



FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever eats my flesh
and drinks my blood
remains in me and
I in him.” - Jn 6:56

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – Holy Cross Harding

THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. – St. Michael’s Buckman

FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. – St. Joseph’s Pierz

SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup

6:00 p.m. – Holy Cross Harding

SUNDAY – Pierz Oktoberfest (Mass time change)

8:00 a.m. – St. Michael’s Buckman

9:30 a.m. – St. Joseph’s Pierz

**See inside cover for any changes for the upcoming week

AUGUST 18, 2024

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CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 3:30 p.m. St John Nepomuk Lastrup

SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m. St. Michael’s Buckman

Confession Times: *30 minutes before Pierz, Harding and Lastrup
weekday Masses, 30 minutes after Buckman Mass, and by appt.

*First Weekend of the Month: After 6 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross
Harding and after 10 a.m. Mass at St Joseph’s Pierz

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St. Cloud Diocese Parish Planning Update

Dear Friends,

In this Sunday’s Gospel we hear Jesus speak to us in John chapter 6, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever and the bread that I give is my flesh for the life of the world.” (John 6:51) The real and true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is offered and given for us as the spiritual food by which we truly live and strive for holiness and heaven which is at the heart of the mission of the Church.

On Friday August 9th there was a meeting led by the St. Cloud Diocese Parish Planning Director, Brenda Kresky and Bishop Patrick Neary to discuss the next stage, “2.0” of the planning process. The St. Cloud Diocese began combining parishes to form “Area Catholic Communities” several years ago with Bishop Donald Kettler. The Area Catholic Communities were formed to help parishes work together in our current time of decline in Christianity in our culture which has left many parishes with declining faith and participation, a shortage of priests and almost no religious sisters. The St. Cloud Diocese currently has 131 parishes and 55 active priests.


The meeting on the 9th was a positive meeting with many facts and information given out. There was a time of discussion amongst the tables and time to ask questions, offer suggestions, thoughts and concerns. Much of the meeting was actually directed towards the mission of the church and how we can continue to grow and bring Christ to souls in our Church. In general and considering the circumstances, the meeting was very hopeful.

At this point the planning office and the bishop are still in the stage of gathering information and assessing, so there are no definite plans or answers to questions at this point. However, here are some updated points of information to note:

- The St. Cloud Diocese has hired a consulting firm called “Partner’s Edge” to help guide the 2.0 stage of the process.
- The meeting had a large focus on the mission of the Catholic Church to make disciples and the salvation of souls.
- Almost all of the parishes were built at a time of a large influx of immigrants from Germany, Poland and other countries who had small farms and hauled their large families to church each Sunday in a horse and buggy. This dynamic has changed dramatically.
- The planning committee will continue to take information and make assessment of the 29 ACC’s in the diocese over the next several months. There is no current plan at this point.
- The planning committee is aiming to have a plan ready by July of 2025.

Please join me in prayer for our diocese and our Catholic Church in these next months as we continue to be on the mission for holiness and to bring Christ to others for the salvation of souls.

God bless you, Fr. Aaron

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20 – AUGUST 25	
<p><u>Tuesday, August 20</u> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Jimmy Virnig</p> <p><u>Wednesday, August 21</u> 8:00 a.m. Harding Holy Name members 7-8p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Thursday, August 22</u> 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Esther Britz 10:00 a.m. Villa +Dolores Kippley</p> <p><u>Friday, August 23</u> 8:30 a.m. Pierz The recipients of prayer blankets 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Saturday, August 24</u> 4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Oliver Virnig 6:00 p.m. Harding +Stanley & Marilyn Bieganeck</p> <p><u>Sunday, August 25 – Pierz Oktoberfest (Note Mass time change in Pierz)</u> 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Lawrence Poster 9:30 a.m. Pierz +Albin & Irene Oldakowski</p>	<p><u>MASS TIME CHANGE:</u> Sunday, August 25th Mass times will be at 8:00 a.m. at St. Michael’s & 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph’s to accommodate the Pierz Oktoberfest Parade.</p> <p><u>*Bulletin Announcement Deadline:</u> The deadline for submissions of bulletin announcements is Mondays at 3 p.m. You can email stjoes@midco.net, mail PO Box 428, Pierz MN 56364, or call 320-468-6033.</p> <p><u>*Emergency Contact:</u> If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call pastoral associate Adam at 952-913-4438.</p> <p><u>Pierz & Buckman Office Hours:</u> Located in Pierz. Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.</p> <p><u>Lastrup & Harding Office Hours:</u> Call 320-360-9720</p> <p><u>*Weekday Masses When There is a Funeral:</u> Going forward, when there is a funeral, the regular scheduled weekday Mass will still take place.</p>
 <p>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION St Joseph Pierz – Fridays 3-6 p.m. St. Michael Buckman – Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Holy Cross Harding – Blessed Sacrament Chapel always open</p>	

