



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

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MLF Provides Support for Newly Arriving Refugees



The MLF deliveries restart has given us the opportunity to serve some new locations. We have partnered with [Catholic Charities](#) to assist recently arriving refugees as they begin to prepare for their new lives here in the United States.

At [House of Prayer Lutheran Church](#), we provide food and clothing to Afghan, Cuban, and Congolese refugees who are taking basic English as a Second Language classes. It is interesting to watch them accept unfamiliar foods. Although they easily recognize eggs from their home countries, most have never before seen (or eaten) a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Some of the refugees have responded with the word “*manana*” to our volunteers. *Manana* means “*thank you*” in Pashtu which is one of Afghanistan’s official languages. If desired, we might simply respond with the Pashtu phrase “*taso kha raghlost*” or “*you are welcome.*”

Rey Lopez Mader □



Kitchen Upgrade Still in Progress

As noted in the [September 2021](#) issue of *MLF News*, we are the beneficiaries of an **Eagle Scout** project headed up by Connor Davis. Above is a photo of the completed kitchen floor. We are so pleased with how it turned out! If your team has returned to service, please sweep and mop after prep to keep the new floor sparkling.

Julie Mellin □



Questions & Answers

Q: Does the MLF ministry require volunteers to wear face masks?

A: Following the [COVID guidelines](#) of the **Archdiocese** and the **SFA** parish, the MLF only requires masks of all unvaccinated volunteers. The individual meal prep teams can decide whether masks should be worn by all volunteers on a specific shift.

HELP WANTED

Openings – October 1, 2021

Our MLF ministry needs help for these crucial roles: **Core Team** members for the **Core Team Director**, **MLF Webmaster**, *MLF News* Editor, MLF **Facebook Administrator**, **Special Intentions Leader**, and **Day Volunteer Coordinator** (see [Job Descriptions](#)). If you can assist with any of these jobs, please contact Julie Mellin @ volunteermf@gmail.com

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Upcoming Events

October 23 - 24 MLF Second Collection

A Quick Reminder...

- **Team Captains should notify mlfnw@sfasat.org before canceling a meal run.**
- A team member should record the walk-in freezer and refrigerator temperature readings in the temperature log book.
- Call the Commissary person (listed on the bulletin board) on duty when you encounter food supply shortages.
- 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.
- **Use a zip lock bag when re-bagging chips or cookies to help maintain their freshness.**
- Clean all food containers for recycling. Shake crumbs out of bread bags / cookie trays. Place loose bags into one bag. Rinse peanut butter and jelly containers. If not, put them into trash.
- 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 to report any unusual events / problems that occur.

Please report truck maintenance issues / concerns to David Aguilar @ tgeagle2@att.net. □