



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

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A Message from the Core Team: Leaders... We know you are out there!

Our long-standing mission “to provide food, clothing, and dignity to our brothers and sisters in need” remains at the heart of all of our efforts. We are still in the process of transforming our leadership.

We have needs for Volunteer Coordinating and Core Team management. Explanations of duties can be found at this [job descriptions](#) link. The Core Team supports each other in all our efforts. If you have 5 -10 hours a month, you could fill one of our openings.

The director’s responsibility will continue to be rotated (on a monthly basis) among the Core Team members as shown below:

Aug. 17 – Sept. 18 → Mike Kurz; Sept. 19 – Oct. 16 → Eric Nelson; Oct. 17 – Nov. 20 → Cedar Joiner; Nov. 21 – Dec. 18 → Karen Braeuler; Dec. 19 – Jan. 15 → John Deosdade; Jan. 16 – Feb. 19 → David Brown

If you can help our ministry in any way or if you have questions, please contact us at the phone number **210-249-1570** or email us @ mlfnw@sfasat.org . □



Clothing Program Guidelines

In response to the generous and ongoing clothing donations to our **MLF** ministry, we (Kathy and Gerry Caron) visited the Society of St Vincent de Paul office at St Matthew Catholic Church to view firsthand how their clothing program functions. After reviewing their operations, we drafted these general guidelines:

WHAT WE ACCEPT FOR DISTRIBUTION

- clean, lightly used clothing for men, women, girls and boys
- clean, lightly used clothing for children aged 6 months - 2 years
- clean, lightly used shoes and socks
- winter coats, “all weather” coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, scarves
- sample/hotel sized personal toiletry items-bar soap, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, toothpaste/toothbrushes
- rosaries, prayer cards, small prayer books
- clean, lightly used school back packs for annual “back-to-school” drive

Items with pet or body odors, excessive stains or dirt are considered trash and will be discarded.

Please click this [clothing program guidelines](#) link to see what and where you can donate other items **DIRECTLY** to the various charities we support.

In addition, the **MLF** ministry would like to express its special thanks to the [Young Men’s Service League](#) clothing teams who assisted with clothing sorting during the summer and have committed to continue their monthly service through the end of the year.

Kathy and Gerry Caron □

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Wherever & Whenever There is a Need

Our **MLF** ministry now serves 26 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. The **Wednesday** teams serve the following sites: **Christian Assistance Ministry, Fairways V Apartments, and Haven for Hope.**



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](#) . □

MLF Supports the Parish Festival

Thank you to all the **MLF** members who have worked in our “truck booth” for the SFA Parish Festival the past few years. This year, we will have our truck out on display, but will not be selling items from it. So, we are asking our volunteers to offer their time at any booth you choose. There are plenty of openings and lots of fun booths that need help. Check the parish website: <http://sfasat.org/festivalvolunteer/> to sign up. □



Please Don't Pick this Lock!

Several individuals have been frustrated by the combination lock that is on the closet door in the **MLF** kitchen. The 4 number code is the same as the one used on the kitchen key lockbox. Here's the trick - after dialing the code numbers, the lock hasp should be moved up and down (jiggled) for it to be unlocked.

Contact Us

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MLF website: www.sfasat.org/MLF/index.htm

A Quick Reminder...

- Prep only the amount of meals shown on the **Meals Calendar** posted on the refrigerator.
- Wash out the kitchen sink of debris after prep.
- Sweep the floor and empty trash/recycling after each meal prep.
- Transport turkey & cheese sandwich trays on beds of ice.
- Empty **truck** trash bin after deliveries.
- **It's HOT!** Unused condiments packets should **not be left** in the truck. Please return them to bin under the prep table.
- Fill-out the **MLF Truck Run Log** after deliveries.
- Report truck maintenance issues to **Mike Villanueva** @ mike1949v@sbcglobal.net

Writers & Photogs Still Wanted!

If you want to showcase your writing skills, provide suggested ideas for articles, or release “live” shots of **MLF** teams in action, please send them to John Deosdade, the **MLF News** editor, at this email: deosdade@gmail.com. □