

# Elizabeth Ministry

## Notes

November 2, 2006

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Opening prayer – Elizabeth Ministry Prayer
3. Upcoming Events
  - a. All Souls – Nov 5
    - i. Helping the Bereavement Committee – Joanne and Maria will help serve and greet people after the noon mass
    - ii. Michelle and Maria will make food
    - iii. Display – set up display. Thanks Nicole for taking things down and putting away!
  - b. Expectant Mother Blessing – weekend of December 16 and 17
    - i. Reception – we decided not to host reception afterwards.....everyone's too busy with the holidays, turnout will probably be poor
    - ii. Greeters at church – need greeters at **every** mass – **bring your families** to help. A “greeter” is responsible for welcoming people into church and handing out the Worship Aids.
    - iii. Greeters can hand out flyers after mass w/bulletin
    - iv. Bulletin announcement – Maria will look into who is responsible for announcement
  - c. Baby Shower for Baby Jesus – January 7<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Maria will invite a Caring Place to join us
    - ii. We'll host coffee and donuts after 10am mass, PSR will put on short program
    - iii. Sell cookbooks
4. Memorial/Healing Service Update
  - a. Fr Bill agreed to service (though we haven't finalized the program), and has graciously offered to preside over it!!!! ☺
  - b. Michelle agreed to help Linda put finishing touches on suggested service. Once complete, we will give it to Fr. Bill with recommendation to host service Feb 18 or 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 or 1:30 pm. We like the late afternoon in winter. More people may be able to attend.
  - c. The service will be named “Memorial Service for the Unborn” or “Memorial Service for those Lost Before Baptism”. We will use the bulletin to explain the service in more detail.
5. Holiday Cookbook Sales
  - a. Church – will sell during weekend of Nov 18 and 19 after all masses (more info will come)
  - b. School – flyer and sales through school – orders are coming in! Another flyer will be sent home in the November packed (last weekend of Nov).
  - c. PSR – A flyer will be sent home w/PSR students in November, allow orders to be picked up Dec 3 and Dec 10 in Heider Hall. Thoughts are flyer would go home w/child. Parents would give orders to teachers. Older students orders would be given to Becky, PSR orders would be

given to Joanne. Maria will collect and fill all orders. On Dec 3 and/or Dec 10, parents would pick up the orders in Heider Hall. We would also be available to sell new orders.

d. Maria will look into selling cookbooks at Bingo

6. Open Discussion

a. A Book of Testimonies had been created. Our thoughts are to have a resource that someone can use to aid in their healing by:

- i. reading other's stories and
- ii. by sharing their own story
- iii. by praying the prayers included

b. It contains prayers, resource list from the EM Library, a list of organizations that can be helpful, and testimonies of EM's experiences. We started this with the help of Valerie, who shared her testimony (to be forwarded to ministers). ***Please share your testimony.*** We will invite other's to share their story.....can change names to "protect the innocent".

c. We will also include the "guided meditation" that is part of the Healing (Memorial) Service. (Linda will provide to Maria)

7. Next meeting – December 7, 2006

8. Prayer Requests – see separate list.

*Prayer requests are confidential and shared only with the Elizabeth Ministers.*