

Elizabeth Ministry
Notes
September 7, 2006

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Opening prayer – Elizabeth Ministry Prayer
3. JulyFest
 - a. Linda Young assured us that all monies turned in and earned at JulyFest from cookbook sales will be properly credited to the EM account.
4. Memorial/Healing Service Update
 - a. Linda, Becky and Maria will meet with Fr. Bill to discuss this initiative.
5. Beginning of School/PTO
 - a. We will present our ministry at the PTO meeting and, of course, sell cookbooks.
6. School library
 - a. Maria will work with Jackie Gray (in charge of school library) to move all EM books into the Fr. Wack library. If anyone can help, please call Maria.
7. Caring & Sharing opportunity
 - a. We have been asked to take over this ministry. Not sure if it was “parish-wide” or a PTO function. Caring & Sharing was a ministry to help those in need during difficult times, such as job loss, miscarriage, death in family, etc. It makes sense for the families to be directed to the Elizabeth Ministry for miscarriage, stillbirth, child loss. We will politely decline, but offer our ministry to those families who “fall under our mission”, and help in their healing.
8. Open Discussion
 - a. Linda will minister to family adopting from Guatemala
 - b. We would like to minister to Valerie, as she is a friend, and St. Gertrude (her new parish) does not have an EM.
 - c. Pat, from St. V., reminds us of the Feast of Holy Angels, Monday, Oct 2 at 7pm. Please put this on your calendars. We will try and place an announcement in the STM bulletin, to invite our parishioners too. This is a mass for those who have had a miscarriage or early infant loss.
9. Next meeting – October 5, 2006, 7pm Fr. Wack. Will discuss Oct. Respect Life Service, and December Marian Event and expectant parent prayer at masses
10. Prayer Requests – see updated list, sent separately.