



A Safety Issue for All Involved

Spring has sprung and that means the sports fields at St. Francis of Assisi are in full swing!

We have encountered several occasions where sports spectators as well as kids are positioned in the driveway leading back to the **MLF** kitchen. We have also experienced "high emotion" as parents cheer on teams and aren't too keen on clearing out of the way of the vehicles entering and exiting.

This is a safety issue for all involved. Here are the measures discussed and to be implemented:

1. **CYO Board** members rotate duty and always have one member on site. If there are any issues, our volunteers can go to the concession stand and ask for assistance from the **CYO** board.
2. **CYO** will place cones on weekends (the tall ones from the church) in the area to note that no sitting or playing in that area is allowed.
3. **CYO** will email all the **SFA** coaches as well as the contacts for Zone 6 to let them know that spectators are not allowed to sit in the area on the driveway.
4. **MLF** will ask our drivers to slow down as much as possible when people are present in the stands and field area.

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5. **MLF** will ask one of the delivery team members to walk ahead of the truck for a while to "sweep" any people who may be in the way of the entering or exiting truck as well as backing into the bay. The batting cage area is another gathering space for distracted sports fans and kids at play.

Although we make these recommendations, we understand that variations will occur and that discretion is necessary to ensure the safety of everyone to include our truck driver and delivery volunteers. Please remember that we are on church grounds and that both **MLF** and **CYO** are fantastic family ministry opportunities. A kind and cooperative attitude will serve all of us well.

□ Julie Mellin

The Rock Gang



For a long time we have been discussing replacing the greasy rocks from the area where we park our **MLF** truck. Initial examination showed that there was a thin layer of rocks underlain by about four inches of "greascrete." Years of grease from chicken grilling had formed a solid layer of sand and rocks cemented together with the grease. This made removing it quite a formidable task.

Marshall Fairbanks, a Thursday **MLF** volunteer offered the use of his tractor with a front-end loader. So with the prospect of an easier job, Butch Rendon arranged for the helpers and rocks. The **MLF**, Men's Club, and Knights of Columbus joined forces and the **Rock Gang** was born. On Thursday, April 5, the **Rock Gang** (Marshall, Butch, Carlos Ortiz, Mike Villanova, Bob Bonner, and John Tondre) showed up with picks and shovels in hand. After a brief tailgate safety meeting, the top layer of rocks was relatively easy to scoop up with the loader aided by shovels. But the greascrete had to be broken up with picks and breaker bars. Finally the pit was excavated to a depth of six inches.

It had taken only one hour for the enthusiastic **Rock Gang** to safely complete the job!

The delivery of the new stone was the next morning, and the **Rock Gang** spread the rock in very quick time. There is also a reserve of rocks to replace greasy surface rocks in the future. So we all appreciate what the members of the **Rock Gang** did to make outer area of the **MLF** kitchen a nicer place to volunteer.

□ Glenn Darilek



Keep Those Cards and Letters Coming... Mostly the Cards

The **MLF** ministry is once again participating in the St Francis of Assisi Casino Night fundraiser. This year's event will be held on Saturday June 30, 2018. We have supported the event in the past by running the very popular "Grab Bag" table. This fundraiser's profit is shared by **MLF**, SFA Teen Mission trip and our 3 sister parishes: St. Timothy, Immaculate Conception and Christ the King.

Thank you for the great start we have so far in collecting gift cards. We only need about 40 more cards in the \$10, \$20 & \$25 range. We even accept "re-gifted" cards! Please bring the gift cards to the **SFA** office and let them know it is for **MLF Casino Night**. Tax receipts are available for contributions as requested. If you have additional questions, just email Julie Mellin at volunteermf@gmail.com.

YMSL Braves the Weather to Help MLF



It was a chilly and blustery day on Saturday, April 7, 2018, with day time highs just in the 50s. That did not deter three students, representing Winston, Clark and Antonian High Schools and five moms from the **Young Men's Service League** in their hard work to support our Mobile Loaves and Fishes Ministry.

The guys cleaned the service areas of the truck, lent a hand to the lunch prep team, and then restocked the kitchen bread freezer. Meanwhile the moms consolidated and reorganized clothing bins and began restocking of the warm clothing bins for next winter. Other moms sorted a gigantic pile of donated clothing and prepared clothing for the students to stock the clothing side of the truck for the day's delivery. They also helped us organize the pallet of housewares and linens intended to help refugee families. **YMSL** provided a total of 20 service hours to **MLF** and once again, left the back area neat and organized.

On April 14th, an **YMSL** representative stopped by the **MLF** kitchen with a very special gift for our needy clients. The **YMSL** organization had collected and donated brand new socks, enough to fill a large bin. With our huge thanks to **YMSL**, the first of these new socks went out with the day's supper delivery!



□ Kathy and Gerry Caron

**HELP
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Help Wanted!

Openings posted May 1, 2018

Our **MLF** ministry needs help for these crucial roles:

- 1) **Commissary Team (rotating schedules)** members to inventory, arrange supplies, and check-in weekly **Labatt Food Service** deliveries;
- 2) **Egg Boiling Team** members for weekends (two hour shifts) and other boiling times are flexible.
- 3) **Meal Delivery** drivers (using **MLF** truck) at various locations for 1st or 2nd Friday supper.

If you can assist with these jobs, please contact Julie Mellin @ volunteermf@gmail.com. □

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Upcoming Events

June 30 SFA Casino Night Fundraiser

A Quick Reminder...

- Captains, notify mlfnw@sfasat.org **before canceling a meal run.**
- Wear gloves and a baseball cap / hairnet when prepping meals or bagging cookies.
- Prepare **only** the amount of meals shown on the **Meals Calendar** posted on the refrigerator.
- Ensure that doors to clothing bay and ice machine room are locked after prep shifts.
- Sweep the floor and empty trash / recycling (into commercial bins) after each meal prep.
- 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. □