Monday, July 29

8:30AM.....+Joan Mahoney.....C. Hughes
 7PM.....+Raul Jirado & Alfredo Cedano.....T. DeJesus

Tuesday, July 30

8:30AM.....+Nina Alesci.....L. Carter

Wednesday, July 31

8:30AM.....+Betty L. Renehan

Thursday, August 1

8:30AM.....+Meghan Raveis.....B. & B. Scinto

Friday, August 2

8:30AM.....+Walter Flynn.....K. Flynn

Saturday, August 3

8:30AM.....+Clara Markovich.....Di Stassio Family
 5:15PM.....+Teri Carr.....M. & H. Gleason

Sunday, August 4

7:30AM.....+Meghan Raveis.....B. & B. Scinto
 9AM.....All Parishioners
 11AM.....+Marjorie & Boniface D’Cunha



Sanctuary Lights will burn
 in the church in memory of Anna Vitulano
 in the chapel for those impacted by Mental Health Issues

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Offerings	July 14	July 21
Weekend	\$ 9,612	\$ 11,147
Monthly	\$ 1,012	\$ 341
Mission	\$ 100	N/A
Maintenance	N/A	\$ 280
Co-Op Mission	N/A	\$ 4,900



We Stand With Christ Construction Loan

\$ 750,000 Outstanding Loan
 \$ 69,602 Donated
 139 Number of Gifts

To give to the WSWC Construction Loan, scan the QR code, drop a check in the Sunday basket with Construction Loan in the memo or visit www.osvhub.com/st-piusfairfield/giving/funds and choose gift.



CONSTRUCTION
 LOAN



Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:

- Casey Jude Huydic
- Madison Rose Giunta



In Memoriam

Pray for our parishioners who recently passed:
 Richard B. Gunter, Cathleen Cook, Regina Simpson

SUN
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Coffee Hour, After 9AM Mass, Community Room

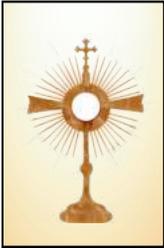
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Small Group Leadership Training, 7PM, Community Room

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First Saturday Devotion, after 8:30AM Mass, Church

PRAYER



ADORATION

Monday, 9AM - Friday, 9PM, Chapel

Adore our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament! Consider signing up for:

- 1) Any hour with no adorer
 - Monday: 11PM
 - Tuesday: 12AM, 2PM, 4PM
 - Wednesday: 4AM, 8AM, 3PM
 - Thursday: 12AM, 2AM, 3AM, 10AM
 - Friday: 1AM, 12PM
- 2) Any hour that has an adorer as we hope to have at least two adorers for each time slot.
- 3) A weekend hour. As soon as we have enough weekend commitments we will launch Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To sign up or to become a substitute visit www.st-pius.org/adore365/ or scan the QR code.



ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Friday, 9AM, Church

Come pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy lead by Pat Heile. All are welcome to attend!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

First Saturday, 9AM, Church

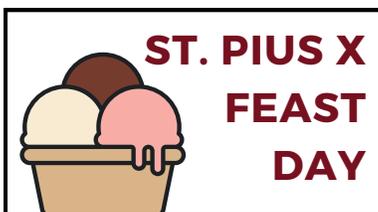
Join us for a devotion to Our Lady. We will pray the Rosary, Litany of Loreto, and follow with Benediction.



ST. PIUS X PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer! Email your petitions and/or thanksgivings to Pat Heile, anytime, at stpiusxprayerln@aol.com. If you'd like to pray for others, let Pat know and she will add you to the Prayer Line Team.

EVENTS



ST. PIUS X FEAST DAY

August 24/25, After All Masses

To celebrate our patron saint's feast day, Saugatuck Sweets is dishing out a free scoop of ice cream to parishioners after every Mass. The party continues after the 9AM Mass with Coffee Hour in the Community Room. If you'd like to help scoop ice cream, email Cathy Coyle at ccoyle@st-pius.org.



