

ST. DAMIAN ELIZABETH MINISTRY



WHAT IS THE ELIZABETH MINISTRY?

Elizabeth Ministry is an outreach to women in special times of motherhood. It is based on Jesus' vision of the radical goodness, beauty and truth of human life. The purpose of this ministry is to affirm, support, and encourage women in response to their needs during the childbearing years.

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We have been a ministry at St. Damian for about ten years. We started as a ministry which is intended to be an outreach to women in special times of motherhood. Our purpose to affirm, support and assist women in response to their needs during childbearing years has always been our main goal.

Our basic foundation has been prayer and support for any woman in need in our parish and community. We serve mothers, mothers to be, and women who have a desire to be mothers. We also support these women in many tangible ways. Let me list some of the ways we have served them in the past:

1. We have a wonderful, faithful prayer chain which prays for anyone needing prayer, but especially for pregnancy needs, infertility or adoption.
2. We provide hand made Baptismal bibs for all children who are baptized at St. Damian.
3. We have a Mother's Blessing on the second Sunday of every month for expectant mothers.
4. We have held a Remembrance Service, once a year, for anyone who has lost a child of any age.

5. We have attended many wakes and funerals of children who have died in illness, miscarried or born stillborn, and then been a comfort or resource for families who have suffered this loss.

All of these activities are symbolized by the Tree of Life which was put in the narthex in January, 2007. We donated all of the money for the tree and have supplied the leaves and engraving for future baptisms.

THE ELIZABETH MINISTRY PRAYER:

*Creator God, I pledge to truly celebrate the gift of each child
Conceived and born and fully mourn each miscarriage and
infant or child death. I will be a strong witness to my belief in
the dignity and worth of all life, by treasuring the gift of fertility,
by assisting those suffering infertility, by encouraging those in
the adoption process, and by supporting the families
experiencing an infant or child crisis. I will be a strong and
consistent voice for life in my home, my parish, my
community and the world. Amen.*

If you have any questions or are in need, or you may know someone in need, please feel free to contact us:

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May God bless each of you and your families.