**Planning Timeline**

Community Baby Shower

Walking with Moms in Need

Stillwater, MN

**6 Months Prior**

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| **□** | **Pick a Date**  (We chose a Tuesday from 4-5pm – right after school lets out and before Mass at our church) |
| **□** | **Reserve the Space**  (We chose the church social hall) |
| **□** | **Create a Wish List / Gift Registry**  (We didn’t have one, but we will try one next year) |
| **□** | **Begin Planning Food**  (Contact Nancy with Philomena House about paying for the meal. [Nancy.Kiolbasa@gmail.com](mailto:Nancy.Kiolbasa@gmail.com)) |
| **□** | **Expand Baby Shower Committee – Invite parish moms to help plan the shower**  (Consider offering Zoom meetings in the evening so more people can participate) |
| **□** | **Begin Planning “Photo Booth” Backdrop**  (Do you want a balloon arch? Beautiful Backdrop? Where will it be? Consider lighting.) |
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**4 Months Prior**

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| **□** | **Send out a Save the Date**  (Consider emailing parish moms, members of your parish Respect Life Committee, or putting a save the date in your bulletin) |
| **□** | **Invite Guests of Honor**  (Contact local pregnancy resource centers and Nancy at Philomena House for a list of Community Moms to invite. [Nancy.Kiolbasa@gmail.com](mailto:Nancy.Kiolbasa@gmail.com)) |
| **□** | **Create SignUpGenius**  (Determine tasks and number of volunteers needed) |
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**2 Months Prior**

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| **□** | **Finalize Wish List** |
| **□** | **Finalize SignUpGenius** |
| **□** | **Create/Plan Invitations (Evites)** |
| **□** | **Create Bulletin Invitation**  (Include link/QR code to the volunteer SignUpGenius) |
| **□** | **Find Out what the Venue Provides**  (Does the Church Social Hall provide plates, napkins, utensils, serving platters, pitchers, coffee pots, etc. |
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**1 Month Prior**

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| **□** | **Place Orders for Decorations**  (Does anything need to be ordered? Photo Booth decorations? Do you have a photo printer for the photo booth?) |
| **□** | **Photo Booth Details Finalized**  (Does anything need to be ordered? Photo Booth decorations? Who will bring a photo printer for the photo booth?) |
| **□** | **Send Invitation**  (Include link to Wish List and SignUpGenius) |
| **□** | **Request Bulletin Item**  (Include SignUpGenius QR code) |
| **□** | **Finalize Menu/Drinks**  (Does anything still need to be ordered/purchased? |
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**2 Weeks Prior**

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| **□** | **Buy plates, napkins, utensils**  (Double check what’s availble to use at the church social hall.) |
| **□** | **Send Invitation**  (Include link to Wish List and SignUpGenius) |
| **□** | **Request Bulletin Item**  (Include SignUpGenius QR code) |
| **□** | **Finalize Menu/Drinks**  (Does anything still need to be ordered/purchased?) |
| **□** | **Plan Games** |
| **□** | **Get Prizes for Games** |
| **□** | **Get Kids Activities to Have at the Tables**  (Coloring Books, Activity Books, Crayons, etc.) |
| **□** | **Get Gift Cards**  (So moms can buy additional clothes, diapers, etc.) |

**1 Week Prior**

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| **□** | **Check Updated Head Count**  (Best estimate) |
| **□** | **Confirm Food, Etc.** |
| **□** | **Wrap Prizes/Gifts/Gift Cards**  (Gift Cards can be in a Greeting Card) |
| **□** | **Get Decorations**  (Anything not previously ordered?) |
| **□** | **Plan Day-of Agenda / Party Timeline**  (Edit timeline from previous Baby Shower) |
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**Day of Shower**

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| **□** | **Pick Up Food Orders** |
| **□** | **Finish Decorations** |
| **□** | **Put Out Food and Drinks**  (Volunteers) |
| **□** | **Have the Gospel Joy, Love of The Lord, and Stick to Your Agenda. Have fun!** |
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