



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

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We have projected that the MLF ministry will serve its **500,000th** meal on Monday, July 17th.



During its 10 year history, the **St. Francis of Assisi Mobile Loaves & Fishes** program has provided **one half million** meals to our brothers and sisters in the San Antonio area. The parishioners, volunteers, donors, and other supporters have enabled us to grow our meal deliveries to 7 days a week serving some **28 locations** including local parishes, neighborhood centers, refugee apartment complexes, and Haven for Hope.

Through cooperative purchasing agreements with the **San Antonio Food Bank** and the continuing **support**

of various companies including **Flowers Foods**, **NuStar Energy**, and **Valero Energy**, our **MLF** volunteers have done more than simply help feed those in need. At each meal delivery, the team members demonstrate love and dedication as they reach out to touch the hearts of the people they meet.

We thank God for the blessings bestowed on our ministry and voice our appreciation to the numerous **MLF** volunteers who make the program such a success! □



MLF Schedules School Supply Drive

The "Back to School" sales have just begun, and it's time for the **2017 Mobile Loaves & Fishes School Supply Drive!** We will be collecting school supplies the weekends of August 5 - 6 and August 12 - 13. Please drop off new school supplies in the donation boxes placed around the gathering space. These supplies will be handed out to the children we serve on our meal delivery stops. Our goal is to provide a basic school kit for 150 children.

If you are employed with a company (or perhaps own a company with several employees) and are looking for a way to "give back to the community," please consider holding a company-wide drive and then bring the school supplies to **Mobile Loaves & Fishes**. This is wonderful company initiative for outreach that will touch the lives of those most in need.

A basic "back to school" kit includes: backpack, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, folders, glue sticks, markers, notebooks, pencils, rulers, and scissors. For a detailed listing of school supplies, click [supply list](#).

A "Sorting Party" to bag and box the items for distribution will be held on Sunday afternoon, August 13th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in a location to be determined. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lynne Cruz via email at: cruzer512@att.net. We appreciate the love that your donations show for these children. □

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YMSL Continue Their MLF Service

On Saturday, June 10th, a group of seven freshman volunteers and six moms from the [Alamo Chapter](#) of the **Young Men's Service League (YMSL)** program who donated a full morning of non-stop, hard-work to support **Mobile Loaves & Fishes**.

We had a tough time keeping up as they moved from task to task, a little over 39 total man-hours to directly benefit the **MLF** mission to serve those in need. As a group, the **YMSL** volunteers:

- Cleared a large backlog of donated clothing and shoes, sorting all into appropriate bins and setting up cold weather items for fall delivery
- Washed the truck, inside and out, including crew cab
- Swept and washed the kitchen floor
- Prepared **Doritos** and **Fritos Spicy** chips for prep teams to distribute at meal runs
- Moved new wood pallets into the walk-in cooler in compliance with a recent inspection, removing and replacing all contents
- Organized large cases of single serving popcorn, chips and cereal in and around the storage cabinets, ensuring like items were together and moving as much as possible away from the pallets at the entrance
- Removed all trash and recycle items to the dumpsters for the prep team
- Packed the ice compartments and loaded milk for noontime delivery

This **YMSL** team was motivated and expressed their desire to come back when we need them. We look forward to hosting them again. Gerry Caron

Check Out Our [MLF Facebook Page](#) 

Do you want the latest information on our ministry? Or maybe you have some photos that you want to include? How about sharing your thoughts about the **MLF** experiences? The [MLF Facebook](#) page provides an easy opportunity to do both. Group members can post photos and share updates. You can easily join the **MLF Facebook** group by clicking this [Facebook](#) link to sign-up for a free account.

Core Team Welcomes New Members

The **MLF** Core Team welcomes two new members to its ranks: David Aguilar and Glenn Darilek.

As the **MLF Truck Maintenance Coordinator**, David will oversee the continuing maintenance of the **MLF** truck and schedule any needed repairs. If truck drivers or delivery teams notice any truck-related problems or concerns, they should contact David via email at: tgeagle2@att.net.

Glenn is the **MLF Facilities Coordinator** and will be handling any maintenance-related issues in the **MLF** kitchen. He is the point of contact for various issues such as air conditioning, electrical, plumbing etc. John Tondre has done similar work in the past. Glenn can be emailed at: gdarilek@gmail.com.

If you have an urgent need to contact David, Glenn (or any other **MLF** Core Team member), their personal phone numbers can be found on the password protected **MLF** Core Team [Contacts](#) page.

NOTE: The username is **mlf (lowercase letters) and the password is the **four digit number code** used for the **MLF** key lockbox.**

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Upcoming Events

July 15 - 16 **MLF** Ministry second collection and 500,000th meal commemoration

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- Captains, notify mlfnw@sfasat.org or call 210-249-1570 before canceling a meal run.
- Donate new and used large white socks for men and all colors / sizes for women and children.
- Since condensation weakens the bottom of paper bags causing contents to spill out, we are now using only plastic lunch bags.
- Sweep the floor and empty trash / recycling (into commercial bins) after each meal prep.
- Transport turkey and cheese sandwich trays on beds of ice.
- 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.