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Dale Beierman

Servers: Duncan & Freyja Wipper

Ushers: Roy Boser & Cory Loidolt

E. Minister (Choir): Barb Specker

BAR BINGO NEWS: Come to the Fisch House in Lastrup to play bingo every Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. Please come and join us for a fun evening. The jackpot numbers will be posted online and at the Fisch House and also on their Facebook page. St. John's gaming #02115.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, August 10th: Adult env. \$708.00, Adult loose \$84.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$20.00.

Mass attendance: 130

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING: Tom Dukowitz, Sara Hanneken, Paul Hoheisel, Ayden Boser, Jeremy Girtz, Mark, Becker, Olivia Waldorf, Pat (Rod) Boser, Alice Matlock, Kurt Lucking, Lois Weitalla, Rhys Boser, Doris Weiss, Mary Ann Schomer, Aaron Boser, Ione Hoskins, Gerard Virnig, Donny Schommer.

ACC Faith Study Groups

*Man Accountability: Men of all parishes, give us the honors of joining us on Saturdays from 6:45-8AM at the Pierz parish office for Gospel prayer, Acts 2:42, and accountability. Iron sharpens iron!

Questions/reminders please text/call Mark Loidolt, 701-388-2323.

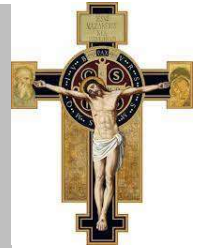
*Women's Group meets on Saturday mornings from 8:15-9:30 a.m. We'll meet in St. Joseph's church at 8:15 to pray a rosary followed by discussion in the parish office until 9:30. All women are welcome! Call or text Cari Stumpf with any questions, 320-761-6336.

*The Sunday Night Adult Education Group is shut down for the summer. It will start meeting again in September. For more information, call Al Pekarek at 468-0220.



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Will Corbett

Server: Maverick Weitalla

Ushers: Allen Weitalla & LeRoy Weitalla

E. Minister (Choir): Leonard Thesing

Rosary: Gloria Weitalla

CHURCH CLEANERS: MaryAnn Kowalczyk, Julie Langer, Jan Stuckmeyer, Roxanne Lehmeier, Bonnie Matlock & Ruth Norberg

BAZAAR NEWS:

***Raffle Tickets:** There are a large number of Holy Cross Bazaar envelopes waiting to be picked up on the table in the main entry. We will need to mail them out soon so if you are able to deliver any to other parishioners, please do so. Those in need of extra tickets may contact Kathy Hoffman Tax at 320-630-1880. Drawing tickets will be sold before and after Mass on August 17 and 24 in the main entry of the church. Sold and unsold drawing tickets, dinner tickets, food cards and money may be returned at the sacristy on Friday, August 30 from 10 AM to 3 PM; Saturday, August 31 from 10 AM to 3 PM; **AND ALL DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.** Remember to turn in **ALL UNSOLD TICKETS!** A \$20 prize to the person that sells the top winning ticket, provided your name is on the back of it. Also, a \$20 prize to the person that sells the most drawing tickets. A reminder to each household to purchase 5 new prizes for the Children's Country Store, \$1.00 value, suitable for children; and 1 hand-made or purchased item for the Fancy Work Stand. Please label these items for the Silent Auction, Mission Circle or Fancy Work stands. These items should be brought to the sacristy on Friday, August 30 or Saturday, August 31. Let's all work together to make this a successful bazaar!

***Silent Auction:** We are happy to start accepting any cash or basket items for silent auction donations. Please spread the word as this is best way to keep this such a huge success. Thank you!! Contact Stacy Gahler at 320-360-4610.

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, August 10th: Unavailable at this time.

Mass attendance: 103

Prayer of Eucharist

Dear Lord,

May our congregation be more deeply assured of Your love each time we receive Communion.

