

Elizabeth Ministry

Notes

April 6, 2006

1. Opening prayer – Elizabeth Ministry Prayer
2. Cookbook
 - a. Update – it's in!!!!
 - b. Cost - \$15
 - c. Selling –plan on last two weekends of April and first weekend of May – helpers needed!!!
 - i. Would like to sell in a visible location. Concerns were raised that if we make people go to library, Heider Hall or Parish Dining Hall that people may not take the extra trip to buy one AND they may forget once they walk out the door and start talking to friends. We would like to sell either in:
 1. lobby where Scrip has been being sold or
 2. outside the doors to church – we could bring card tables if needed.
 - ii. Will talk w/school to see best place to reach parents. We are considering sending “order forms” home, allowing parents to order their books and pick up on a certain date
 - iii. Sell in picnic area during Easter Egg hunt
 - iv. Sell during Bingo, at MOMS, CHRP (Penny), all major events! ☺
 - d. Marketing
 - i. Flyers to school, church, bulletin boards
 - ii. Have ministers each have a supply to sell to friends and family
 - iii. Announce after mass – it does affect entire parish...the school and the parish ministry
 - e. Announce winners – Maria will call the winners this week. We'll announce it in the bulletin too.
 - f. Thank you notes to sponsors – Michelle and Maria will send a note of thanks to our sponsors and also let them know how to purchase their copy.
3. Memorial/Healing Service
 - a. Linda spoke with a few parishes to find out about their services.
 - i. St. Veronica has a Healing Service Oct. 2 – Feast of Guardian Angels. They also have a blessing for expectant parents on Mother's Day and sometime in December during their regular masses. Refreshments are provide afterwards....something for us to consider.
 - ii. St. Andrew – on Roe vs Wade anniversary they hold a Healing Service focused mostly on abortions
 - b. Focus for our Healing Service – discussed we felt it most important to hold it for those parents and family members who couldn't hold their child from loss of miscarriage or failed adoption. We don't want to exclude

abortions, but also don't want it to be the main focus. We would like to be considerate of our reading selections and intentions to not to exclude babies lost in abortion while being sensitive to those who lost a baby through other means.

- c. Linda is working with Michael Thomas. She drafted a beautiful ceremony, selected some readings and wrote some intentions, all to be proposed to Michael Thomas. After his consideration and any changes, it will be presented to the Worship Committee. Once approved a date will be set on the liturgical calendar, to be considered on an annual basis. We will start with a rosary service followed by a prayer service/healing ceremony
 - d. Ceremony – the ceremony will consist of
 - i. Readings
 - ii. Song
 - iii. a reading from the “Book of Life” (we’ll invite parents to write their baby’s name in the book, to be read at the ceremony. If the baby wasn’t named they could write “Baby Smith (parent’s last name)”
 - iv. candles
 - v. a walk through”. The walk through (in a nutshell) will be a reading – asking the participants to close their eyes, bringing the parents/family to a peaceful place, think of their baby with Jesus, see the smiling face, thinking of a close friend or family member who will take care of their baby until the family is united with them in Christ. (Linda does a better job explaining this part – and others).
 - vi. Blowing a kiss to their baby.....by blowing out the candle and sending it up to heaven to land on their baby’s cheek
 - e. Gifts
 - i. Candles
 - ii. List of Healing Resources/places
 - iii. Angel in the Water Bookmarks w/Eliz Min prayer and/or info on flip side
 - iv. Scroll of prayer
 - f. Linda will email readings, prayers and messages for input
 - g. Advertising – church, school, and 93.3 (they will announce information regarding service for free.
4. Brochure – Linda updated the brochure. She will work with Becky and Diane to have printed. We would like to include a brochure in each cookbook.
 5. Marian Event
 - a. Living rosary
 - i. Work w/kids – at the last 1st Communion Rehearsal. We need to find out how many kids will be part of rosary. We will have a leader. However many kids we will be split into 6 groups – one for the first Our Father, 3 Hail Mary’s and Glory Be’s, then 5

groups for the five decades. The Leader can end the recitation by starting Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy prayer.

- ii. Start time – have everyone in church for setup no later than 6:15, starts promptly at 6:30
- iii. Logistics
 1. Leader will begin from podium. Begin Apostle's Creed for all to join in.
 2. The 1st group of kids will begin w/the Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's and Glory Be's
 3. Intentions will be read by leader or 8th grader....someone will hold up picture
 4. leader will end w/Hail, Holy Queen.....
 5. Once ended everyone will take a seat and wait for Prayer service to begin
- b. Prayer service
 - i. Deacon Jerry in charge of service
 1. roses – waiting to hear if he we can hand these out at service
 2. may crowning – waiting to hear if May Crowning will be included with service
 - c. Ice Cream Social – held in Parish Dining Hall after prayer service – coordinated by Peg Pangburn
 - d. Would like to give rosary to each child participating in the event
6. Leap of Faith Event –
 - a. We were invited to send a Eliz Min to the Clermont County Children Service “Leap of Faith” event. Penny offered to go. They would like to see how we can work together in our ministries. We have pamphlets to hand out to those interested in becoming a foster parent or if someone is adopting and needs assistance.
7. Scheduling meetings/events for next year – we will plan on meeting the first Thursday of every month in the Fr. Wack Library at 7pm.
8. Open Discussion
 - a. Michelle suggested we remind everyone about the prayer journal in back of church near Blessing Bouquet....'will send a bulletin announcement about both soon.
9. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, May 4th at 7pm
10. Prayer Requests – will be sent out separately