



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

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A Message from the Core Team:

2016 has been a very busy year for our **MLF** ministry. Despite several “bumps in the road,” we continued “**to provide food, clothing, and dignity to our brothers and sisters in need.**” Let’s take a look back on 2016:

February 2016 – **MLF News** was launched to help us keep in touch with our volunteers.

March 2016 – A new ministry, the Condiment Assembly Team, was formed to both fill a meal need and provide another opportunity for MLF volunteers.

April 2016 – **MLF Austin** disclosed that it would no longer support MLF truck ministries at years end.

May 2016 – An Eagle Project remodeled our kitchen and installed a permanent cooktop for egg boilers.

May – September 2016 – The MLF Core team explored various options to continue our program without the support of MLF Austin.

September 2016 – St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church announced that the **MLF** program would become a ministry under the umbrella of the parish.

During 2016, we expanded to serve 27 area locations, including Casa de Raices Refugee Center, Jireh House, Madonna Neighborhood Center, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, and the San Antonio Rescue Mission. For the year, the **MLF** ministry has delivered a total of **72,772** meals.

May God continue to bless you for your service to **MLF**.

Christmas Special Deliveries

Our Mobile Loaves and Fishes volunteers have been very busy during this Christmas season delivering more than the usual food. Thanks to all of Santa’s helpers who made the Christmas season bright for our friends in need! Here are some examples of their good works:

On Dec 21st, the 2nd Saturday supper delivery team supported the annual **SAPD Operation Blue Santa** toy give away. As children at the Alazan Apache Courts received a toy from the Blue Santas, our **MLF** truck served lunch to them and their parents.



The 4th Saturday supper prep and delivery team worked on Christmas Eve, and gave each child at Cielo Hills Apartments a pair of socks and a candy cane.

Generous private donors and the Knights of Columbus provided some 200 new coats, 200 patterned scarves, and 90 blankets for distribution during our meal runs.



The Clark High School Library conducted a book drive and we gratefully supplied these to our clients at the **MLF** meal delivery locations.



These “extras” brought additional Christmas cheer to many of those in need. Julie Mellin □

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Wherever and Whenever There is a Need

Our **MLF** ministry now serves 27 sites 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 a meal preparation or delivery team, please consult the [Volunteer Now!](#) tab on our website.

These **Sunday** teams serve **Bunkhaus of San Antonio, Cielo Hills Apartments, Haven for Hope, Living Stones Ministries, Riverside Terrace Mobile Homes Park, San Antonio Rescue Mission, and Wurzbach Manor Apartments:**



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

Some Frequently Unasked Questions

Where can I find Core Team phone numbers?

A listing of the **Core Team** phone numbers is posted on the bulletin board in the **MLF** kitchen and listed on our **MLF** website @ www.sfasat.org/MLF/index.htm.

Is there a fire extinguisher in the MLF kitchen?

Yes. It is kept on the kitchen floor right below the spare baseball hats.

What is stored in the locked MLF kitchen closet?

It contains keys for the **MLF** truck, a first aid kit, Soul Food leaflets, **MLF** supplies, and much more...

How do I open the closet combination lock? Dial the 4 digit number code (same as the kitchen key lockbox) and then jiggle the lock hasp up and down.

Contact Us

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A Quick Reminder...

- Captains, notify mlfnow@sfasat.org or call 210-249-1570 **before** canceling a meal run.
- Sanitize tables before each meal prep.
- Wear a baseball cap or hairnet when prepping sandwiches or bagging cookies.
- Ensure that doors to clothing bay and ice machine room are locked after prep shifts.
- Prepare **only** the amount of meals shown on the **Meals Calendar** posted on the refrigerator.
- 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.
- Report truck maintenance issues to the **Traveling Core Director** at 210-249-1570 OR by emailing: mlfnow@sfasat.org

Help Us Improve MLF News

Please take some time to review the [2016 MLF News](#) issues and make suggestions on how we can improve it next year. Send any input or ideas on the newsletter to John Deosdade at: deosdade@gmail.com