May our "Eucharist" make our lives a song of worship and thanks, sung to You.

May this sacred food nourish us to be bold and brave disciples of You.

Amen.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Randi Kranz

E. Ministers: Donna Solinger & Connie Kieffer

Servers: Logan & Lydia Janson

Ushers for September: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber & Shane Zilka



New Life in Christ

Brylee Marie, daughter of Shawn & Stephanie Lanners was baptized on Sunday, August 11th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

SACRISTAN HELP NEEDED: We are in need of a few volunteers to help set up for weekday and weekend Masses and baptisms. If interested, please contact Adam at 952-913-4438.

SCHEDULES AVAILABLE: New lector, eucharistic minister and server schedules are printed off and located in the back of church.

ST. MICHAEL'S CEMETERY: To purchase St. Michael's Cemetery plots or columbarium niches please contact the parish office in Pierz (320) 468-6033.

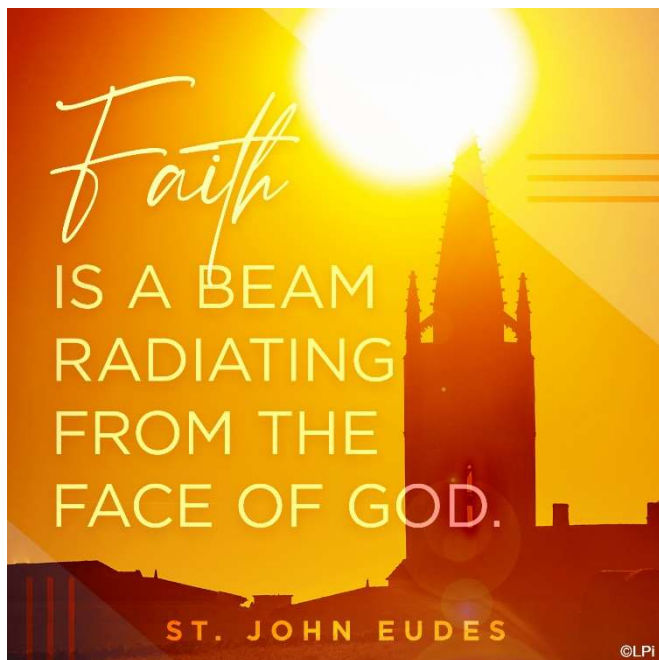
PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers, please call Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski at 320-223-9783.

ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Aug. 11th)

Adult	\$ 2,838.00
High School	\$ 11.00
Elementary	\$ 7.00
Plate	<u>\$ 360.00</u>
	\$ 3,216.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance August 11th Sunday: 286



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***Weekday Lector (Fri., Aug. 23, 8:30 a.m.):** LeRoy Swanson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 at 9:30 a.m. (Note Time Change)

Lector: Keith Marshik

E. Ministers: David Stumpf, Barb Zajac & Mason Zajac

Servers: Lincoln Zajac & Jayden Zajac

Sacristan: Wanda Kapsner

Ushers for September: Jeremy Virnig (Lead), Allan Kroll, Mathew Stumpf & Andy Kapsner

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Father Mark Willenbring* passed away on August 3rd. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, August 12th at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

FESTIVAL NEWS:

***Lost and Found:** There are a few items that were left by the kids games area including a few pairs of children's shoes. They are now located in a box in the back of church.

***Grand Raffle Winners List** is available at all entrances of the church, in the parish office entryway, and on the parish website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN

OCTOBERFEST PIE BOOTH: We are in need of workers on Saturday, August 24th making pies and on Sunday, August 25th down at Pierz Park selling pies. To help on Saturday, call Eileen Pohlkamp at 320-360-2434. To help on Sunday, call Wanda Kapsner at 320-292-6228. The CM/W are also accepting any cash donations for the cost of ingredients. You can bring donations to the park or put in a marked envelope and put in the collection basket.

REMINDER: St. Joseph's Christian Mothers/Women would be honored to pray a rosary at the wake of any parishioner or their family member.

PRAYER LINE: If you have a prayer line request, please either call Karen Gross at 320-468-6818 or email Rachel Young at rjyoung0521@gmail.com.

ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Aug. 11th)

Adult	\$ 6,957.00
High School	\$ 7.00
Elementary	\$ 16.00
Plate	<u>\$ 371.00</u>
	\$ 7,351.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance August 11th Sunday: 291

Jesus Speaking to St. Faustina:

"I desire to unite Myself with human souls; My great delight is to unite Myself with souls. Know, My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognize Love! They treat Me as a dead object" (Diary of Saint Faustina, 1385)

GENERAL NEWS

SOCIAL SUNDAY: We're excited to host another Social Sunday on Sunday, August 18th after the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's! Come one, come all! If you'd like to host in your parish, please feel free to contact Sara Stumpf @ 320-493-7062.

MASS TIME CHANGE: Please note Mass times on Sunday, August 25th will be at **8:00 a.m. at St. Michael's & 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's** to accommodate the Pierz Oktoberfest Parade.

INCENSE USE: Please note that incense will be used at all of the adorations and at special Masses.

PRODUCE GIVEAWAY: There are tubs in the entrances of all the churches if you have extra produce you can't use and would like to share with the community. Everyone is welcome to take what you need or share it with the elderly or shut-ins.

NOTE: If you are having a Mass said for a loved one, please let an usher know if you want to bring up the gifts. Thank you!

ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO: Due to earlier sunsets, the KC rosary at the grotto will be done for the year.

ROSARY AT HARMONY HOUSE: Everyone is welcome to join us pray the rosary every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Harmony House in Pierz. Sponsored by St. Michael's Christian Mothers/Women. Questions, call 320-468-2487.

Fr. Pierz Memorial class of 1960 will celebrate its 64th reunion at the Red Rooster in Genola on Thursday, August 22 at 11 AM. Order food and drinks from the menu.

FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA: The Polish Echos invite you to help celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Czestochowa on Monday, August 26 at Holy Family Church, Little Falls. Rosary at 4:30 p.m., Holy Mass at 5 with Honor Guard, Polish hymns and blessing of religious items. All are welcome to bring items to be blessed (rosary, crosses, pictures, etc) Potluck meal to follow with Polish Kapusta hotdish. All are welcome, many icons will be displayed.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: August 23 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fellowship Bible Church in Genola. Schedule appt. online at redcrossblood.org. Please bring photo ID and donor card. \$20 Amazon gift card for donating.

What is the best way for you to spread the Good

News? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a Catholic retreat experience for adults, aged 20 and older, joining together to get to know Jesus, God, each other and ourselves. Retreats are held at the TEC Center, Belle Prairie, 3 miles north of Little Falls. The next retreat will be held September 20-22, 2024 beginning at 5:30 PM Friday and ending Sunday afternoon. Cost of the weekend is \$70.00, includes meals and lodging, scholarships are available for those in need. Registrations may be made online at centralmnkoinonia.org or emailing cmkoinonia@gmail.com for a paper copy.

AREA NEWS:

***Quilt Bingo, Sts Peter & Paul Parish Center, Richmond, Sunday, August 25** at 6:30 PM (Doors open at 5:00) Food available. Cost \$15 per packet—good for 15 regular games. Paper bingo cards, bring your dabbers. Special game sheets \$3.00 each. Quilt Raffle. Must be 18 to play. No checks please!
***Bazaar, Holy Cross Church, Harding, Sunday, Sept. 1.** We start with a Polka Mass at 10:00 a.m. and start serving dinner at 11:00 a.m. Tickets need to be stamped at the door. We are handicap accessible. We have a silent auction (starting at 11:00 a.m.) and gun raffle (starting at 2:00 p.m.). Pull tabs, beer garden, hamburgers, nachos, pop, candy, bingo, dice game all day, fancy work, kids games, kids bingo. Grand Raffle at 7 p.m. Live music all day! Everyone is welcome to come and have an enjoyable afternoon.

***Parish Festival, St. Stephen, Monday, September 2, Labor Day.** 10 am - 6 pm, rain or shine. Grand Raffle at 5:30 pm, grand prize \$1500, over \$15,000 in cash and prizes. Homemade chicken & ham dinner with all the trimmings & homemade pie serving at 11:00 am inside or outside. Adults \$15, children 6-12 \$10, children 5 & under free. Bingo, dice game, country store, bake sale, grandma's attic - freewill offering. Country auction starts at 1 quilts auctioned at 2. Goat raffle, cake walk, farmers market, quilt stand, quilt raffle, silent auction, pedal tractor pull, children's bingo, children's games, train rides 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, hog roast sandwiches, hamburgers, hotdogs, french fries, taco in a bag, ice cream & slushies, beer garden, pull tabs.

