



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

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A Message from the Core Team:

As you all know, we have been working on the organizational transition of changing our parent sponsor from MLF Austin. After investigating various alternatives, we are pleased to announce that we have found a new parent, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church!



You heard that right... We are going to become a ministry under the umbrella of our existing parish. We have always been home here, and now, it is official.

We are pursuing the licensing of the name, Mobile Loaves & Fishes, from MLF Austin. As a result, we are not planning a name change at this time. So, business will be as usual as we continue our mission of helping our brothers and sisters in need.

As always, we appreciate your continued support. God bless!

Julie Mellin □



Condiments – Adding Spice to Life

The **Condiment Assembly Team** is made up of an assortment of individuals who want to help **MLF**, but for various reasons cannot physically participate in prep / delivery or the other ministry volunteer positions. Some of our team members are home bound in wheel chairs, and others have trouble walking or standing. In addition, some team members are mothers who want to teach their children the importance of serving those in need, while others are mothers with toddlers. The task of assembling condiments at home affords these volunteers the ability to participate in a ministry specific to their needs.



There are twenty very faithful volunteers who work at different times during the month. They all eagerly await their new supply bins, pick them up, and then return them when the condiment packets are finished. I pack the supply bins and they do the rest! These images are some examples of the enthusiastic volunteers that work for our ministry. God bless them all for their service!



Helen Rendon (above)
Condiment Assembly Coordinator □

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Wherever & Whenever There is a Need

Our **MLF** ministry now serves **27** 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.

We prepare and serve lunch and supper meals 7 days a week. If you would like to volunteer to serve on meal preparation or delivery team, please consult this [Volunteer Now!](#) web page for additional information.

These **Thursday** teams serve the **Ingram Ranch Apartments**, and **St. Henry Catholic Church**:



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](#) . □

Core Team Director is Still Traveling

Since we are still searching for a permanent **MLF Core Team Director**, the director's responsibility will continue to be rotated (on a monthly basis) among the Core Team members as shown below:

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

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Upcoming Events

October 2 SFA Parish Festival
October 15–16 Second collection for MLF ministry

A Quick Reminder...

- **Captains** should notify your Day Volunteer Coordinator **before** cancelling a meal run.
- Prepare **only** the amount of meals shown on the **Meals Calendar** posted on the refrigerator.
- Sanitize kitchen tables before each meal prep.
- Close kitchen doors to ice machine room and clothing room securely after meal prep shifts.
- Wash out the kitchen sink of debris after prep.
- Sweep the floor and empty trash / recycling (into commercial bins) after each meal prep.
- Transport turkey and cheese sandwich trays on beds of ice.
- Empty **MLF truck** trash bin after deliveries.
- Fill-out the **MLF Truck Run Log** after deliveries.
- Report truck maintenance issues to **Mike Villanueva** @ mike1949v@sbcglobal.net

HELP Wanted!



As editor of **MLF News**, I need your help to keep this newsletter current and relevant to our ministry. Articles, photographs, and suggestions are welcome. Please send any newsletter information to John Deosdade, at this email: deosdade@gmail.com. □