



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

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CASINO NIGHT... HERE WE COME!

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 June 30, 2018. We have supported the event in the past by running the very popular "Grab Bag" table. The bags are available for sale and contain gift cards valued at \$30+. One special bag will have a prize of \$250!! (with many bags with values in between) We have sold out all the bags each year that we have run the game.

The 2018 Casino Night profits are shared by **MLF**, SFA Teen Mission trip and our 3 sister parishes: St. Timothy, Immaculate Conception, and Christ the King.

We need your help in donating gift cards of any value. Our goal is to have \$3000 in gift cards collected by June 15. Would you consider helping us? Maybe your meal prep or delivery team could contribute together to purchase a card? We can use cards of any amount and we even accept "re-gifted" cards! We won't tell anyone if you pass on a gift card that you haven't used yet...

Please bring the gift cards to the SFA office and let them know it is for **MLF Casino Night**. Questions? Email Julie Mellin at volunteermf@gmail.com. Tax receipts are available for contributions as requested.

Julie Mellin □



WE JUST AREN'T DRIVING MISS DAISY

Our **Mobile Loaves & Fishes** ministry has over 450 volunteers working together to **"to provide food, clothing, and dignity to our brothers and sisters in need."** From prepping sandwiches to boiling eggs for the meals to packing condiments, these men and women give of their energies and time to make our program a success.

Our program has a cadre of drivers who expertly maneuver our truck through the streets of the city to reach our [25 service locations](#). In addition, others use their personal vehicles to replenish our food supplies. These drivers make runs to:

- 1) Flowers Baking Company (weekly donor of 200 – 240 loaves of bread): Irma & Roberto Benavides, Chris Bunch, Mike Fury, John & Janice Gildersleeve, and Celia Rodriguez
- 2) San Antonio Food Bank (a primary food supplier) : Irma & Robert Benavides, Chris Bunch, GiGi Garza, Rick Reed, and John Tondre

We appreciate the faithful service of all our wonderful drivers whose skills keep our ministry "on the road."



A SPECIAL MLF VOLUNTEER

Jackson is a young man who has joined our Thursday lunch preparation team. Jackson has trouble doing many things, but he is working to do better. He is enrolled in the Northside Independent School District Reddix Center for specialized education. He is currently enrolled in a Phase III program where he sets goals for himself. His goals are to be able to talk more, become more independent at home, to socialize, and to work on his own.

Jackson is instructed and assisted by Marvin Ritchie, a

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One-On-One NISD Specialist. Marvin is an outstanding example of the heavenly virtues of patience, charity, and kindness. During the last month, Jackson has helped our **MLF** crew by putting cookies into individual serving bags. He works at it steadily and cheerfully. He is improving in his work every week. Jackson responds with a smile to interactions with the preparation team members who welcome him wholeheartedly. Last week, Jackson did not want to leave Mobile Loaves and Fishes when his work was done. We must be doing something right.

People like Jackson deserve a special helping of our love. **Glenn Darilek** ☐

MLF TRUCK EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS **What to do if the truck won't start**

If the truck doesn't start at SFA, the truck has jumper cables under the seat. If for any reason they can't be used or don't work, call the individuals below in the order they are listed.

If the vehicle won't start at one of the delivery locations it will probably need to be towed to **Freedom Chevrolet** at 13483 IH 10W. Call **Banis Towing** at 210-647-3994. They will tow the truck and drop it off and the towing bill will be added to the repair bill by Freedom Chevrolet.

If the truck is involved in an accident, then have it towed to **Gunn Collision Center** at 4851 Woodstone. Again, **Banis** will drop the truck and the bill will be added to the repair bill.

If you are the driver and feel that the engine is ever slow in turning over when started, please call me (David Aguilar at 210-885-5915) so that I can check the battery out. I don't anticipate any problems with the battery until 2019. If you are stranded, we suggest you make personal phone calls for rides home. If no one is available, call these individuals in order: David Aguilar 210-885-5915; Butch Rendon 210-857-1128; or Julie Mellin 210-416-4536

David Aguilar ☐



YMSL: Y'all Are the Best!

On Saturday, March 3rd, five high school students and their moms representing the **Young Men's Service League** put in a very busy Saturday morning on March 3rd helping Mobile Loaves and Fishes catch up on a number of tasks.

The guys started off the day washing the truck inside and out including the passenger and food service areas. They then dove into the bulk packaged **Oreo**

cookies, packaged them into individual servings (that's 1980 individual cookies/660 servings), and counted out what was needed for that day's meal runs.

Meanwhile, the moms cleared a very large pile of donated clothing, packaged bulk bags of corn chips into individual servings for the day's lunch prep, and later helped out with the cookies.

Overall, this work represented another 20 man hours **YMSL** volunteered to help us continue our mission of providing food and clothing to many of San Antonio's residents who are most in need. **YMSL – Y'all are the best!**

Kathy and Gerry Caron ☐

**HELP
WANTED**

Help Wanted! **Openings posted April 1, 2018**

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

- 1) **Commissary Team (rotating schedules)** members to inventory, arrange supplies, and check-in weekly **Labatt Food Service** deliveries;
- 2) **Egg Boiling Team** members for weekends (two hour shifts) and other boiling times are flexible.
- 3) **Meal Delivery** drivers (using **MLF** truck) at various locations for 2nd Friday supper and 3rd Sunday lunch.

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

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MLF News files: www.sfasat.org/MLF/mlfnews.htm

Upcoming Events

April 14 – 15 **MLF Second Collection**
June 30 **SFA Casino Night Fundraiser**

A Quick Reminder...

- Captains, notify mlfnw@sfasat.org **before canceling a meal run.**
- Wear gloves and a baseball cap / hairnet when prepping meals or bagging cookies.
- 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.
- 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. ☐