

Elizabeth Ministry
Meeting Notes
November 9, 2005

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Opening prayer – Elizabeth Ministry Prayer
2. Updates
 - a. RCIA presentation – Valerie presented to RCIA – told them of our Ministry, our accomplishments in the past year
 - b. Membership – no report
 - c. Education Coordinator – no report
 - d. Blessing Bouquet – Kris will work on printing additional prayer cards for the Blessing Bouquet, can order if needed. 2 additional prayer requests from Blessing Bouquet – Congrats to Carla Tribble (fellow Minister) and husband James – due March 30th!! And to Molly & Greg – 1st child due Jan 24
 - e. Library – Open House Dec. 4 – will contact Darlene Foltz to see how we can 1)promote the Eliz Ministry library, 2)how to check out books, 3)see if **all** books can be in the Fr. Wack library at that point and 4)see if we need to/can have ministers in the library (**Nicole to work w/Darline Foltz**)
 - f. Fund Raising
 - i. Bengal Blanket Raffle – raffle weekend of Nov 19/20 after all masses. **We need ministers to help sell tickets.** It would be nice to have a minimum of 2 ministers after each mass selling tickets in the Parish Dining Hall. We'll set up a table displaying the blanket & pillow, the Blessing Bouquet, our cookbook info, prayer book, the Elizabeth Ministry prayer (laminated by **Linda w/EM** info on flip side), Statue of Mary (**Joanne** to find), Eliz Ministry handouts (**Valerie** to create). We will utilize Becky's office to hold money and raffle tickets overnight Sunday. Maria will work with Mike Gennett on the logistics of the money and try to get some raffle "tickets" versus our "homemade version". We'll sell both...all work. Tickets will be sold for \$1/ticket. We will ask Fr. Bill to pick the winner after the noon mass on Nov 20th.

Valerie will take a picture of the blanket and send it to all ministers so we can "pre-sell" raffle tickets. Maria will email the "ticket" sheet to everyone. Pat will try to make a matching pillow to be raffled off w/the blanket.
 - ii. Cookbook
We decided to tackle the FIRST STM Eliz Ministry Family Cookbook!!!! It's more cost effective to input the recipes. Multiple people can enter the recipes. **Please let Maria know if you can help with the entering of recipes.** We can use a lot of volunteers!!! At this time those helping with the input are Kris, Linda, Kathy, Michelle(?), Maria. We should be able to all enter

online into the same file. Maria will set it up and send out the password.

Linda will create a flyer to hand out to school, PSR, the parish. Kathy offered to request recipes from the MOPS group. Michelle will send to Amelia Moms Group. Each of us can tap into all our groups and ministries. We can request from all family, friends, groups, work, whoever is willing. ☺

Recipes should be turned in by mid-December. We will have to submit the final draft to the Publisher by the first of March for a early May release. The Publisher requires 35-40 working days to publish the book. We are hoping to have the book available for Mother's Day.

We will look into selling advertising space in the cookbook. At this time we're considering selling the book for \$10. Depending on the number of recipes received, this price could change. The Publisher suggested no more than 5 recipes per "contributor". If you know someone who has more.....send them on....use their spouse's name, kid's name, family pet's name.. ☺. Shouldn't be a problem!!!

Bulletin Announcements are planned for the 1st 2 weeks of Dec....advertising and requesting recipes. We will consider submitting a news release to the Community Journal and the Catholic Telegraph....more research needed. Boxes will set up by all doors (if possible) to allow parishioners to drop off recipes. Recipes can be emailed to elizabethministry@sttm.org too.

We will announce our plans in the next Parish Council report and to school.

3. Future Events

a. Memorial/Healing Service

- i. Discuss Date – would like to hold service on/around Feb 1 – the feast of St. Brigid of Ireland – patron saint of midwives and pregnancy. We decided Feb was probably a good month for our Healing service.....we'll have a nice "round" of prayer services w/the Epiphany Party in Jan, Healing Service in Feb., Marian Event in May, and Respect Life in Oct.

4. Other items

- a. Update blue pamphlet – please pick one up to discuss at next meeting (see "ministry board" at church....has pamphlets for all ministries). We'd like to create new pamphlet for advertising our ministry

b. Next meeting Dec 14th. Will discuss Epiphany Party and Blue Elizabeth Ministry pamphlet

5. Open Discussion
6. Prayer Requests – see separate list
7. Closing Prayer