



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

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A Message from the Core Team

We are making great progress on the plans for our organizational change. We have made our deposit with **MLF** Austin to secure our truck purchase. This was needed in order to lock in our plans to continue offering our ministry's services.

We are also in discussion with an existing non-profit organization to become a partner with us to insure our tax-exempt 501(c)3 status. We hope to announce our plans by the end of the summer.

We need your help in filling several **MLF** leadership positions. Various Day Volunteer Coordinator slots remain open. If you can help organize 30-40 people, then this is the job for you. Volunteering queries can be directed to the Barbara Tate at the [Volunteer Now!](#) email address: volunteermf@gmail.com

As a reminder, our ministry now has a new phone number (**210-249-1570**) that will be the primary link for general MLF information. Email messages can be sent to our email address: mlfnow@sfasat.org.

God bless you all for your continued prayers, service, and support of MLF. □



It isn't Quite Manna from Heaven

Have you ever wondered where meal supplies under the tables, in the freezers, in the walk-in cooler and in the back area come from? And who actually placed them there?

The food comes from [Labatt Food Services](#), the [San Antonio Food Bank](#), and [Flowers Foods, Inc.](#) The **MLF** Commissary Team (Mike Kurz, Mike Durack, Larry Whatley and Efrain Trevino) works on a 2-week rotation, to inventory meal supplies, and then inputs orders online with **Labatt Food Services**. The **Labatt** delivery truck arrives every Wednesday morning with fruit, turkey, cheese, eggs, chips, trash bags, and the other 36 items needed to prepare and serve meals.

Occasionally, staple foods for the menu, snacks, and desserts are available from the **San Antonio Food Bank**. Monica Campos monitors the **Food Bank** website shopping list and places orders on Mondays. These supplies are picked up by private vehicles on Thursday mornings from the **SAFB** facility. Chris Bunch, Tony Dodge, Rick Reed, and John Tondre, are the other members of **SAFB** Transportation Team.

We are blessed by **Flowers Foods'** weekly donations of 210 loaves of bread. You may have seen another volunteer, Mike Furey, arriving (on Thursday morning) with bread stacked up to the ceiling of his car.

So, wonder no longer. A group of generous **MLF** volunteers donate their time and vehicles to ensure that the needed food supplies are available when teams walk into the kitchen 7 days a week to prep their meals. There are many moving parts that keep our **MLF** meals delivery program going! □

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Wherever & Whenever There is a Need

Our **MLF** ministry now serves 25 locations in the San Antonio area, including homeless assistance agencies, neighborhood & community centers, refugee communities near the Medical Center, and several Catholic parishes on the East, South, and West sides. With meals prepared seven days a week, we have served some **385,496** meals from 2007 through 2015. Here are the **Monday** teams:



Haven for Hope and Guadalupe Community Center



Guadalupe Community Center



St. Gabriel and Our Lady of Good Counsel



Haven for Hope and Guadalupe Community Center

For the addresses and a map showing the **MLF** meal delivery locations, click [Service Locations](#). Our daily meal delivery runs can be found at: [Calendar](#) . □

Do You Need More Pepper?

Have you stopped to think about how the condiment packets get into the large tub under the first prep table? The hard working 24-member MLF Condiment Assembly Team now produces enough packets for **all delivery teams**. The condiment packets include: napkin, salt, pepper, mustard, and mayonnaise. Please add the condiment packets to the MLF truck for the delivery team to distribute. For additional information, contact Helen Rendon at: hcrend@satx.rr.com . □

Contact Us

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A Quick Reminder...

- Donate a dozen raw eggs and leave in walk-in cooler. Mark box "raw" and date.
- Sanitize tables before each meal prep
- Wear a baseball cap or hairnet when prepping sandwiches or bagging cookies
- Sweep the floor and empty trash/recycling after each meal prep
- Transport turkey & cheese sandwich trays on beds of ice
- Wear plastic gloves when serving drinks at meal delivery locations
- Note that cheese sticks are ONLY for H4H and Guadalupe Center meals because we cannot take boiled eggs to these locations. Other teams should include cheese sticks ONLY when boiled eggs are not available.
- Report truck issues to **Mike Villanueva** at mike1949v@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming Events

July 16-17 Second collection for **MLF** ministry

MLF News Needs You!

MLF News is a tool to keep you aware of all the latest **MLF** activities. We need your articles, team profiles, photos, other news, suggestions, and comments in order to keep this newsletter on track. You can easily submit items to John Deosdade, the newsletter editor, at: deosdade@gmail.com. □