



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Mobile Loaves & Fishes News

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Our Holy Father Shares Thoughts about Lent

This is an excerpt from Pope Francis' 2021 Lenten Message:

“Today we bow our heads to receive ashes. At the end of Lent, we will bow even lower to wash the feet of our brothers and sisters. Lent is a humble descent both inwards and towards others. It is about realizing that salvation is not an ascent to glory, but a descent in love. It is about becoming little. Lest we go astray on our journey, let us stand before the cross of Jesus: the silent throne of God. Let us daily contemplate his wounds, the wounds that he brought to heaven and shows daily to the Father in his prayer of intercession. Let us daily contemplate those wounds. In them, we recognize our emptiness, our shortcomings, the wounds of our sin and all the hurt we have experienced. Yet there too, we see clearly that God points his finger at no one, but rather opens his arms to embrace us. His wounds were inflicted for our sake, and by those wounds we have been healed. By kissing those wounds, we will come to realize that there, in life’s most painful wounds, God awaits us with his infinite mercy. Because there, where we are most vulnerable, where we feel the most shame, he came to meet us. And having come to meet us, he now invites us to return to him, to rediscover the joy of being loved.”

[Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis](#), St. Peter’s Basilica Ash Wednesday, 17 February 2021.

CYO Sports Begins a New Season

In prior years, we have had a few occasions where sports spectators as well as children are positioned in the driveway leading back to the MLF kitchen. In addition, we have also experienced “high emotions” as parents cheer on their teams and are often not too keen on clearing out of the way of the vehicles entering and exiting in MLF kitchen area.

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This is a safety issue for all involved, and these new measures have now been implemented: When there are spectators and children present, we are asking weekend or evening MLF volunteers to park in the main church parking lot, (outside of the gate to the MLF kitchen driveway, by the snack bar or dumpster area). There are so many young children who accompany their parents to the games that we are trying to cut down on the traffic in areas where they might slip away from close supervision.

We understand that not all volunteers are able to walk back to the kitchen area. Vehicles carrying supplies in or out should drive very slowly with drivers on high alert for children. If you are the driver of the MLF truck, please try to use the parking lot lane closest to the church buildings when departing or returning from your run to also steer clear of the concession area.

(This article is reprinted from a previous edition.)

Bulk Supplies Need Repackaging

If you have students who need community service hours for school or church commitments, please email **Julie Mellin** at volunteermf@gmail.com. We have many opportunities to assist our commissary in packaging items for our meals.

HELP WANTED

Openings – March 1, 2021

Our MLF ministry needs help for these crucial roles: **Core Team** members for the **Core Team Director**, **Site Coordinator**, **Special Intentions Leader**, and **Day Volunteer Coordinator** (see [Job Descriptions](#))

If you can assist with any of these jobs, please contact **Julie Mellin** @ volunteermf@gmail.com .

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