

Elizabeth Ministry

Agenda

May 4, 2006

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Opening prayer – Elizabeth Ministry Prayer
3. Cookbook
 - a. Update – we’ve paid the bill and are making money!!!!
 - b. Helpers for Sunday – May 6th weekend is the last scheduled weekend to sell in church. We’ll also sell in Heider Hall after PSR classes.
4. Memorial/Healing Service Update – a suggested format is with Michael Thomas for review.
5. Brochure – looks great!!!! We’ve been handing them out w/the cookbooks.
6. Marian Event
 - a. Living rosary
 - i. 1st Communion Training – Linda and Maria introduced the Living Rosary to the 1st Communicants, and their parents, at their retreat last weekend. We talked about the rosary, where it came from, why to pray it, and practiced the “Living Rosary”.
 - ii. Advertising – an ad will be placed in the Catholic Telegraph May 19th. We’ll be calling some of the Christian Radio stations to announce it there too.
 - iii. Discuss proposed format:
 1. Becky will lead the event from the podium
 2. 8th graders will be asked to be a “Mystery Bead” and the first 5 beads of the rosary. The first 5 “Beads” will angle down the steps of the altar, leading into the “big chain”.
 3. the 1st Communicants will stand on a blue circle up and down the center aisle. They will start the Hail Mary’s
 4. 5 more 8th graders will be the Mysteries....they will announce the mystery and the intention
 5. Becky will start all prayers except the Our Fathers’ and Hail Mary’s.
 - iv. Before we begin the rosary, Becky will announce the format, to remind everyone that the “beads” will recite the 1st half of the prayer, the congregation will join in the 2nd half.
 - v. We need a “walking microphone”
 - vi. Becky will also be able to help keep the rosary prayers “in line” from the podium. Either the 8th graders or an Eliz Min will help kids who need additional support.
 - vii. Rosary Aides will be distributed to assist the kids (and others in the congregation)
 - b. Prayer service
 - i. Deacon Jerry and Worship Commission have outlined the service

1. roses – we'll hand out roses to expectant moms
 2. May Crowning - we'll ask a expectant mom and family to crown Mary
 - c. Ice Cream Social – Eliz Ministers can bake something and take it to the cafeteria prior to 6:15 – meet in the church at 6:15
 - d. Flyers will be going home to the 1st Communicants and church – start time for 1st communicants is 6:15, actual start time of living rosary is 6:30, prayer service starts at 7pm. 1st Communicants may wear their 1st Communion outfits
7. Sam's Club
- a. Selling
 - i. Baked goods – need all ministers to bake a few things and bring to Sam's at 10am, Sat. May 20th. If need be, drop your goodies off to Maria the day before.
 - ii. Cookbooks – we will sell our cookbooks – looking into accepting checks
 - iii. We can't hand out ANY literature. We can advertise "Bake Sale and Cookbook Sale", but can't advertise our ministry
 - b. Sign up – if you can sell between 10 and 2, please contact Maria.
 - c. Cooks – Rachael and Michelle will make some phone calls to ask some of our members who can't attend meetings to bake some items for the sale.
8. Festival – don't forget to mark July 14-16th on the calendar to help sell cookbooks and baked goodies at JulyFest. We will have TWO BOOTHS!!!! Invite family and friends to help us out. *Can be additional family fun time!!!!* (yes – it's a stretch....but does anybody EVER read all the minutes???) ☺ Penny volunteered Mark for setup. He's the greatest!!!!
9. Leap of Faith Event - Penny attended the Leap of Faith Event in April. This event is put together by the Clermont branch of Dept of Job and Family Services. They are looking for ways to partner w/churches around the Clermont County area to help them distribute information on Foster care and adoption, in the Clermont County area. Many kids are being removed from their homes because of their parents' involvement in the Meth Labs. 300 children are in the system in Clermont County alone. 20,000 children in all of Ohio, all races.

You can find more information on clermontforkids.org

Penny will continue discussions w/the Dept of Job/Fam Services to see how we can help. We will have their handouts available at our events (cookbook sales (NOT Sam's Club), Marian Event, etc.

Penny will work w/the Sewing Ministry to see if they can help sew "bags" for the kids, so that they have a nice bag to place their belongings when they are removed from the home.

Other stats/info: *90% of children adopted are adopted by foster families.

*Children over the age of 6 are harder to placed, they are considered special needs.

*foster kids should not be considered the “worst possible child”, the majority are very loving, looking for stability

*it’s a 6 month process to become a foster parent. There is 36 hours of training on abuse/neglect. Home studies are conducted

10. A Caring Place

- a. Baby Bottle Campaign – the baby bottle campaign was a success for A Caring Place. They thanked STM for our help. They raised over 24,000 in 22 parishes in the area.
- b. Walk for Life - A Caring Place is hosting a walk “Walk the Bridge for Life”. If you are interested in sponsoring Debbie Feist, contact her at 528-5738. If you are interested in walking – call Linda Bader – she has some envelopes available. The Walk is schedule for Sunday, June 4 from 2-4. All walkers will receive a t-shirt to wear for the event.

11. Next meeting – June 1, 7pm

12. Open Discussion

13. Prayer Requests – see separate sheet