

Elizabeth Ministry

Agenda

October 5, 2006

1. Upcoming Events

- a. Respect Life – will not be held this year. We will work with Deacon Jerry earlier next year. A Life Chain Pro-Life Event kind of took it's place this year.
- b. Our Lady of Guadalupe – will probably not hold a Marian Event, as the Worship Committee had suggested, at least not during Advent. Waiting for more information from Michael Thomas.
- c. Expectant Mother Blessing – a prayer over all expectant mothers will be held at all masses one weekend in Advent. Waiting for the date. We considered hosting a coffee and donuts this weekend, but considering the time of year (attendance may be low during the holiday season), and the fact we will host a coffee and donuts at the Baby shower for baby Jesus on Jan 7, we decided to participate in other ways. Maybe we can hand out brochures, be greeters, etc.
- d. All Souls Service – This service will be held on Nov 5....I think at noon. Those family of babies lost through miscarriage and infant crisis have been invited to attend. Michael Thomas will let the Bereavement Committee know we would like to help. We will hear more from him. We will see if we can have a list of resource available for families who need assistance with miscarriage, early infant death, etc.
- e. Baby Shower for Baby Jesus – this event will be held January 7 after the 10am mass. PSR preschoolers will perform. We will ask A Caring Place to join us again, and see if they would like to do the Baby Bottle Campaign. If so, we will ask that a date be placed on the bottle to let families know when to bring back the bottles....may host another coffee and donuts for the returns.

2. Memorial/Healing Service Update – Linda, Maria and Becky will meet with Fr. Bill on Thursday to thank the Worship Commission for their recommendations, and propose the Healing Service.

3. Advertising Campaign

- a. Ministry and Membership – will begin at coffee and donuts early next year. Maria will also be presenting to RCIA, coming soon. We will send home brochures to PSR at the same time we send cookbook order forms. (We need buy-in from PSR teachers to sell cookbooks through them – we would fill the orders - the teachers won't have to have an inventory).

4. Holiday Cookbook Sales

- a. Church – we will send a flyer home in the bulletin and sell after masses in Nov (before Thanksgiving) and Dec. (probably the weekend of the expectant Mother Blessing).

- b. School – we will send home a flyer to school kids and PSR, allowing people to purchase books through their classroom, similar to sales earlier this year.
- c. Recent order and note – we received an order through the collection basket. The buyer noted that the cookbook is the best cookbook!!!

5. Ministers Updates on recent visits

Linda and Maria shared updates.

6. Open Discussion

- a. For the Love of Kids – flyers are available – think I’m too late on this one ☺
- b. Maria attended St. V’s Guardian Angels mass. It was held in their chapel. It was beautiful service, the setting perfect. They had an EM candle on display surrounded by small votive candles w/an angel charm (I believe), decorating the votives. Each votive represented a baby lost early. Parents were able to take the candle with them at the end of the service. A reception was held afterwards.

They had a beautiful display for prayer requests.....one of their members spent a LOT of time creating a very nice poster with Mary and Elizabeth cut out in felt....representing the Visitation. Blank Prayer cards were placed underneath, with a box to place completed cards.

St V also has a basket of children’s books in the entryway. The books are for children to borrow, that need something to help keep them occupied during mass. We will investigate this possibility for STM. This led to a conversation on how it would be nice to have coloring pages, themed w/the mass, for kids to take and color during mass, which led to the discussion of the need for a membership drive. ☺

- c. Membership list – we updated our list.
- d. Valerie sent me a nice note describing how she felt after her miscarriage (both physically and mentally). This led us to a discussion how we really need a book of testimonies. We will create one, maybe keep it in our library. The book will contain blank pages, in case anyone wants to add their own testimony “on the spot”. Valerie gave me her permission to share her testimony (which I will). We also noted that we want people to feel free to share their testimony, but understand they do not have to

“disclose” who they are. Feel free to use an alias. Maybe we can have a box on display to let people place their testimonies in, or email them to our email address.

7. Next meeting – November 2, 2006

8. Prayer Requests – see separate email