



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

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A Message from the Core Team:

As we enter this Christmas season, the St. Francis of Assisi **MLF** program is about to complete its tenth year of **“providing food, clothing, and dignity to our brothers and sisters in need.”** As noted in Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, **The Joy of the Gospel:** **“Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid.”** Our **MLF** ministry remains constant in its answer to Pope Francis' call for action.

The Core Team has some excellent news. **MLF Austin** has agreed to license the name and logo of “Mobile Loaves & Fishes” to St. Francis of Assisi for a nominal yearly fee. This arrangement allows us to continue using the name **Mobile Loaves & Fishes** without having to create a new name and perhaps confusing our existing service locations and clientele.

The Core Team would like to express its sincere thanks to our supporters and wish all of you a blessed and happy Christmas. Without your good will, hard work, and sacrifice, this ministry could not exist. God bless you for your continued service and support of **MLF**. □



YMSL Continue Their Service

Two students and one mom from the **Young Men's Service League** joined Kathy and Gerry Caron in a very productive morning on Nov 5th.

The boys washed the truck inside and out, top to bottom, and it looked great when they finished.

On the Clothing side, we sorted through two weeks of donated clothing and brought down the cool weather items stored since last spring. Both efforts helped refill the bins making the much-needed items available to our delivery teams. As bins were cleared, the active bins were all re-labeled with color coded tags.

Both boys helped the lunch prep team prepare the meal and load the **MLF** truck for its delivery run.

Once again, the great volunteers from the **Young Men's Service League** provided great help to **MLF** and we truly appreciate our partnership. The next **YMSL** Service Day with **MLF** will be Saturday, December 3rd from 9-11 am. Interested volunteers are always welcome to join us.

Kathy and Gerry Caron □



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Wherever and 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 serve on a meal prep or delivery team, click this [Volunteer Now!](#) link.

These **Saturday** teams serve the **Casa de Raices Refugee Center, Cielo Hills Apartments, Our Lady of Angels, Riverside Terrace Mobile Homes, St. Francisca X Cabrini, and Wurbach Manor Apartments:**




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](#) . □

Your Contributions Are Vital!

As you know, we have been in the process of transitioning our ministry from **MLF Austin**, our former parent organization. We have reached the final stage of separation whereby we will become a stand-alone in-house ministry of the St Francis of Assisi Parish.

Until now, some of our regular contributors have instructed their bank to send a monthly amount by bank check payable to **MLF** to us here at St Francis. It is now appropriate that contributions be made payable to **St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church** with a notation that these funds be directed to the **MLF** ministry.

Similarly, many of our monthly contributors have used **MLF Austin's** on-line system whereby their credit-card contributions have been routed through Austin to us. Since St Francis offers the same convenience at its parish website, we encourage our donors to send those monies through the parish service. Please visit

www.sfasat.org and click the green  **Make a Donation** button to update your contribution options. Thanks so much for your generosity. Tom Bibb □

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A Quick Reminder...

- Ensure that building exit doors in clothing bay and ice machine room (that lead to the parking lot) are locked after meal prep shifts.
- Prepare **only** the amount of meals shown on the **Meals Calendar** posted on the refrigerator.
- 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 **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