



### Pope Francis' 2019 Lenten Message

As we enter the 2019 season of Lent, it is a good time to examine how our **MLF** mission statement **"to provide food, clothing, and dignity to our brothers and sisters in need"** reflects Pope Francis' Lenten message. In his October 4, 2018 statement, the Pope concluded:

**Dear brothers and sisters, the "lenten" period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the desert of creation had the goal of making it once more that garden of communion with God that it was before original sin (cf. Mk 1:12-13; Is 51:3). May our Lent this year be a journey along that same path, bringing the hope of Christ also to creation, so that it may be "set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21). Let us not allow this season of grace to**

pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.

To view the full text, click [Papal Lenten Message](#).

### Volunteer Leader "Chips In"

When we *chip* away at our supply of chips, and our chips are down, it is crunch time for John Tondre, a member of our member-*chip*, to *chip* in. Mobile Loaves and Fishes has a wonderful relation-*chip* with the San Antonio Food Bank that provides some of the food for our meals, including various varieties of *chips*. John has a friend-*chip* with the workers there and they know he is going to see if they have any *Free-tos* or other *chips* available. He usually cashes in his *chips* and gets a pallet-load of *chips* at a *chip price*. When you see John, thank him for his leader-*chip*.

Glenn Darilek □

**Editor's Note:** John makes this **SAFB** stop each Monday morning without fail! He also works with Glenn Darilek in completing the various maintenance-related jobs and improvements for our **MLF** kitchen. □

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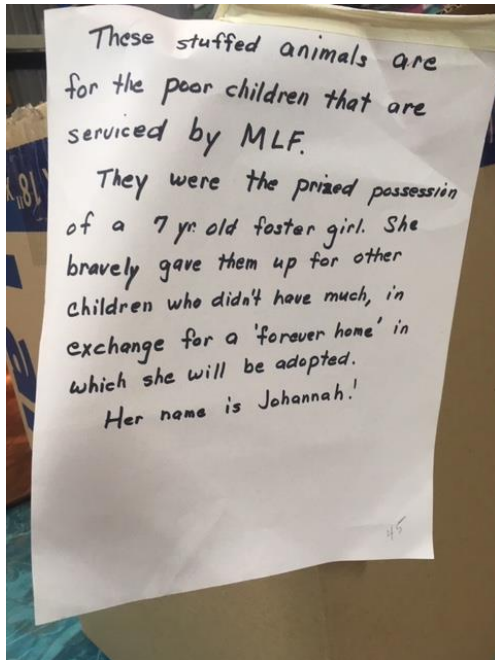
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### SASO Continues Its Support of MLF

On Saturday, February 16th, three young men from the **Brandeis High School Scholars and Athletes Serving Others (SASO)** chapter and their mothers bagged many boxes of cookies and chips received from the San Antonio Food Bank into individual servings. This was a tremendous help to our prep teams, saving them much time. **Glenda Bibb** □

## Johannah, You Have our Thanks!



The gently used plush toys of a giving young girl can become the treasured memories of others in need. This is the spirit of **Mobile Loaves & Fishes** in action.

### What to Do with Miscellaneous Gift Cards

The **MLF** ministry is once again participating in the **St. Francis of Assisi Casino Night** fundraiser. This year's event will be held on Saturday July 6, 2019, and its profits are shared by **MLF**, **SFA** Teen Mission trip and our two sister parishes of St. Timothy and Immaculate Conception Catholic Churches.

We have supported the event in the past by running the very popular "Grab Bag" table. Thank you for the great start we have so far in collecting gift cards. We need various cards in the \$10, \$20 & \$25 range. We even accept "re-gifted" cards! Please bring the gift cards to the **SFA** office and let them know it is for **MLF Casino Night**. Tax receipts are available for contributions as requested. If you have additional questions, just email the **MLF Core Team** at [mlfnw@sfasat.org](mailto:mlfnw@sfasat.org).

**HELP  
WANTED**

**Openings – March 1, 2019**

Our **MLF** ministry needs help for these crucial roles:

- 1) **Core Team** members for the **Core Team Director**, **Site Coordinator**, and **Day Volunteer Coordinator** positions (see [Job Descriptions](#)); and
- 2) **Meal prep and delivery volunteers** are needed for various meal shifts. For the complete listing, click this [Immediate Team Openings](#) link.

If you can assist with any of these jobs, please contact **Julie Mellin** @ [volunteermf@gmail.com](mailto:volunteermf@gmail.com).

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**MLF News** files: [www.sfasat.org/MLF/mlfnews.htm](http://www.sfasat.org/MLF/mlfnews.htm)

## Upcoming Events

- April 13-14 **MLF Ministry Second Collection**
- June 9 **Social Sunday** sponsored by **MLF**
- July 6 **SFA Casino Night Fundraiser**

## A Quick Reminder...

- Captains, notify [mlfnw@sfasat.org](mailto:mlfnw@sfasat.org) **before canceling a meal run**.
- Call the Commissary person on duty when you encounter food supply shortages. The duty person is listed on a calendar on the bulletin board above the white board.
- Prepare **only** the amount of meals shown on the **Meals Calendar** posted on the refrigerator
- Wear gloves and a baseball cap / hairnet when prepping meals or bagging cookies.
- Do not pack turkey & cheese and peanut butter & jelly sandwiches in the same zip lock bags (peanut food allergies).
- Always use a zip lock bag when re-bagging chips or cookies. It may be several days before those packages are used and the fold over bags allows the contents to get stale.
- Sweep the floor and empty trash / recycling (into commercial bins) after each meal prep.
- Empty the dirty water from the clean-up pail after washing kitchen floors
- Fill-out the [MLF Truck Run Log](#) after deliveries **and** use the bottom section of **MLF Truck Run Log** to report any unusual events / problems that occur during deliveries.
- Report truck maintenance issues to David Aguilar @ [tgeagle2@att.net](mailto:tgeagle2@att.net). □



Our **MLF** ministry mourns the recent passing of Mary Mellin, a member of 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday supper prep team. As Julie Mellin's mother-in-law, you can imagine that she was wrangled into all sorts of projects. She baked and bagged an endless number of cookies. Mary also bagged and "quality" tasted many chips along the way. On February 26, 2019, she entered her eternal reward and joined her late husband James. Please join us in prayers of comfort for Julie and the entire Mellin family.