

Loaves & Fishes



In 2023, Loaves and Fishes continued offering take-away meals on the first Saturday of each month. They also opened the outdoor patio to people who wanted to stay on the premises to enjoy the meal with friends and acquaintances.

Over those 12 First Saturdays, Loaves & Fishes provided meals to 975 guests at Newman and sent an additional 47 meals to Night on the Street for distribution to the hungry. (Total meals provided = 1022). About one fifth of those who came to Newman for the 1st Saturday dinner this year were women, slightly fewer than in 2022.

Loaves and Fishes is grateful to Newman parishioners, whose generosity allowed them to provide these healthy meals. Over the year, Loaves & Fishes spent \$11,089.29, or \$10.85 per meal on average. Guests not only received a meal, but every month a few left with a gift card. With the abundance of gift cards donated by parishioners in the 2022 GivingTree campaign, Loaves and Fishes was able to raffle off 12 gift cards at each of the monthly dinners in 2023.

Parishioners donated 182 gift cards for this year's Christmas Meal on Dec. 2nd. After distributing the \$25 gift cards to our 130 guests, we'll have a number to raffle off in 2024.

Thank you for your generous and on-going support of the Loaves & Fishes Ministry.