



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

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## CYO Sports Season Is Now in Full Swing

As you have probably observed, the St. Francis of Assisi sports field are full on weekends! We have encountered several occasions where sports spectators as well as kids are positioned in the driveway leading back to the **MLF** kitchen. We have also experienced "high emotion" as parents cheer on teams and aren't too keen on clearing out of the way of the vehicles entering and exiting in **MLF** kitchen area.

This is a safety issue for all involved, and these are 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. We appreciate both your understanding and support.

## New Ministry Added to MLF calendar

**MLF** has begun a new partnership with the **San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) HOPE** team. Established about 3 years ago, **HOPE (Homeless Outreach Positive Encounters)** is staffed with three dedicated police officers. As noted on the SAPD website: The **HOPE** team will travel out into the field to contact the homeless to attempt to address basic human needs on an individual basis; providing: travel assistance to resources, information on resources, role modeling and personal coaching.

The goals of the program are to assist and inform the homeless of all the resources available to them, to build a rapport that re-shapes attitudes and impressions of both the homeless and law enforcement communities and encourage them to be an independent functioning member of the community.

A recent effort by several non-profit organizations, working in conjunction with the **HOPE** team is to assist people with recovering their ID's. The officers have learned over time that a large barrier to assistance happens when homeless persons lose their ID's. The team meets weekly (on Wednesday mornings) at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church to assist people with paperwork to start the ID recovery process. **MLF** is providing sack lunches for about 30 people. If you would like more information about this program or would like to get involved in volunteering to support the **HOPE** officers, please contact email Julie Mellin at [volunteermf@gmail.com](mailto:volunteermf@gmail.com).

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## YMSL "All City" All Stars Support MLF

On Saturday April 6, 2019, the **Young Men's Service League** sent an All Star team of 8 students and 4 moms to support **MLF** Clothing, Meal Preparation and Commissary teams. The students represented Clark, Reagan, Churchill, Central Catholic and Antonian High Schools, but they all pitched in as one team in an all

morning effort to bag bulk potato chips and cookies into single servings, assemble condiments packs, clean the service areas of the truck, augment the lunch preparation team and load the truck for delivery. As if that wasn't enough, the moms dove into the large pile of clothing donations to replenish the bins for future delivery. They provided just over 26 total volunteer hours to help **MLF** meet our mission to serve those in need. Thanks **YMSL!**

Kathy and Gerry Caron □

## What to Do with Extra 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 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. 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. For additional information, email [mlfnow@sfasat.org](mailto:mlfnow@sfasat.org).



## MLF T-Shirts and Caps Are Still Available

We still have a ready supply of **MLF** t-shirts and caps. The khaki shirts have the **SFA** logo printed on the left front pocket and the **MLF** logo shown on the back. Shirts are available in sizes small to XX large and the caps are adjustable. These items can be obtained from your team captains for a \$10.00 donation for each article. Checks should be made payable to: **St. Francis of Assisi MLF**. We hope you wear these **MLF** clothing items with pride!

## HELP WANTED Openings – May 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).

## Contact Us

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

## Upcoming Events

June 9 **MLF Sponsored Social Sunday**

July 6 **SFA Casino Night Fundraiser**

## A Quick Reminder...

- **Captains**, notify [mlfnow@sfasat.org](mailto:mlfnow@sfasat.org) **before canceling a meal run**.
- Call the Commissary person (listed on the bulletin board) on duty when you encounter food supply shortages.
- 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 (to prevent food allergies)
- Use a zip lock bag when re-bagging chips or cookies to help maintain their freshness.
- Sweep the floor and empty trash / recycling (into commercial bins) after each meal prep.
- Cut down small cardboard boxes for recycling, but keep large boxes for meal deliveries.
- "Banana boxes" should be saved to use for Haven for Hope deliveries
- Clean all food containers for recycling. Shake crumbs out of bread bags / cookie trays. Place loose bags into one bag. Rinse peanut butter & jelly containers. If not, put them into trash.
- Fill-out the [MLF Truck Run Log](#) after deliveries **and** use the bottom section to report any unusual events / problems that occur.
- Report truck maintenance issues to David Aguilar @ [tgeagle2@att.net](mailto:tgeagle2@att.net). □

## Finding the Latest Information on MLF

Both **MLF News** and the **MLF Facebook** page are key sources for keeping current on our **MLF** ministry. Articles, news items, announcements, photographs, etc. for the **newsletter** can be sent directly to John Deosdade via email @ [deosdade@gmail.com](mailto:deosdade@gmail.com).

Remember that joining the **MLF Facebook** group is easy and simply requires you to sign-up for a free **Facebook** account. Once you join our page, you can begin posting items and photos to it. Click this



link to begin accessing the **MLF** group. □