



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



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Summer Is Here, but the Needs Remain

Summer is challenge for all our **MLF** volunteers as we have vacation plans, kids home from school, and visitors that alter our normal schedules. However, summer is also a very demanding time for meals as children home from school may need meals as they don't have the support of school nourishment programs.

Communication is KEY. Each meal delivery depends on a chain of volunteers (egg boilers, prep teams, delivery teams, etc.) and any break in that chain may jeopardize a meal delivery.

Call your team captain as soon as you discover a conflict precluding your help. With a bit of time, we can gather substitute volunteers from our sub list and keep the meal delivery on schedule.

Also, many of you know students who can volunteer during the summer months. Please have them contact Julie Mellin, Volunteer Coordinator (volunteermf@gmail.com) to be added to the substitute list.

Be safe this Summer, enjoy the summer months and please help us keep **MLF** meal deliveries on schedule and the "truck rolling" twice a day 7 days a week!!

□ Dick Gomez

MLF Meal Cancellation Guidelines

We hope to keep all teams well-staffed so that cancellations are kept to a minimum. We do understand that situations arise where we are unable to make the meal as scheduled. These include:

Shortage of volunteers:

Ideally, four days before delivery, prep and delivery captains should confirm with each other that they have a team.

Captains are primarily responsible to find substitutes. If more people are needed, please contact the Day Coordinator (VC) first. If there is still a need, the captain or Day VC can contact the Volunteer Coordinator (volunteermf@gmail.com) to assist. We maintain a substitute list that our Day VC and Volunteer Coordinators can access. The Day VC's contact information and substitute lists are found on the **MLF** website (www.sfasat.org/mlf).

If the team is still shorthanded two days before delivery, a decision should be made by the Volunteer Coordinator to cancel.

When cancelled due to unavailability of volunteers, an email is sent from the Volunteer Coordinator to the Egg Boiling, Commissary, and Site Coordinators.

The Site Coordinator will then notify the contact at the delivery location so that our brothers and sisters in need will not be waiting on us to arrive.

Weather related:

The team captain is responsible for deciding to cancel due to inclement weather. They can consult with the Day VC and Volunteer Coordinator as needed.

When a cancellation is made due to weather, please notify the Volunteer Coordinator. They, in turn, will contact the Egg Boiling, Commissary, and Site Coordinators.

Thank you for following these guidelines. There are many moving parts to **MLF** and it is important to communicate as best and often as possible.

□ Julie Mellin

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Keyless Entry.... What??



We have a new lock on the front door of the **MLF** kitchen. You will not need to retrieve a key from the box on the concession stand! The entry code is the **same first 3 digits (of the old key box code) plus an *** (asterisk or star).



MLF Social Sunday is June 10th

June 10th is Social Sunday hosted by **MLF**. Please stop by the **MLF** truck after mass to enjoy donuts and drinks! Invite a friend to get information about volunteering in our ministry. We will have the truck available after the morning masses and would love to say hello.



Keep Those Cards and Letters Coming... Mostly the 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 June 30, 2018. We have supported the event in the past by running the very popular "Grab Bag" table. This fundraiser's profit is shared by **MLF**, SFA Teen Mission trip and our 3 sister parishes: St. Timothy, Immaculate Conception and Christ the King.

Thank you for the great start we have so far in collecting gift cards. We only need about 40 more 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 Julie Mellin at volunteermf@gmail.com.

**HELP
WANTED**

Help Wanted!

Openings posted June 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) **Food Bank** drivers use personal pickup truck or large SUV to collect **MLF** orders on the **1st Thursday**
3) **Meal Delivery** drivers (using **MLF** truck) at various locations for **1st or 2nd Friday supper**.

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

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Upcoming Events

June 10 **MLF Social Sunday**
June 30 **SFA Casino Night Fundraiser**

A Quick Reminder...

- **Captains, consult MLF Meal Cancellation Guidelines before cancelling 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. □



Our **MLF** ministry mourns the recent passing of Lynda Ambrose, a compassionate and dedicated member of the St. Francis of Assisi community. She served as an active volunteer on various meal teams. Lynda's dedication to those less fortunate serves as a true example of our mission **"to provide food, clothing, and dignity to our brothers and sisters in need."**