



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

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## A Message from the Core Director

The last couple of months in my new position as **MLF Core Director**, I have learned so much. It is amazing to see how many volunteers we have behind the scenes. I really did not realize just how many people it takes to run this organization. **MLF** is truly blessed! The beautiful work done by our volunteers is truly fantastic. I would like to thank each and every one of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to do God's work.

In his message for Lent, Pope Francis insists on the virtue of charity and invites us to "open our doors to the weak and poor". The Pope reminds us that "the Holy Spirit leads us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need". Cedar Joiner □



[ Photos of 2007 inaugural event and truck blessing ]

### HAPPY 10<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!!!

On April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, the **MLF** ministry will be hosting its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration after all masses. Join us for

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refreshments and camaraderie. Father Tony will conduct a special blessing of our ministry and the **MLF** truck after the 11:15 a.m. mass on Sunday. Darlene Dorsey, **News4 San Antonio** reporter, will provide media coverage of the event. Please help us celebrate this 10 year milestone as we give thanks to our Lord for the many blessings He has bestowed on our program.

## SAFB Releases 2016 Statistical Report

The [San Antonio Food Bank](#) has released its 2016 activity report for the **MLF** ministry. The summary shows that the **MLF** purchased 23,651 pounds of food from the **SAFB** at a total cost of \$4,623.54. If these food items were purchased on the wholesale market, the estimated cost would be \$30,151.85. Our ministry is grateful for these budget saving purchases. In addition, we are indebted to [Flowers Foods](#) for its donation of the bread used in our meal preparations.

### THIS IS NOT A BILL

Agency: Mobile Loaves and Fishes - St. Francis of Assisi  
Account Number: BX0512  
Current Status: ACTIVE

January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

See page 2 for explanation

Product Type	Pounds	Agency Contribution	SAFB Contribution (avg. cost - contribution)	Wholesale Value at \$1.67/lb
<i>Purchased</i>	2,124	\$1,626.94	N/A	N/A
<i>TEFAP CFDA 10.509 (avg. cost = \$1.14/lb)</i>	3,472	\$456.96	\$29.12	\$5,798.24
<i>Donated (avg. cost = \$1.15/lb)</i>	18,055	\$2,539.64	\$168.61	\$30,151.85
<b>2016 TOTAL</b>	<b>23,651</b>	<b>\$4,623.54</b>	<b>\$197.73</b>	<b>\$30,151.85</b>
<b>2015</b>	21,263	\$3,707.02		
<b>2014</b>	14,942	\$2,964.47		
<b>2013</b>	20,490	\$2,328.67		

Julie Mellin □



## You Can Still Find Us on *Facebook*

**St. Francis of Assisi Mobile Loaves & Fishes Facebook** page continues to provide **MLF** volunteers and supporters with the latest news and ministry information. Joining the **MLF Facebook** group is easy and simply requires a volunteer to sign-up for a **free Facebook** account. Click this [Facebook](#) link to begin accessing our **MLF** group. □

## New Truck Maintenance Coordinator

David Aguilar has agreed to serve as **MLF** Truck Maintenance Coordinator. When maintenance is needed, he will review the **MLF** meals calendar for truck availability, and then arrange the work with Geoff Courtney and the Boy Scouts who have graciously volunteered to do free maintenance at the Seymour's Garage facility. If Scouts are not available and the maintenance required is time sensitive or a safety issue, David will schedule with Freedom Chevrolet dealer. He will coordinate a weekly truck wash schedule with Gerry Caron / YMSL and other church group volunteers. David will oversee the 3-person fueling team's weekly gas fueling schedule. Tom Bibb will continue to provide the Valero cards used to fuel. When service is needed on the food serving cab, he will coordinate work with John Tondre and Glenn Darilek. David will maintain a monthly rotation stand-by roster of volunteers who live near the church to respond to flat tires or other emergencies. We are grateful for David and all the volunteers who keep the **MLF** truck mechanically safe as we make our runs. □



## TSU Students Select MLF for Their Project

Three doctoral students from **Texas State University** (Rey Lopez, Cindy Pena, and Jessica Quintero) have been assigned an Appreciative Inquiry project as part of their coursework. Given Ms. Lopez's previous volunteer work with our program, the students have chosen the **MLF** ministry as the focus for their project. The appreciative inquiry is designed to identify those key elements that make **MLF** so great, and allow those involved a moment to reflect on all the wonderful things that are happening around them. The students will be conducting inquiry sessions and recording brief interviews with volunteers and the Core Team. Here is a sampling of the interview questions:

### Sample AI Interview Questions

When are you feeling best about your work? What about the task itself do you value?

What do you value most about this organization?

What is the most important thing this organization has contributed to your life? To the community?

What "three wishes" would you make to heighten the validity and health of this organization?

Upon the project's conclusion, the **MLF** will receive a video clip showcasing the positive aspects of the ministry. Depending on the timing of the project completion, the video may be available for use at our upcoming 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Cedar Joiner □

## MLF Needs a Financial Advisor

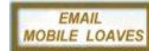
Do you know someone who has experience as a financial advisor? If yes, please ask them to consider the position of **Financial Advisor** to the **MLF Core Team**. The job description is available at this link: [Financial Advisor](#). Contact Cedar Joiner at **210-249-1570** or [mlfnow@sfasat.org](mailto:mlfnow@sfasat.org) for additional information.

## Minor Child Travel Consent Form

The **MLF** ministry will now require a signed parental consent form for all minor children (under 14 years of age) to travel on the **MLF** truck on meal deliveries. The **Parent / Guardian Approval for Minor Child to Travel on SFA Mobile Loaves & Fishes Truck and Emergency Medical Contact Number** form will require both a parental / guardian signature and emergency phone number **BEFORE** a child will be permitted to travel on the **MLF** truck. The child will be required to have access to a cell phone during the trip. If you need clarification, contact Cedar Joiner at 210-249-1570 or email [mlfnow@sfasat.org](mailto:mlfnow@sfasat.org). □

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## Upcoming Events

**April 8 & 9 MLF Social Sunday / Birthday party and second collection to benefit the MLF ministry**

## A Quick Reminder...

- Please complete the **Background Check Form** and acknowledge receipt of the **Archdiocesan Sexual Misconduct Policy**. Forms are available on the green table in the **MLF** kitchen. If you work with children, take a flyer about the **VIRTUS** training and follow the instructions to complete the sessions. Send any questions to [volunteermlf@gmail.com](mailto:volunteermlf@gmail.com)
- **Captains, notify [mlfnow@sfasat.org](mailto:mlfnow@sfasat.org) or call 210-249-1570 before canceling a meal run.**
- Prepare **only** the amount of meals shown on the **Meals Calendar** posted on the refrigerator.
- Sweep the floor and empty trash / recycling (into commercial bins) after each meal prep.
- Transport turkey and cheese sandwich trays on beds of ice.
- Empty truck's trash bin (located at the bottom left of food serving side) after each delivery.
- 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. □