

# Elizabeth Ministry

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

after 9 A.M. Mass, Sunday, Oct. 17

Karen McLaughlin Hall nursery

Many hands can make light the important work of encouraging and assisting our parish families. Elizabeth Ministry was begun to help connect parishioners to encourage and support moms in large parishes. There is an emphasis on putting your own family first, so your time commitment is flexible.

Elizabeth Ministry Director Ann Thoma will meet with potential volunteers next Sunday to discuss the ministry and answer any questions you may have. The ministry specifically has a need for volunteers in the following areas:

### PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATIONS

**Rosebud Program Volunteer** - Each month this volunteer checks the roses on the Elizabeth Ministry table and emails details to the director and a general list of prayer intentions to the prayer team (these could also be printed out to leave at the chapel and on the Elizabeth Ministry table). Roses are kept in the vase for one year. This person also checks supplies on the table and coordinates with the parish office to purchase needed supplies. (up to 1-1/2 hours a month)

**Bulletin Announcements Coordinator** - This volunteer sends one of eight pre-written bulletin announcements by email to Bulletin Coordinator Pam Paine by 3 p.m. on Mondays. At the beginning of each month, this person checks with secretary Amanda Valdez for baptisms or weddings over the previous two months and forwards information for publication in the bulletin. (approx. 1-1/2 hours a month)

**Special Event Volunteer(s)** - Coordinate publicity and arrangements for a Mass for lost children in May and an Elizabeth Ministry display at the parish Ministry Fair (held in the fall, but not every year). (5 to 10 hours for each event)

**Prayer Team** - Prayer Team members include Elizabeth Ministry prayer intentions in their daily prayers. Prayer intentions are emailed to the team by the Rosebud Program volunteer and the director.

### VISITS

**Arranging Meals** - A volunteer in Los Alamos and one in White Rock arrange meals for new moms using a list of volunteers. (approx. one hour per new baby, which ranges from none to three in a month)

**Visit Moms** - These volunteers in White Rock and Los Alamos bring gifts (pick up a bag from the parish hall closet) and make phone calls to check on the needs of new moms and report findings to the director and a volunteer who will arrange the meals. (approx. one hour per new baby, which ranges from none to three in a month)

**Welcome Moms** - Several volunteers make the first contact with women in our parish who are pregnant or just had a baby. These volunteers make out business cards to hand out so they know who to contact if they need help. (approx. 1/2 hour per month)

**??Baptism Gifts** - This volunteer checks the stock of Baptism gifts from Elizabeth Ministry . (approx. 1 hour per month)

### SUPPLIES

**Gifts** - This volunteer maintains the Elizabeth Ministry shelves in the parish hall closet and puts together gift bags for new moms using supplies in the closet. This volunteer coordinates with craft volunteers and the parish office to replenish supplies as needed. (approx. 1 to 2 hours per month)

**Crafts** - These volunteers make blankets or other gifts for new mom gift bags as requested by the Gifts volunteer. (time varies)

If you are unable to join us at the meeting, please contact  
Ann Thoma at 661-6311 or email from [www.ihmcc.org/ElizabethMinistry.html](http://www.ihmcc.org/ElizabethMinistry.html).