



Matthew 14:13–21
Luke 9:12–17

Mark 6:31–44
John 6:1–12

SISTER AMELIA, PARTNER IN SERVING THE HUNGRY

For at least the last ten years, we have been preparing sack lunches for Sister Amelia Ibarra to distribute to the homeless. Originally she met us at Guadalupe Community Center where she distributed the sack lunches. Now we deliver about 60 sack lunches to her convent on Thursdays and she and her housekeeper distribute them to the homeless at several locations across San Antonio.

Sister is in the religious order of Society of Saint Teresa of Jesus (Teresian Sisters) where she served as an educator and principal of an elementary school in Nicaragua. Her order works in Nicaragua, Cuba, Costa Rica, Spain, Texas, Louisiana, and Florida. She moved to San Antonio after retiring and is on the Board of Advisors of Catholic Charities.

Sister Amelia is grateful for Mobile Loaves and Fishes and asked that we always pray for her. Thank you Sister Amelia, for being an important part of our ministry.
- Mike Kurz

THAT ANNOYING STUFF AT THE END OF THE NEWS

The 'Quick Reminders' and 'Things to do. . .' at the end of the MLF News unfortunately are the things we have come to ignore. But they are important things to do for every team. Some teams have been conscientious about that. The Monday and Thursday lunch crews have been particularly good at recording the temperatures and bagging chips and cookies and other important tasks. So in this issue those tasks have been moved up to here as a better reminder for every crew to accomplish those important tasks as needed.

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 (posted 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.

* 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.**

* **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.**

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

* Restock bread in the freezer in the kitchen.

* 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.

MEAL DELIVERY DRIVER VOLUNTEERS

Julie Mellin gave pulpit talks at all the St. Francis of Assisi masses on February 27 and 28, to appeal for volunteers for MLF food delivery drivers. We had a great response for new drivers for MLF. Thank you to all the new volunteers and some "seasoned" volunteers willing to take on new roles. We can still use two or three more people who are available on Monday mornings. The time commitment is about 2 hours. To volunteer, email volunteermf@gmail.com or call Julie Mellin at 210-416-4536.

- Julie Mellin

WHAT IS A HOG EYE EXPANSION?

The founders of Mobile Loaves and Fishes in Austin have gone beyond feeding the homeless, they are housing the homeless! In addition to their Community First! Village, they have recently opened their Hog Eye Road expansion. In addition to many mini homes and spaces for 600 more homes, it includes a new headquarters, Welcome Center, and Community Market.



MORE VOLUNTEERS STEPPING UP

At a recent MLF Core Team meeting, the importance of maintaining continuity of operations of the various duties of MLF was stressed. Because of family obligations, other priorities, and even health, some key people may find they may not be able to continue to serve. So every core member was encouraged to mentor another person to learn how to perform and share in their duties.

We have been really fortunate that volunteers have answered the call to assist. Two people have begun volunteering in administrative roles. Gay Miller is assisting MLF in a new role I am calling "The Gatekeeper". She is monitoring our email account and forwarding requests, information, or paperwork. She is assisting us by making sure the right people get the various requests that come in.

Luiza Santos de Faria is assisting MLF as the Saturday Day Coordinator. She is being trained to understand all the moving parts that make up Saturday. In addition to aiding and monitoring the prep and delivery teams, she is also passing on requests from special teams. Both Gay and Luiza will see when groups request the opportunity to have

a service day at MLF. They will be coordinating with Rita Duggan and Pat Steele who will coordinate with various people to supervise the groups.

Finally, for Mondays, thank you to Deborah Fitzgerald who is the new contact for the San Antonio Life Academy team that come to the kitchen on Monday mornings several times per month. Gerry Caron and Lisa Roberts are coordinating the Monday afternoon PBJ team.

I am thankful to have passed on a few duties. Please let me know if you have questions or need backup. God bless,

- Julie Mellin

BE A MEDIA EDITOR

According to the previous article, your editor of this Mobile Loaves and Fishes News is seeking a co-editor to fill that position. Prior experience in newsletters would be a plus, but not necessary. A willingness to volunteer to help our ministry is the most important. Contact Glenn Darilek, Editor, qtdarilek@gmail.com or text 210-400-4073 for more information.

HELP WANTED

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

MLF Facebook Administrator

Day Volunteer Coordinators

Facilities Coordinator, email qtdarilek@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 Mike Kurz and Julie Mellin for contributing to this issue. Send any relevant news to Glenn Darilek, Editor, qtdarilek@gmail.com

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