



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

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SFA Responds to School Supply Drive

Our wonderful **SFA** community donated enough school supplies to make about 160 back to school kits for the annual **MLF** school supply drive. The backpacks that were donated will be distributed separately. A special thank you goes out to all the amazing folks who helped pack them up on Sunday afternoon.

Gerry Caron added "What a tremendous effort! The children at the **MLF** sites we serve will greatly benefit."

Lynne Cruz □

Casino Night Brings Funds to MLF

The **MLF** Core Team wishes to express its sincere thanks to the **SFA Men's Club** and all the volunteers who made the June 30th Casino Night such a success. The event raised some \$ 51,000.00 that will provide funding for the Teen Mission Trip, the **MLF** ministry, and our sister parishes of Immaculate Conception and St. Timothy. The **MLF** share of the event proceeds

was \$ 10,000.00. We also thank those who donated items for the various auctions, grab bags, and prizes. Most of all, we appreciate the outstanding support the **SFA** parishioners gave to the Casino Night fundraiser.



RCV Brings Christmas in August

The **Mobile Loaves & Fishes** ministry recently received a generous donation of \$255 from [River City Villagers](#) (**RCV**) in the names of David & Pat Brown (Core Team members) and Esmeralda Roth (a member of our valued egg boiling team). Formed in 1992, **River City Villagers** is a collectors club of [Department 56](#) little ceramic houses and buildings. Pat and I have been members of the club for 20 years. We have about 200 of these little buildings that we display each Christmas. Each one is individually lit. Many of you have been to our home to see our display. We also just finished serving a two year term as co-presidents of **RCV**. Esmeralda and her husband, Greg, are also longtime members of **RCV** and are currently serving as co-presidents.

River City Villagers has 6 meetings a year. For each meeting a different charity is chosen and receives all the donations that were collected at that meeting. In the past, some of these have included: Ronald McDonald Houses, Battered Women's Shelter, and several different animal welfare groups. Occasionally, we assist a club member who has fallen on hard times. It is a fun club, so if you collect **D56** and would like to become a member, please contact me.

The hard working **MLF** volunteers extend a great big **THANK YOU** to all the members of **River City Villagers** for their generosity.

David Brown □

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YMSL -- What a Team!

Three high school students, representing Clark, Churchill and SA Christian Academy high schools and their moms from the Young Men's Service League, pulled out all the stops to help MLF on Saturday, August 4, 2018.

The MLF storage area was truly loaded thanks to the staging of school supplies and back packs from a very successful collection and an overwhelming response to our recent request for children's clothing. This amazing group ploughed right into it.

As the moms cleared well over half of the clothing in 2 ½ hours, the boys helped with clothing by moving heavy bags, sorting shoes and consolidating bins. They then staged school supplies for the three locations to be served by the Saturday's delivery teams. Once lunch prep started, the boys lent a hand with sandwiches and other duties and helped load the MLF truck.

Special thanks to this hard-working group. You were truly life-savers this month.

Kathy and Gerry Caron □

Extraordinary Volunteers

During the summer vacation months, preparation and delivery crews are often found short of help. There are many dedicated **Mobile Loaves and Fishes** volunteers, some of whom give extraordinary service. This is the story of just one of those examples.

Anthony and Patricia Juarez found that they would have no help for a Sunday preparation and delivery for Haven for Hope. So they enlisted the help of their children, Noah and Sophia, and went to work much earlier than usual. The whole family pitched in to make 140 sack lunches and 150 extra peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. They were finished at 5:30 and made time for a little family prayer before loading the truck. And the family was the delivery team also. They left cheerfully, knowing they would help some of the least of our brethren.

What a splendid way to volunteer. And what a wonderful way to raise your children! Thank you, Anthony and Patricia.

Glenn Darilek □

HELP WANTED

Openings – September 1, 2018

Our MLF ministry needs help for these crucial roles:

- 1) **Core Team** members for **Core Team Director**, **Site Coordinator**, and **Day Volunteer Coordinator** positions (see [Job Descriptions](#));
 - 2) **Meal prep volunteers** for **2nd Tuesday supper** and **1st Friday supper** shifts;
 - 3) **Meal Delivery** drivers (using MLF truck) at various locations for **Friday** and **4th Saturday** supper.
- If you can assist with these jobs, please contact Julie Mellin @ volunteermf@gmail.com. □

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A Quick Reminder...

- **Team Captains: consult the [MLF Meal Cancellation Guidelines](#) before cancelling a meal run and notify mlfnw@sfasat.org**
- Check out and follow the newly posted **Food Safety Tips** on the clipboard in the prep area.
- 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.
- **It's HOT!** Unused condiments packets should **not be left** in the truck. Please return them to bin under the prep table.
- Sweep the floor and empty trash / recycling (into commercial bins) after each meal prep.
- Ensure that doors to clothing bay and ice machine room are locked after prep shifts.
- 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. □

MLF T-shirts and Caps Are Coming!

Long overdue and greatly anticipated, new MLF T-shirts and caps are on the way! We last printed shirts in 2009 so I am sure many of you don't even have a coveted MLF T-shirt. We are seeking a \$10 donation for each item, and the supplies are scheduled for arrival after October 1st.

Julie Mellin □