



2021-2022 Low Hanging Fruit

Low hanging fruit: “obvious or easy things that can be most readily done or dealt with in achieving success or making progress toward an objective.”

These are things that are not difficult to do but have a high impact. Below were the items identified for this year, but we will continue to be on the look out for Low Hanging Fruit and go after it!

1. Quarterly Donut/Appetizer Fellowship: Plain and simple, we need to have fellowship more as a Church and the Mass as when we are together the most, so let’s take some time after the Mass to socialize and catch up with one another.

- Most have asked for a coffee and donut socials after Mass “like we used to do,” but some people do not want coffee and donuts right before they go to lunch or dinner, so we will have an appetizer and sodas for those Masses.
- We will start by doing these things quarterly and see how it goes.
- Different ministries will rotate responsibilities for procuring the goodies and setup and clean up.
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2. Hospitality Ministry

- Follow-up with newcomers with a phone call, postcard, and welcome basket
- Welcome basket: flower/plant, ministry information, baked goods, business cards of businesses owned by parishioners.
- Ministry Directory and make available online and brochures

3. Music Ministry

- Conduct coordination between existing choirs
- Youth band to be established
- Children’s choir to be formed, led by Anne Marie
- Revamp Adult Choirs by personally inviting new members

4. Holy Angels Academy

- Ushering at the 11am Mass at St Anne in uniform
- Adopt-A-Student Program

5. Parish Picnic – 3rd Saturday of October

- Fun, food, and fellowship
- Award Recognition of the different aspects of parish community life
- Other major announcements and updates (new building, pastoral plan)

6. Revamp the Homebound/Nursing Ministries

7. Bulletins to include items to celebrate those in our community (awards,

- scholarships, etc)

8. Facilities

- Discontinue the practice of taping flyers to doors and walls. Install wall document holders on doors to put flyers in when needed
- Paint front of Youth Building
- Paint the front of St. Jude's church
- Paint St. Jude's Parish Hall and make necessary repairs to improve appearance

9. Establish Small Groups

- Young Couples – Bible Study, Life skills (budgeting, time management, etc)
- Young Adults
- 10. In search of God Nights (IGNIGHT) – First and Third Wednesday of each month community and faith building nights. Ministries to meet in St. Jude Church for 15 minutes of music and prayer before breaking out into smaller groups. At the end of the night everyone will gather for a final prayer and blessing. This will build up the energy and community within our parish
- Encourage ministries to meet on Wednesdays.
- KofC Into the Breach, Women's Guild and Daycare
- Religious Education, RCIA, Youth Group Deep Dives, Bible Study, etc to meet
- Evangelization Training to help us attract more parishioners' participation in ministries