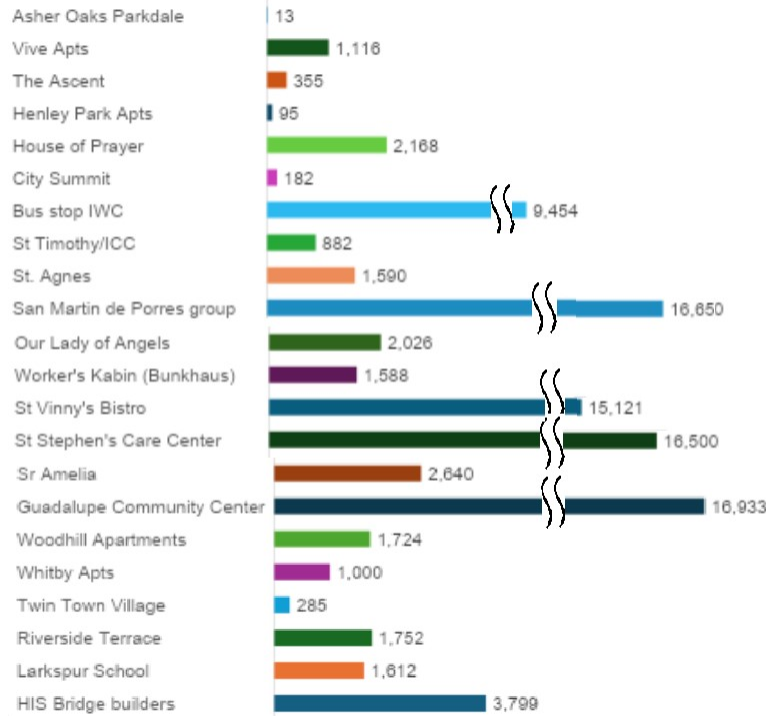




2024 END OF YEAR SUMMARY

- Total meals served in 2024 - 97,485
- Total meals served since 2007 – 1,041, 586
- Served at 22 locations:



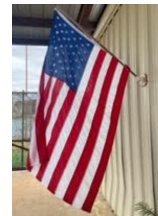
- Meals per month:



- Christian Rodriguez

A NEW FLAG

Our Stars and Stripes outside the kitchen door was starting to get tattered. An unknown volunteer replaced it with a new one. What a nice way to show love for our country! Thank you!



FREEZER FAILURE

Our Freezer 6 could not cool to the required temperature, and the settings could not be set. So our anonymous volunteer sprang into action and got the details for ordering another freezer identical to our Freezer 8, modified the overhead shelf so this larger capacity freezer would fit. Julie Mellin coordinated the purchase and the new freezer was delivered and installed. Great job by all involved.

FOOD HANDLERS CERTIFICATION

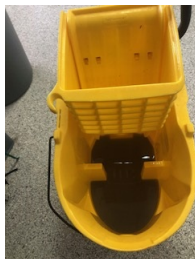
The San Antonio Health Department requires that workers who handle food have current Food Handler Training Certificates. Several of us completed the certification two years ago, and our certificates have expired. We also need more volunteers to become certified. So we need as many volunteers as possible to get the certification now.



The courses are available on-line, are very informative, and can even help with food safety at home. There are many programs for the on-line courses. Just Google 'Texas Food Handlers' and select an option. The cost is usually less than \$10.00. Some require a simple test at the end, and some do not. Be sure to print a copy of the certificate and put it into the relevant notebook in the MLF kitchen.

Mobile Loaves and Fishes always strives to provide safe food to our clients. We should view this as an opportunity to learn and improve rather than solely a governmental requirement. The course materials require at least 90 minutes of time taking the course, so there is no need to skim through it to complete it quickly. Rather, learn by going over the course materials in detail.

MOPPING UP



It is easy to think that the kitchen floor looks clean, so it does not need to be mopped. To test that conjecture, a floor was not mopped for three days, and it looked clean. Then it was mopped. The very dirty mop water in the photo shows the floor was far from clean! So it is important to routinely mop the floor.

