

Holy Family Table

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

Dear Friends & Supporters:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We could not have kept Holy Family Table going during this pandemic without you! **A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered at the Table in 2021!**

The **donations of food** that we consistently get from the Madera Food Bank, Catholic Charities, Little Caesar’s Pizza in Clovis, Save Mart in Madera, the McDonald’s Restaurants on Tozer in Madera and in Chowchilla have been vital. We are also very grateful for **monetary donations** from various organizations and businesses: Italian Catholic Federation-- donation of \$200, Latinas Unidas –large donation of canned goods and other food, Carris Reels company & employees--donation of \$3,500. Our thanks to the many individuals who show up at Griffin Hall with fresh fruit and other food to add to the meals-to-go bags. Special thanks to Kathy Eisele for her weekly donations of bottled water.

Our generous **needleworkers** are still helping to keep folks warm: Clara Smith makes many neck scarves and Richard Paisano knits scores of warm tassel caps!

We are grateful to those who helped drum up support for **the annual special collection** for Holy Family Table that is held at Masses at St. Joachim Church **during Thanksgiving week**: Esperanza, Imelda, Laly, Luiz, Martha, Mary, Jon, Raul and Betty. Many thanks to all who donated! Total realized was \$10,055.

In December, the **annual Rotary Trees for Charity** event returned to its live format. The tree entered by Holy Family Table was beautifully decorated with blue & silver balls and ornaments shaped like musical instruments and angels. The theme for our tree was inspired by the children’s song: “Ten Little Angels in the Band.” Designer was Tammy Sterling who decorated the tree with the help of her Elves. It was

purchased by Julie O’Kane and Candy Talley who then donated the tree to O.L.I.V.E. house, a refuge in Madera for women who are survivors of sex trafficking. The total amount realized from this tree was: \$4,875 (which includes the auction purchase price of \$850, consortium donations of \$3,525, and a Rotary gift of \$500.) Our deep gratitude to all who participated in any way!

The chart usually found at the bottom of the Newsletter that shows the monthly numbers of meals served is omitted in this first quarter issue for lack of space. It will reappear in the next Newsletter.

The number of meals-to-go served in October was 6,104, in November: 6,302, and in December: 6,029. **Total meal service in 2021 was: 71,928**

The Chicken BBQ TAKE-OUT LUNCH fundraiser for Holy Family Table that has taken place in the fall for many years was postponed to February 25, 2022, the last Friday before Lent. Pick-up time is 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Griffin Hall. Donation: \$15. Please call Betty (674-5239) or Angie (706-3046) for tickets or get them at St. Joachim Rectory or SJ School office.

Contact the following if you can help by volunteering or by donating:

Sunday crew	Frank Holguin	975-6234
Monday crew	Bea & Frank Olvera	871-2220
Tuesday crew	Antonia Gonzales	395-6568
Wednesday crew	Laly Anguiano	363-1677
Thursday crew	Antonia Gonzales	395-6568
Friday crew	Teresa Mercado	673-5371
Saturday crew	Bea & Frank Olvera	871-2220
Coordinator	Armando Gutierrez	975-7534
Fundraising	Betty Scalise	674-5239
	Angie Milam	706-3046

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

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c/o St. Joachim's Church
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Madera, CA 93637-4406

Return Service Requested

I would like to help the Holy Family Table

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Enclosed is a donation (check made out to "Holy Family Table").

I want to volunteer my time to work at the Table.

I would like to serve on the HFT Committee.

I prefer to receive the Newsletter via email.

My email address is: _____

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Send to: _____

