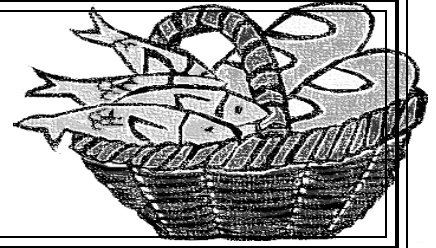


Loaves and Fishes

"We are here to serve, not to judge."



In 1997, Mary Biesack and 28 volunteers planted the seed for the present St. Brendan Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. Responding to a need in the county, they collected food and stored it in their own homes. When a family or individual who needed food was referred to them, they would meet them in a designated place with the food. In the first year, the group served 100 families. In 2002, the operation moved to St. Brendan's.

Today, the pantry serves more than 500 individuals and families per month. Since 2009, 46,176 families or 173,824 people (adults, children) have been assisted thanks to the commitment of Mary and Dave Biesack, Coordinators, and 200 dedicated volunteers.

The Pantry is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 12 PM and volunteers rotate tasks of collecting donations of food from local stores, purchasing, organizing, stocking and monitoring inventory, and assisting in the distribution of the food on assigned days.

We are proud of this wonderful ministry but it cannot exist without the generosity of St. Brendan parishioners who provide most of the monetary support through collections 4 times a year.

Presently, the Pantry is in need of men volunteers who can help with heavy lifting.

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