ST. PIUS X LUXURY RAFFLE

Saturday, September 14, 8PM, Drawing at SPX

Take a chance on winning a 2024 BMW X5 SUV and other amazing prizes! For tickets, visit tinyurl.com/spxluxuryraffle, or scan the code. You've got to be in it, to win it! All proceeds benefit the St. Pius X Construction Loan and Knights of Columbus Council # 16347 outreach efforts. Email Paul Sposato at psposato@optonline.net with questions.



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ST. PIUS X BLOCK PARTY

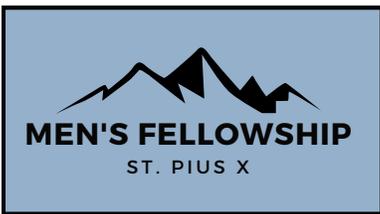
Saturday, September 14, After the 5:15PM Mass

Pizza Truck | Ministry Fair | Games | DJ

Enjoy a night of fun with your family and find out about everything that's going on at your parish. At 8PM, the winning tickets will be pulled for the Luxury Raffle!

MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, 6:30AM, Community Room

Join the men of the parish for prayer, conversation, and fellowship! For more information, contact Mark Drexel at drexel2424@optonline.net. We look forward to welcoming you!



COFFEE HOUR

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

July 28, After 9AM Mass, Community Room

Come to the Community Room after the 9AM Mass for coffee and treats. If you would like to help with the hospitality, contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net or scan the QR code to contribute. All are welcome!



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Monday, August 5, 12PM, Community Room

Don't miss the 3rd annual Super Duper Weenie food truck lunch. Hot dogs, burgers, all condiments made from scratch, and fries made daily. Come enjoy a relaxing summertime lunch and fellowship with friends. Lunch \$13 CASH ONLY, payable to Super Duper Weenie and includes your choice of two items (dog and burger, two dogs, or two burgers) and fries. Beverages provided by St. Pius X. **RSVP required** to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. Bring a friend (or two!) See you there!



OPERATION HOPE MEAL PREP

Last Monday of the Month, Community Kitchen

Our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team would love for you to join them. You're invited to help prepare and deliver a monthly meal for 50 of Operation Hope's clients. If you're interested in cooking, donating food or cash to this effort, scan the QR Code or contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net.



YOUNG AT HEART GAME DAY

Tuesday, 10AM-12PM, Community Room, Mahjong

Wednesday, 10AM-12PM, Community Room, Canasta

Bring a friend and meet us in the Community Room. Learn how to play or just stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact Margaret at blk125@msn.com or call her at 908-399-2945.

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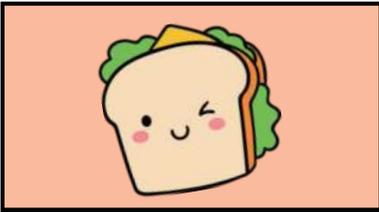
COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



SMALL GROUP LEADER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, July 31 or August 28, 6:30-9PM, Community Room

God created us to be known and be in community. St. Pius X Small Groups provide the opportunity for us to experience both! If you are interested in leading a small group, visit, www.st-pius.org/smallgroups to apply for training or contact Paola Peña at ppena@st-pius.org.



ST. PIUS X SANDWICH MAKING

Wednesday, August 21, 7-8PM, Community Room & Kitchen

Join us this July as we continue making sandwiches for nOURish Bridgeport. We have most of the supplies we need but we could always use a few more granola bars and 8oz water bottles. If you're interested in donating items, setting up or making the lunches, please email stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com. Thank you!



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, August 21, 5-7PM, Community Room & Kitchen

Come to our Tastebuds gathering! Along with cooking demonstrations, we will review recipes, and enjoy the meal we created together. Our dinners may be paired with complimenting wines and beverages. The cost is \$15. Email catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com to RSVP and scan the QR code to pay.



WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Thursday, October 3, 2024- January 30, 2025, 9:30-11:30AM

Rooted and Radiant. By studying the book of Colossians, we will realize the challenges the Colossians faced are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.

Thursdays, February 6, 2025 - May 8, 2025, 9:30-11:30AM

Passionate Discipleship. We will immerse ourselves in 2 Timothy, Paul's last and deeply personal letter to his beloved friend and mentee, Timothy. For more information, email dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net or visit www.st-pius.org/wwwp.



BAPTISMAL GARMENT MINISTRY

Every child baptized at St. Pius X receives a handmade baptismal garment that is lovingly created by this ministry. If you enjoy simple sewing and embroidery, email Eleanor Burke profefurke@optonline.net and join their efforts.



WRAPPED IN LOVE

This group crochets and knits blankets for our newly baptized babies as well as prayer shawls for those who are ill. Each stitch is infused with the crafter's prayers for the recipients. Once completed, the items are blessed by Fr. Brendan. If you would like to help with this ministry, contact Kim Leon at kleon@st-pius.org. We provide the yarn.

Elementary Faith Formation

2024-2025 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

GRADE	OPTION(S) AVAILABLE
1	At-home only. Weekly lessons from My Catholic Faith Delivered.
2	First Reconciliation & First Communion Preparation. In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
3	In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
4	In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
5	In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
6	Confirmation Preparation. In-person only. Offered on Mondays from 4:30pm-5:30pm for 14 consecutive weeks. Monthly Edge Youth Ministry attendance required.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES & START DATES

Cohort 1 Confirmation Prep Deadline:

Friday, August 9

Grades 1-5 and Cohort 2 Deadline:

Monday, September 23

Start Dates

Grades 1-5

October 7, 2024

Confirmation Prep Cohort 1

September 9, 2024

Confirmation Prep Cohort 2

January 13, 2025

To register or for more information, visit www.st-pius.org/elementary-faith-formation



FAIRFIELD FIGHTS HUNGER

LAST DAY JULY 29!

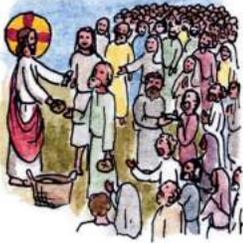


Operation Hope, St. Pius X, and other Fairfield organizations are teaming up to help our neighbors!

Summer is a challenging time for families with food insecurity. Pantry donations drop off and schools that provide free meals to their children are closed until September. Join us in helping our neighbors by dropping off any of the following items in labeled boxes in the church and chapel vestibules during the month of July. THANK YOU!

- Dried Fruit & Nuts
- Sugar, Flour, & Oil
- Juice
- Chili & Stew
- Canned Fruit
- Box Milk
- Dry Cat Food
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Bladder Pads & Flushable Wipes
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

Jesus Multiplies our Gifts

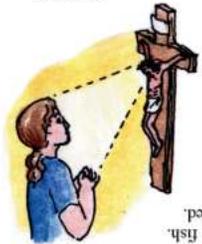


Jesus saw that a huge crowd of people had come to Him, and He knew that they needed food. However, all they had was a few loaves of bread and a couple fish that a boy had brought along.

Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish and blessed them, and started giving them to the crowd. Soon there was enough to feed five thousand people, plus there were twelve baskets of leftovers!



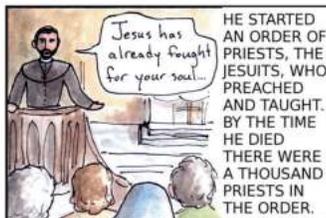
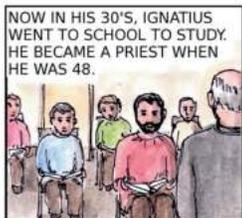
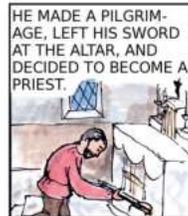
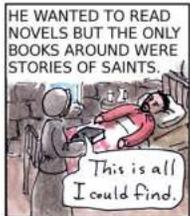
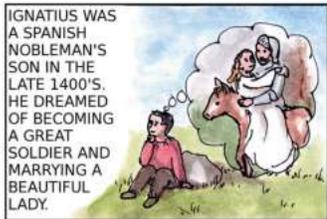
Jesus still multiplies what we give Him today. At Mass we offer to God some bread and wine and He turns it into the Body and Blood of Jesus!



