

# Holy Family Table

"I was hungry and you gave me to eat" (Matthew 25:35)

## Dear Friends & Supporters:

*Like many charitable groups, Holy Family Table relies on donations that come in during the holidays. They enable us to keep our doors open at times of the year when things might be leaner. From November through December every time we turned around, someone seemed to be coming through the door with food, offers of help or donations. Thanks be to God for them all!*

Besides help from many individuals and families, we got donations from several **organizations**: from the **Madera Optimist Club** which distributed warm jackets on December 22, cash donations from **M&M Century 21** and from **Madera Rotary**. Another great blessing was the 35 turkeys and 15 hams donated by **Color Box**. That not only provided meat for the meal on Thanksgiving morning—there was enough to freeze for the meal on Christmas morning! Our thanks, too, to the employee/owners of **Carris Reels** who always remember Holy Family Table with generosity.

A very touching gift was the donation from **CCW** (Central California Women's Facility) given by inmates and staff of two programs: **Long Termers** and **Successful Release**. May God remember their kindness to those struggling on the outside.

Barb Manfredo, decorator extraordinaire, designed the lovely Holy Family Table entry for the auction at **Rotary Trees for Charity** on December 1. Gloria, Maureen, Pat, Stephanie & Tammy all helped Barb to decorate it. We were very excited when **Brett Dehlem** purchased the tree for \$1,300. Additional donations from the "tree consortium" brought the total to \$3,260!

Our thanks to Pat Vived, chair for the **chopped nut fundraiser**, and her many helpers. Their efforts brought in close to \$2,500 in donations for the Table.

The **special collection at Masses** at St. Joachim's during Thanksgiving weekend brought in nearly \$12,000 for the Table! This is a great tribute to the number of parishioners who care about helping those for whom getting enough food is a daily struggle.

Sisters **Angie Espino** and **Lina Madril**, who have served as the Thursday crew leaders for years, are hanging up their aprons as crew leaders. We will miss them! They are passing on the responsibilities of crew leaders to Gabino Guzman.

The **number of meals served** at Holy Family Table in **November was 12,852**. The number in **December was 10,712**. There is not enough space in this issue to run the chart with the "Morning Meals Served by Month" which shows our efforts since daily service began in 2006, but the chart will reappear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

**The total number of meals served at Holy Family Table in the year 2015 was 114,073!**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR to ALL!**

Contact the following if you can help by volunteering or by donating:		
Sunday crew	Judy Joya	312-3530
Monday crew	Tony Lopez	674-7891
	Norma Hickman	674-1328
Tuesday crew	Antonia Gonzales	395-6568
Wednesday crew	Laly Anguiano	363-1677
Thursday crew	Gabino Guzman	704-1650
Friday crew	Teresa Mercado	673-5371
Saturday crew	Gabino Guzman	704-1650
	Danny Grimaldo	675-9743
Floor crew	Luis Zarco	664-7605
<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Arturo Salazar</b>	<b>474-2253</b>
<b>Fund-raising</b>	<b>Betty Scalise</b>	<b>674-5239</b>

**Please continue to PRAY for the HOLY FAMILY TABLE  
--for those who serve and for those who come to eat.**