



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Mobile Loaves and Fishes News

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Matthew 14:13–21
Luke 9:12–17

Mark 6:31–44
John 6:1–12

COMMISSARY COMMENTS

Imagine the number of lunches we deliver each week! Providing all the groceries for us to prepare the lunches is the responsibility of the Commissary Team. All the fixings for the sandwiches, fruit, raisins, carrots, sweets, and chips must be procured as well as the condiments, gloves, bags and non food items in the bags.

Tim Coyle leads the Commissary Team of about six volunteers as well as other volunteers that help as needed. One volunteer is assigned the primary duties each month. Each week they check our inventory and order the things that are needed from Labatt Food Service, the San Antonio Food Bank, and elsewhere. They are always at the kitchen when Labatt delivers their things. Each week they check to see what is available to order at the Food Bank, and go to the Food Bank usually on Tuesday morning to pick up the goods. They could use some help at the kitchen at about 9:00 am on Tuesday to help unload the food. They also coordinate with the Bread Team who pick up a week's worth of bread every Thursday.

So a big thanks to the Commissary Team for all the important and critical work they do each week.

PARISH FESTIVAL

The Saint Francis of Assisi parish is excited to announce that we are bringing back the Parish Festival Silent Auction! We are very excited to engage parishioners and neighbors in this fun (slightly competitive) fundraiser at the 2026 Parish Festival on October 4. The chairperson, Christa Trippy (an MLF volunteer) is ready to help us run a successful silent auction. Although the festival is still months away, now is the time to start collecting items, donations and sponsors and we want MLF to join in the fun!

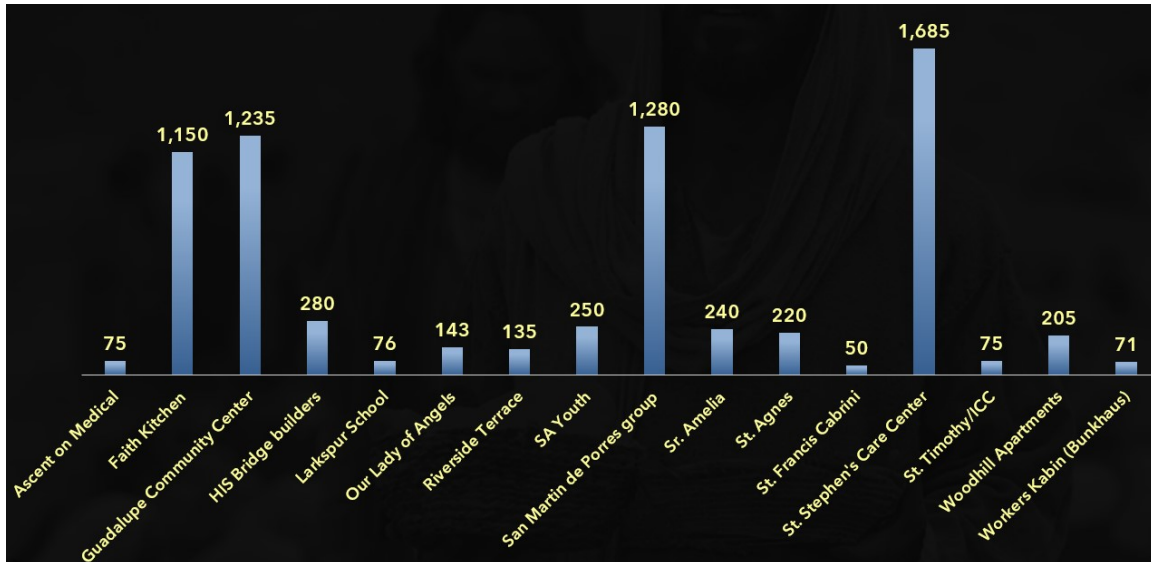


We are encouraging each member of our ministry to contribute to the silent auction basket for MLF. We suggest asking each member for a \$10 donation toward our basket(s). Or, if you have an item that goes with our themes "Spurs Fan and The Great Outdoors", we will gladly accept those things. We recognize that most parishioners are members of more than one ministry and may not be able to contribute to ALL their ministries but hopefully will want to help with one or two- participation is always optional. All items MUST be new and unused.

Thank you in advance for your help in making our Silent Auction a huge success! Please email volunteermf@gmail.com to participate and pass on your donations. More questions? Contact Julie Mellin at 210-416-4536.

THE NUMBERS FOR JULY

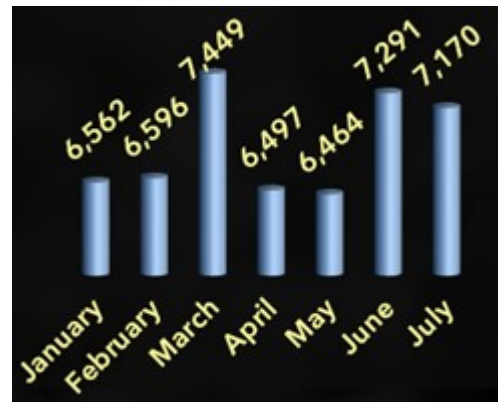
In July we served 7,170 meals! The individual places and number of meals we served in July are shown as:



This breaks down to:

416 to Apartments
4,381 to Homeless
1,768 to Parishes
75 to Refugees
530 for After School
7,170 Total

The total meals we served in 2026 so far is 48,029! The total number of meals our Mobile Loaves and Fishes has served is 1,180,737!



- Christian Rodriguez

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 mlfnow@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) if 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, freezer, or the cooler is not cooling or if the ice machine is not producing.

Things to do BEFORE you are Through

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

*** 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. 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.**

* 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.



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

MLF Facebook Administrator

Day Volunteer Coordinators

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

MLF News Co-Editor, Contact Glenn Darilek, Editor, gtदारिलेक@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

MLF News Content Always Wanted

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

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