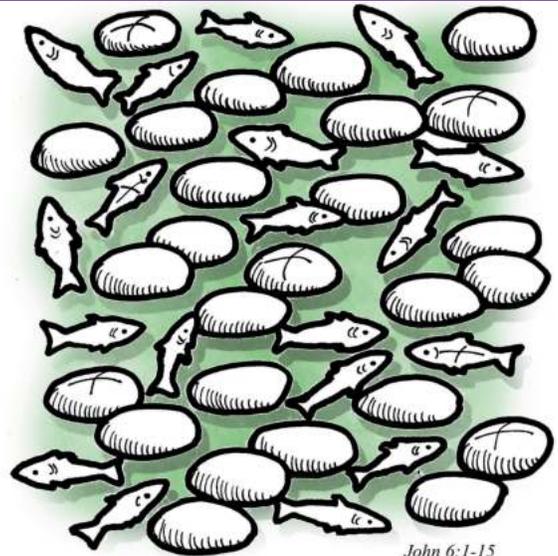
We have something to offer to Jesus too. If you offer your work, or your talents, or even your whole life to God, He will use your gifts to bring His blessings to the world.

Answer to puzzle on front page: five loaves and two fish. Answer to Loaves and Fishes Word-Find: multiplied.

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA JULY 31



SAINT IGNATIUS LOVED THE IDEA OF BEING A GREAT SOLDIER AND BEATING HIS ENEMIES. HE LEARNED BY READING ABOUT THE SAINTS THAT THE GREATEST BATTLE WE CAN FIGHT IS AGAINST THE DEVIL AND TEMPTATIONS TO SIN. WE CAN ALSO LEARN HOW TO WIN OUR BATTLES BY READING ABOUT SAINTS.



John 6:1-15

When five thousand people came to hear Jesus, He turned one boy's bread and fish into enough for everyone. How much did He have to start with? Colour and count the loaves and fishes with crosses on them to find out!



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B R E A D G M U B L
A B S N T A G M A J
R U T D I T R A S E
L Y F R T H A N K S
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S I T H O U S A N D
H P W A N T E D E D

Loaves and Fishes Word-Find



See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks

When Jesus saw that a large CROWD was coming to him, he said to PHILIP, "Where can we BUY enough food for them to eat?" He said this to TEST him, because he knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of BREAD would not be enough for each of them to have a LITTLE." ANDREW said to him, "There is a boy here who has five BARLEY loaves and two FISH; but what good are these for so MANY?" Jesus said, "Tell the people to sit down." Now there was much GRASS in that place. So the men SAT down, about five THOUSAND in number. Then JESUS took the loaves, gave THANKS, and distributed them to those who were seated, and also as much of the fish as they WANTED. When they had EATEN their FILL, he said to his disciples, "GATHER the PIECES left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled TWELVE BASKETS with fragments of the loaves, left by those who had eaten.



Jesus _____ the bread and fish.

SPX UPCOMING EVENTS

24/25 AUG

St. Pius X Feast Day Celebrated

14 SEPT

St. Pius X Block Party

16 SEPT

Small Group Registration

5 OCT

Men's Welcome Retreat

**COMING
IN SEPT**

Life-Giving Wounds

Support Group for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation

**COMING
IN OCT**

Together in Holiness

Small groups for married couples in their early years of marriage or who have children in the home.

For more information visit www.st-pius.org