



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

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Are You My Mother?

Are you my mother? Of course, our Virgin Mary says. We are so fortunate to have our spiritual Mother Mary looking after us. We ask for her grace each time we pray the rosary. The [U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) simply states: *“With the Rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.”*

During our deliveries to local parishes, our friends often ask if we have any rosaries on the **MLF** truck. We are blessed to have a beautiful partner in the St. Francis of Assisi Society of the Rosary. The Society of the Rosary promotes devotion to the Blessed Mother by praying the rosary at regularly scheduled times throughout the month. Members also make and distribute rosaries

through various **SFA** parish outreach ministries. In this effort, the Society provides 75 handmade rosaries each month for our ministry to distribute from the **MLF** truck. During our deliveries, we are asked for rosaries at many locations, not just parishes. Since we hand out over 6,000 meals per month, you can see that we could definitely hand out more. The group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10:15am – noon in the JP11 room of the San Damiano building.

Melita Rohm summarizes their monthly meeting activities as follows:

- 1) the Society of the Rosary members bag and label the rosaries other parishioners have made during the past month at home.
- 2) they generally do not make rosaries at the meetings, but will teach others how to make them when new members join.

The Society members are happy to arrange to teach a group of our **MLF** volunteers how to make the rosaries and provide information on ordering supplies. The cost for materials per rosary is very low, and the actual labor time is usually about 20 minutes per rosary.

From 2016 to date, the Society has donated some 2,314 rosaries to our **MLF** ministry. We would like to express a sincere **THANK YOU** to the Society of the Rosary for helping our “brothers and sisters in need” know they can always turn to our Mother Mary for support. If anyone is interested in learning how to make rosaries and assist the Society, please contact **Julie Mellin** at volunteermf@gmail.com.

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MLF T-Shirts and Caps Have Arrived!

The new **MLF** t-shirts and caps have arrived. The khaki shirts have the **SFA** logo printed on the left front pocket and the **MLF** logo shown on the back. Shirts are available in sizes small to XX large and the caps are adjustable. These items can be obtained through your team captains and leaders for a \$10.00 donation for each article. Checks should be made payable to: **St. Francis of Assisi MLF**. We hope that our **MLF** volunteers will wear these clothing items with pride!



YMSL Provides Labor Day Weekend Help

With so many of our regular **MLF** volunteers enjoying family time over the Labor Day weekend, **YMSL** stepped in to prepare lunch time meals.

Three Clark High School students and their moms, joined two **MLF** volunteers to prepare the entire lunch meal, including bagging extras to help cover for the same day's dinner meal. In addition to meal prep, the guys cleaned the truck, loaded it for delivery and cleaned up the kitchen area while the moms joined in sorting clothing, keeping the bins full for the next week's deliveries.

A very special thanks to the **YMSL** volunteers who have so often stepped in to cover those times when our own teams were taking off a much deserved break.

Kathy and Gerry Caron □



SASO Steps Up to Support MLF

On Saturday August 25, 2018 four students, representing Brandeis and Central Catholic High Schools and three moms from **Scholars and Athletes Serving Others (SASO)** stepped up to support Mobile Loaves and Fishes.

Thanks to a very gratifying response to our appeal for children's clothing, the **MLF** storage area and overflowing with items to be sorted. The moms dug right in and filled many bins with items ready for our delivery teams to take on their meal runs.

The guys washed the service areas of the truck, packed over bags of bulk corn tortilla chips and a case of cookies into individual serving bags, replenished the bread in the kitchen, sorted clothing and shoes and relocated filled clothing bins to the higher shelves.

Despite the late summer heat, this team never slowed down, contributing 18 total service hours just when we most needed the extra help. Thanks to **SASO** for a great morning's work.

Kathy and Gerry Caron □

HELP WANTED

Openings – October 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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Upcoming Events

- October 7 SFA Parish Festival
- October 27 – 28 MLF Second Collection

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.
- 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 any truck maintenance issues to David Aguilar tgeagle2@att.net. □