



SAN ANTONIO LIFE ACADEMY HELPERS

We are working with the young adults from the San Antonio Life Academy. The students have been coming on Monday mornings to assist with various tasks. The students pictured (left to right) are: Matthew, Billy, Jordan, Lauren & Christian



From the San Antonio Life Academy website:
SA Life Academy offers a community based day program designed to meet the diverse needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our certified Special Education teachers create a stimulating and individualized curriculum that promotes personal growth, skill development, and community involvement. The program focuses on key areas such as relationship building, art, recreational therapy, health and wellness, and life and job skills training. In addition, students engage in over 5-6 hours of volunteer work each week, allowing them to give back to the community in a meaningful way.
- Julie Mellin

BASEBALL SEASON TIME FOR EXTRA CAUTION

St. Francis of Assisi CYO baseball and softball seasons are beginning soon. Many of the games will be played at the same time as our meal preparations and delivery runs. So we must exercise extra caution when driving past the ball fields. Drive in the lane closest to the church or from the Indian Woods entrance and drive at a walking pace. Remember, youthful fans chasing foul balls have their eyes on the ball, not on traffic.



'MAGIC' PAPER TOWEL DISPENSER

Have you reached for the dial on the side of the new towel dispenser to find there was no dial? Well thanks to our mystery volunteer, he installed a new touch-less towel dispenser. Just put your hand under the dispenser and a towel pops out! In addition to being more convenient, it is more sanitary.



A SPRING BREAK BREAK



Audrey Tonsing thanked Gerry Caron and Julie Mellin for coordinating the service of four students to help our Mobile Loaves and Fishes during Spring Break. Alex, William, Seby, and Matthew had a great time helping and learned a lot about how their work will help those less fortunate within

San Antonio. Sixth graders Alex and William received credit for volunteer hours for school. Thank you to all.

- Julie Mellin

CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY - CLOTHE THE NAKED

Providing clothing to our brothers and sisters in need is a big part of our truck deliveries. Many of the families we serve are just as excited about a few new (to them) clothing articles as they are about receiving a meal.

I would be remiss to omit thanking the dedicated work of Fiddle and Kathy Godina. They have been sorting and folding clothes since the pandemic! They have spent countless hours working behind the scenes. Our warehouse would be a wreck without them. God bless you Godinas!

- Julie Mellin

TRULY JULIE

A few years ago at a Core Team meeting, Julie Mellin was presented with an award of a sparking spark plug. The tribute was that every car needs spark plugs to move forward, and that is the case with her leadership of our Mobile Loaves and Fishes ministry. She is the dedicated spark plug for our Mobile Loaves and Fishes.



Julie used to be the chairperson of our Mobile Loaves and Fishes ministry, but after a subsequent volunteer relegated, Julie took the reins and serves as the de facto chairperson. There is hardly a day when

she is not involved with our Mobile Loaves and Fishes ministry. Whenever there is an important decision to be made, we all call upon Julie.

We do not know fully what other ministries she is involved with, but she is the major contributor to this news, is a leader with Habitat for Humanity, and is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at our parish. Julie, with her business/accountant background, also helps people do their taxes at the Catholic Charities locations we serve.

Many cannot do the taxes on their own and she helps them navigate the cumbersome government forms.

We and the hungry are blessed with the ministry of Julie Mellin. Let us thank her for all she does, and thank her personally for her excellent leadership. Julie is a gem.
- Tim Coyle and editor

DID YOU KNOW?

Julie wrote an article for the Saint Francis of Assisi Bulletin that describes the various volunteer teams and calls for specific help. If you missed it, it is at:

<https://www.sfasat.org/announcements/mobile-loaves-amp-fishes-did-you-know>

FOOD BANK INSPECTION

On March 27, we were inspected by the San Antonio Food Bank for compliance with their food safety rules and administration requirements. It all went well, but we were told we needed to have a cleaning log. Some crews have been cleaning every week, but we had no documentation of that. So a log will be conspicuously posted as a cleaning reminder and to properly record our compliance. Every crew should clean and log the cleaning.

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 Tim for contributing to this issue. Send any relevant news to Glenn Darilek, Editor, gtdarilek@gmail.com

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