



Matthew 14:13–21
Luke 9:12–17

Mark 6:31–44
John 6:1–12

THE WHITE BOARD ACCORD

Our Commissary Team strives to provide the freshest food possible to the hungry people we serve. They post notes on the white board in the kitchen to tell us which food should be used first. This is particularly important for fruit, but it sometimes applies to other foods. Other important notices may also be posted there, such as having prepared food already in the walk in cooler. So **check the white board in the kitchen for any instructions before starting your preparation.**

HISTORY OF MLF AND THE SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK

Nowadays we receive a lot of the food we serve from the San Antonio Food Bank, paying only a nominal amount. The editor remembers when MLF used to purchase at market prices, almost all of the food we served. So I asked Julie Mellin how MLF got started with the San Antonio Food Bank. She described the transition:

It was the fall of 2012. There was a new member of the parish named Angelo Grandelli. He had moved here from somewhere on the east coast. As most of you know, some people who are “Yankees” can have strong opinions and strong will. I guess you could say that about Texans too but I digress.

In any case, Angelo volunteered at MLF several times and inquired about our food purchases. We were purchasing all of our commissary items from Labatt and Sam’s Club at the time. He was incredulous! Why weren’t we accessing the San Antonio Food Bank? With his very insistent urging, we arranged a tour and visit in January 2013. It was truly the Holy Spirit at work here. His nudging was divinely inspired and we couldn’t believe the opportunity we discovered. The Food Bank was a Godsend to our budget.

Since then, we have expanded the items we can acquire along with a near doubling in the number of meals served each week. Angelo was only here for a year or so but I thank him and his commitment to stretching our budget. We are forever indebted to him. We love the SA Food Bank!

– Julie Mellin

SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS

The previous article mentioned how the San Antonio Food Bank is critical to MLF in providing the food that we serve in our meals. We distribute some meals



specifically for children. But now in the summertime, the Food Bank is stepping up to serve thousands of hungry youth to ensure no child goes hungry. They initiated the Summer Meals for Kids campaign to meet this need. Our personal monetary donations can support the Food Bank and provide nutritious, no-cost meals and groceries to children who are most at risk when school cafeterias close for the summer. To donate, go to www.safoodbank.org/donate You can add a comment that your donation is for the Summer Meals for Kids.

EAGLE SCOUT IMPROVES THE CLOTHING STORAGE AREA

We are grateful for the work done last month by Eagle Scout candidate, Nathan Yue. The clothing bins in our storage area were the original ones acquired at the very beginning in 2007. Over time, they became cracked and many did not have lids to match. Nathan planned, developed, and led the swap to the new bins along with his family and fellow scouts. They also cleaned the shelves and floor in the back area. This was a long overdue improvement! As you can see from the photos, our clothing operation has really grown over time. The families we serve are often just as excited to get clothing items as they are for the food we offer. This is another way we are helping families to stretch their budgets. Thank you again Nathan and helpers for a fantastic project. - Julie Mellin



NIX ON POLITICS

Let's love like Jesus. We respectfully ask that we keep the kitchen a political free zone. Please refrain from political discussions and wearing hats or shirts with messages from any party. We are already bombarded with information out in the community so let's keep our kitchen a zone where we love and respect all volunteers.

- Father Tony Vilano

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

After preparing the lunches, our Monday lunch crew observed Memorial Day with hot dogs, chips, and dips provided by Deborah Fitzgerald. Tim Coyle grilled the wieners. We also made a poster with remembrances of our servicemen and women who died serving our country in conflict. Our Thursday lunch crew added some remembrances. We must never forget what our heroes did defending our country.



REFRIGERATION CONSTERNATION

On May 20, our walk-in cooler was found to not be cooling. It was critical that the large amount of food in the cooler needed to be kept cool. We called our usual refrigeration repair companies and they were booked up for several days or weeks. Then we called Heye Refrigeration and Mr. James Heye said he had to give up his usual business because of a medical problem. Indeed, he had a doctor's appointment that day. But he said he would try to help his usual customers by working with a refrigerator repair man he was mentoring. So after his doctor's appointment he arrived at our kitchen with his protégé. Mr. Heye had to walk with a walker! They quickly fixed the problem, saving us a lot of spoiled food. Thank you Mr. Heye and Jose Rodriguez who is a certified refrigeration technician who is starting his own business, J&R Heating and Air Conditioning (210) 772-0600.

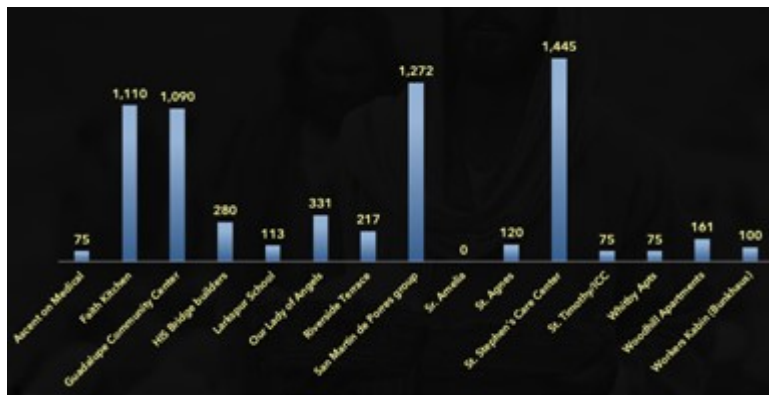
ENOUGH CLOTHING FOR NOW

Due to limited storage space, we cannot accept any clothing donations for Mobile Loaves/Fishes at this time. Please do not place any items in, or along the side of the church's MLF donation bin, until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Rita Duggan

THE NUMBERS FOR MAY

The individual places and number of meals we served in May are:



This breaks down to:
491 to Apartments
3,745 to Homeless
1,798 to Parishes
150 to Refugees
280 for After School
6,464 Total

The total meals we served in 2026 so far is 33,568!

- Christian Rodriguez

CONDIMENT PACK MAKING

Our Mobile Loaves and Fishes seeks volunteers to assist with condiment making. This is a very flexible opportunity. It is perfect for seniors who want to assist but can't work in the kitchen, families with young children and students who need service hours. Please contact Lisa Dilger at



Lisamdilger@yahoo.com to receive further information and to sign up.

- Lisa Dilger

- IN MEMORIAM

Mike Gaida, 'Big Mike' to several of our volunteers, passed away unexpectedly in April. He volunteered with us a few times until a busy work schedule prevented him. He and his parents in Minnesota were frequent donors to our Mobile Loaves and Fishes to keep our truck fueled with gas.



His parents want to continue their donations. Anyone that knew Big Mike knew what a big-hearted and generous man he was. May he rest in peace.

HELP WANTED

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

MLF Facebook Administrator

Day Volunteer Coordinators

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

MLF News Co-Editor, Contact Glenn Darilek, Editor, gtdarilek@gmail.com or text 210-400-4073 for more information.

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

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

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