TRIVIA GAME FOR MLF CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

For those who could not attend this fun event, you missed the trivia game created by Julie Mellin. Here it is:

ROUND 1: POSTED SIGNS IN THE MLF KITCHEN (Each question is worth 1 point)

1. Where must you knock before entering in the MLF kitchen?
2. How do you park the truck in the rock section?
3. What must be "on" when boiling eggs?
4. Utensils are hand dried after sanitizing... True or False?
5. Where is the first aid kit located?

Round 2: MLF History (Each question is worth 2 points)

1. What month and year did MLF hit 1 million meals?
2. What year did MLF start at St. Francis?
3. What is the name of the founder and current CEO of MLF, Austin?
4. What are the group of leaders of St Francis MLF called?
5. Where has MLF been serving the longest of the current locations?

ROUND 3: MLF MATH (Each question is worth 3 points)

1. How many sandwiches does 1 loaf of bread make?
2. What type of grid do you need to make 450 sandwiches?
3. How many buckets of ice are needed to fill up the drink bin on the passenger side of the truck?
4. How many slices of turkey and cheese are used for 364 sandwiches?
5. How many people can fit in the MLF truck for delivery?

ROUND 4: MLF Miscellaneous (Each question is worth 4 points)

1. Name one group/church who serves with MLF that are not part of our parish.
2. Who do we serve the most meals to: homeless, working poor or refugees?
3. What is the name of the tiny house village in San Antonio?
4. What color is the tape used on girl's clothing bins?
5. The MLF truck has a rear view mirror: true or false

TIE BREAKER: What is your best estimate of how many miles are on the MLF delivery truck? Can't go over to win...

Answers:

Round 1 - Bathroom 2. Head in 3. Exhaust fan 4. False 5. By hand wash sink

Round 2 - August 2024 2. 2007 3. Alan Graham 4. Core team 5. Any of following: Our Lady of Angels, Bunkhaus, St Agnes, Riverside Terrace

Round 3 - 11 or 12 2. Many answers will work 3. 3 or 4 4. 1092 5. Driver + 5

Round 4 – 1. Any of following: IFWC, Newcomers of SA, Holy Trinity, YMSL, Episcopal Church of Holy Spirit, San Pedro Presbyterian 2. Homeless 3. Towne Twin Village 4. Yellow 5. False

Tie Breaker = 20,862

Things to do BEFORE you are Through

- * Restock bread in the freezer in the kitchen
- * Restock peanut butter, jelly, and Ziploc bags into cabinet
- * If depleted, bag cookies, chips, condiments, etc.
- * Sweep and mop the floor
- * Put trash and recyclables into corresponding dumpsters

Things to do When you are Through

- * Move oldest boiled eggs from secondary to primary refrigerator
- * Check and record refrigerator and freezer temperatures
- * Wash, dry, and fold towels and wash rags
- * Restock gloves in cabinet
- * Sort clothes



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

MLF Facebook Administrator

Day Volunteer Coordinator

Facilities Coordinator, email gtdarilek@gmail.com to get information.

If you can assist with any of these jobs, please contact **Julie Mellin** at volunteermf@gmail.com

Quick Reminders...

*** Fill out the MLF Truck Run Log or on-line report after deliveries and use the bottom section to report any unusual events or problems that occur. The QR code for the reporting website is posted on the bulletin board. This applies whether you use the truck for delivery or not.**

* Team Captains should notify mlfnw@sfasat.org before canceling a meal run.

*** If the delivery team has not arrived when the preparation team is finished, put the meals into the walk-in cooler.**

* Call the Commissary person (listed on the bulletin board) on duty when you encounter food supply shortages.

* Please report any kitchen maintenance issues as soon as possible to Glenn Darilek (for now), text at 210-400-4073 or gtdarilek@gmail.com . It is particularly important to promptly report if a refrigerator or the cooler is not cooling and if the ice machine is not producing.

MLF News Content Always Wanted

Thank you to Julie Mellin and Christian Rodriguez for contributing to this issue. Send any relevant news to Glenn Darilek, Editor, gtdarilek@gmail.com

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