

# Elizabeth Ministry

## Notes

June 1, 2006

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Opening prayer – Elizabeth Ministry Prayer
3. Cookbook
  - a. We sold 217 cookbooks (outside of Sam’s sales) with \$575 in ads, \$3250 in gross sales, and have netted over \$1500 in profits. We will have many more to sell, and some outstanding w/a few ministers.
  - b. Festival – Pat Fieno will take charge of the bake booth. We just need to be sure we have enough workers to sell the cookbooks at 2 locations. One location will be right by the bake booth, the other location will be in the main festival area. We’ll need at least 2 people (1 for each location) to sell the books, assuming “2-hour” shifts. It might be nice to have 2 people at the booth in the main festival area. Ask your friends and family to join you! I’ll send out a sign-up sheet closer to the festival. We’ll ask for \$50 worth of \$5’s for change for each booth (start up capital).
4. Sam’s Club
  - a. We made \$325 on bake sales and cookbooks. Our share of Sam’s donation will be \$170....we divided the total amount of Sam’s donation by the 3 groups in attendance.
5. Marian Event Post Mortem
  - a. Living rosary – the beads have been laminated for next year. Next year we’ll fill the “beads” starting at the beginning of the rosary, will make the process go smoother. Would like 10 – 8<sup>th</sup> graders (if possible), and lots of 1<sup>st</sup> communicants (we had close to half this year). The “walking” microphone worked wonderfully. It would be nice to have the service outside IF we had a microphone. It is noted that once you start to enter the parking lot (to “layout the rosary”), it isn’t a “quaint” as when standing **in** the grotto. Church probably still works best.
  - b. Prayer service – it would be helpful to indicate when to sit/stand on the programs. Organ music would be nice, though the ladies who led us did a fantastic job. Some ladies commented on how they missed the organ music. It adds more formality to the event. The “blessing over the expectant moms” – it would have been nice to just have the moms stand, or even better, come up to the altar to receive the blessing and rose. If it’s preferred to “keep them in their seats”, maybe the moms could be asked to stand and the ministers could walk to them and present them w/a rose. Everyone loved the May Crowning.
  - c. Ice Cream Social – everything went wonderfully.

Thank you notes went out to most of those who helped make the event special – still a couple more to go.

6. Memorial/Healing Service Update – Meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Looking at maybe November or March, though we'll ask Michael Thomas and Becky for their insight. We'd like to keep "our" events spread out throughout the year, but want this service to fit appropriately in the church calendar.
7. Open Discussion –
  - a. Would like to add a blessing over expectant mothers at the Respect Life service – roses to????
  - b. All events – announce it on the STM billboard, in the Catholic Telegraph, and on radio.
  - c. Saw in the bulletin that there is a need for helpers for the baptismal prep. This might be a nice way for us to meet the expectant families, and let them know of our ministry, even if through a brochure. We had talked months ago about offering the new parents a small gift from our ministry....(we didn't have funds then). Linda currently teaches the class. The classes are held once/month at 1:30 on Sundays. Linda said there is a video the class watches, and other points to go over (all provided). It's not a huge time commitment, and training is available. If interested, check the last 2 Sunday bulletins, or contact Deacon Jerry. I'm sure Linda wouldn't mind answering some questions. If there are enough people teaching, you wouldn't have to teach but a few times per year.
8. Next meeting – July 6, 7pm
9. Prayer Requests – see separate sheet