



Matthew 14:13–21
Luke 9:12–17

Mark 6:31–44
John 6:1–12

HYPER DIAPERS

As previously reported, we have provided thousands of articles of clothing for needy children and adults. But not so much for

babies. San Antonio Food Bank had an entire pallet of diapers available.



So we received 40 cases of diapers, for a total of 1,120 diapers! Each case cost only about \$1.25. What an amazing deal we got! So now we are

putting them on the food truck so babies can be clean and dry. Thank you, San Antonio Food Bank, for providing such a blessing to the community.

- Julie Mellin

AN APPEAL FOR MEAL DELIVERY DRIVERS

At all the masses on February 27 and March 1, Julie Mellin gave pulpit talks at St. Francis of Assisi to appeal for volunteers for MLF food delivery drivers. We are hoping to recruit six to eight people to join the driving teams in order to make the duty very manageable. That way, nobody would need to drive weekly but only as needed to substitute. Because of other responsibilities, illnesses, and other conflicts, we often need backup drivers. The volunteers will be trained on all the routes to substitute as needed. Delivery drivers can use the MLF truck or their own vehicle as they desire. To volunteer, email volunteermf@gmail.com or call Julie at 210-416-4536.

WHY RECYCLE?

We recycle almost a dumpster full of cardboard every week. Why go through the trouble? In addition to saving landfill space, recycling every 120 pounds of cardboard saves one tree and 400 gallons of water used to convert the tree to paper! Pope Leo is continuing Pope Francis' legacy of environmental consciousness.

IN MEMORIAM

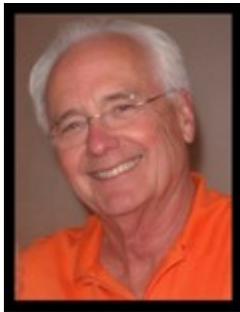
HELEN RENDON



On February 5, Helena Rendon joined her deceased husband 'Butch' in Heaven. She and Butch were devoted Mobile Loaves and Fishes volunteers for many years including leading the condiment bagging team in the past. Well done good and faithful servant. Her full obituary is at

<https://www.boernefuneralhome.com/obituaries/Helena-Rendon?obId=47224659>

TOM BIBB



On February 17 Tom Bibb, a longtime volunteer at Saint Francis of Assisi Mobile Loaves and Fishes passed in to his eternal rest. He was our treasurer for many years before he had to retire because of his health. He and wife Glenda volunteered in many other duties throughout the years. The Prayer Vigil for Tom will be

Thursday March 19th at 6:00 pm and the Mass will be Friday, March 20th at 11:30 am both at St. Francis. His full obituary is at

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/san-antonio-tx/thomas-bibb-12753077>

DOING GOOD ON THE GREEN

The San Antonio Food Bank is hosting a golf tournament on April 20, 2026 at the TPC San Antonio golf course. The proceeds will go to support the San Antonio and New Braunfels Food Banks. For all the good

that they do for our MLF, it would be great for us to have at least one foursome participate. More information is at:

<https://safoodbank.org/doing-good/>



IMPORTANT DETAIL

We must record the refrigerator and freezer temperatures as a health code requirement, to save food from spoiling, and to prevent us from serving spoiled food. Thank you to Howard Snarr, Sandra Herzik, and Maribeth Osgood for logging the temperatures in February. But we need to log the temperatures at least every other day preferably at beginning of your shift.

BLEACHING TEACHING

Recently some of the spray bottles of bleach water we use to disinfect our food contact surfaces were found to have more than eight times the bleach concentration required! In addition to that being unsafe for food contact, the stronger bleach can bleach our clothing if we come in contact with it. Health departments require the concentration to be 50 to 99 parts per million. There are test strips available for testing this. Each spray bottle of water needs only a couple drops of bleach. Shake it up to mix and then test straight out of the spray bottle. If the concentration is too high, dilute it with water, shake and retest. We always want to provide safe food for our clients.

Quick Reminders...

*** Check the white board in the kitchen for any instructions before starting your preparation. The instructions are important to always provide fresh food.**

* Delivery crews please load Bibles, religious items, and a lot of clothing on the truck for every run.

* 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 on duty (listed on the bulletin board) 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 or if the ice machine is not producing.

Things to do BEFORE you are Through

*** PUT GARBAGE INTO THE GARBAGE DUMPSTER – Health Code requirement!** We must do this every time to avoid bugs, rodents, and odors. The combination for the dumpster locks is posted on the end of the cabinet over the sink.

* Put recyclables into the recycle dumpster.

* Clean the tables and counters.

* Restock bread in the freezer in the kitchen.

* **Fill out the number of meals delivered on-line report and use the bottom section to report any unusual events or problems that occur. This applies whether you use the truck for delivery or not. The QR code for the reporting website is posted on the bulletin board. Save the URL given by the QR code and you don't need to scan the QR code again.**

* Sweep and mop the kitchen floor. **Please do not use soap in the mop bucket.** It leaves a sticky residue that attracts dirt and causes streaking. For our floors, a bleach solution of 1/3 cup of bleach per gallon of cold water is effective for cleaning and disinfecting. Do not use hot water because it releases the chlorine, making it odorous and less effective. Dirty mop water should be disposed of in the mop sink or toilet.

* **Fill out the cleaning log.**

* Check and record refrigerator and freezer temperatures and room temperatures (better to do at beginning of your shift).

* Restock peanut butter, jelly, gloves, and Ziploc bags into cabinet.

Things to do When you are Through

* Bag cookies, chips, condiments, etc.

* Wash, dry, and fold towels and washrags.

* Move oldest boiled eggs from secondary to primary refrigerator.

* Sort clothes.



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

MLF Facebook Administrator

Day Volunteer Coordinators

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

MLF News Content Always Wanted

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

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