***Block Party, St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, September 7.** We will celebrate the Feast of St. Cloud with Bishop Patrick Neary presiding at the 4:00 pm Mass in the Cathedral. Food, music, and fun follow until 10:00 pm. Harper's Chord takes the stage at 6:00 pm, followed by Janelle Kendall's Perfect Storm at 8:00 pm. Enjoy a silent auction, wine wall, bingo, 50/50 raffle, kid's games, inflatables, beer garden, burgers and more.

***Bazaar, St. Michael's Church, Buckman, Sunday, Sept. 15.** Polka Mass at 10 a.m. Music all day by Old Tyme Country Boys. Grand raffle, gun raffle, quilt raffle, sweet corn, pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers, hotdogs, coffee cakes, pie & ice cream, caramel apples, cotton candy, beverages, bake sale, farmers market, fancy work, country store, silent auction, cash bingo, fish pond, games and much more!

RUN WITH PURPOSE
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LIFE Runners

RUN FOR LIFE!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2024

RUN & WALK

HALF MARATHON, 5 RELAY

FREE

7am Mass, 8am Registration, 8:30am Start

Join us to Run for Life in a fun, purposeful, point-to-point race event.
Course begins at St. Michael's Church in Buckman and ends at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz.
Run, walk, or bike! Bring the whole family!
FREE EVENT, donations collected will profit the Life Runners Charity to support Pro-Life efforts!

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PRE-REGISTER!

or contact Sara Stumpf @ 320-493-7062

***OPEN HOUSE-** Thursday, August 22, 2024. ECE (Preschool & K-Readiness) 3:00pm - 5:00pm. Kindergarten - 6th Grade 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Please bring your supplies! We look forward to seeing you all back for another faith-filled year!

***HTCS HIRING- CUSTODIAN** - FT, 40 hours/week, year round. Please contact the office for additional information: office@holytrinitypierz.org or (320) 468-6446

***COFFEE-** Guatemalan coffee is always available for purchase at the school. Holy Trinity makes \$3 on each bag sold and the rest goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans. Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.

***HTCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS-** Holy Trinity is looking for 1 new member for our Board of Directors; this will be a member at large (from any of the four parishes). The three-year term will start in August 2024. Expertise in the area of finance preferred. Belief in the mission of Holy Trinity and Catholic education is a must. The volunteer position requires monthly meetings as well as committee assignments/meetings.

Raffle Calendar Winners: Posted the weekend after the end of the month.

GROWING

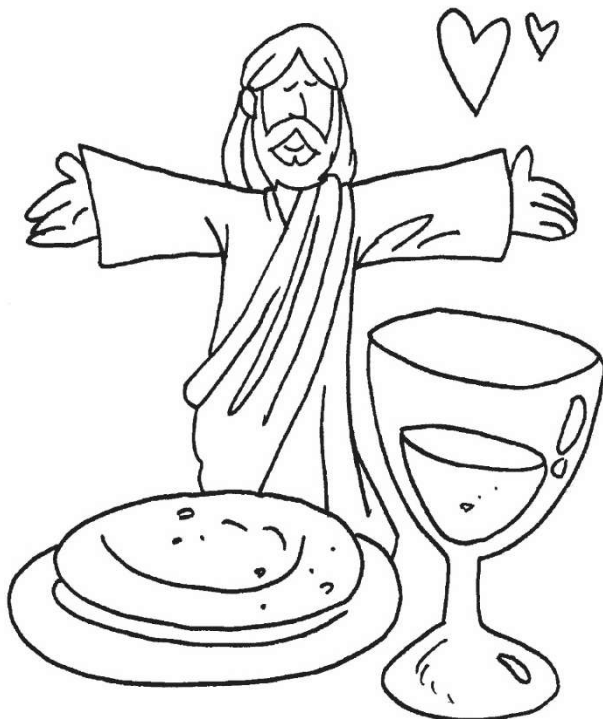
WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

bread	world	life
heaven	eat	true
people	drink	food

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hevena	— — — — — —
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MISSION

Ask your parents if you can have a snack of grape juice and bread today. Talk about how the Israelites came to get manna every morning. How can you as a family make Jesus a part of your day, every day?