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United in Faith, Strengthened by Hope, Active in Charity

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Preface

I am very pleased to present the Parish Pastoral Plan for St. Anne & St. Jude Catholic Church. After four years of reflection and consultation with our lay leaders, clergy, and staff of the parish, I can say that the Holy Spirit is at work in our midst and continues to inspire and lead us toward our future; our union with God (cf. John 17:21).

United in Faith. We currently have two campuses, St. Anne and St. Jude, with unique history and backgrounds. Nevertheless, we are united in faith and we profess one creed every Sunday. We are likewise well underway in building a New Church to realize the longtime dream of worshipping under one roof, thereby starting a new chapter in our life as one community. It is my hope that with this parish pastoral plan, every parishioner will be able to reflect on how the prayer of unity in faith in our Lord is being realized in our midst.

As we move towards the future, may we remain united in faith especially with regard to our plans for the good of our parish community. Jesus who accompanies us always, tells us, "*Be not afraid*." From these words of the Lord, we draw so much wisdom and strength in order to realize our plans, which the Lord himself has inspired us to realize, with his grace and guidance. Indeed, the Lord Jesus remains with us. In the celebration of the Holy Mass, Jesus himself gathers us as one community and he is the one who blesses all our efforts to build his kingdom in our parish community.

Strengthened by Hope. It is my hope that everyone will participate and be involved in our activities, sharing our God-given talents, time, and treasure in fulfilling our pastoral plan. We identify various low hanging fruits that I hope we could address with everyone's help. Let us take a moment to reflect on them especially on how they affect us both as individuals and as members of St. Anne and St. Jude Parish Family.

Active in Charity. Jesus commands us, "Love one another as I have loved you." These words invite us to put faith into action. This is rationale of the plan, to be active in Charity. To be champions of charity, we must be committed to the vocation that God has given to us. I enjoin everyone to be committed by becoming actively involved in the various ministries of the parish.

I pray that God will continue to bless all of us as we embark on the implementation of this pastoral plan. Let us open our hearts and minds to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to guide us to be true disciples of Jesus Christ and members of the family of God. Let us join hands together to fulfill the goals of this pastoral plan until we reach our ultimate future, union with God.

I humbly ask the intercession of our patrons, St. Anne and St. Jude to keep us always united in faith, strengthened by hope and active in charity.

Fr. Giovannie Nunez, CRM **Pastor**

Introduction to the Pastoral Plan

The Pastoral Plan is a tool to assist the Pastor in the effective shepherding of the Parish. The Plan establishes high-level programs along with concrete steps to effectively achieve the goals and objectives.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 2176 defines the parish as:

"A...definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a particular church; the pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd under the authority of the diocesan bishop."

The pastor, in collaboration with the pastoral council, financial council and every parishioner, and this pastoral plan, seeks to highlight the importance of being a Catholic person and member of the Church by virtue of the Sacrament of Baptism.

Baptism into Christ and His Church does not only entail responsibilities and duties but "also enjoys rights within the Church: to receive the sacraments, to be nourished with the Word of God and to be sustained by the other spiritual helps of the Church" CCC 1269.

With the core Catholic values of St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic Church, every parishioner has the duties and responsibilities to respond to the call of Jesus Christ to be in communion with Him by pursuing the vision as one community of believers. As Jesus' priestly prayer reminds us:

"Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth. I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." cf. John 17:17-21

Sumter Catholic Community History

The Catholic Community came to the Sumter area with Irish Immigrants in the early 19th century. Sumter's first prominent Catholic was Natile DeLage, who married Col. Thomas Sumter. She built a chapel on the family estate so that she could have a place to worship.

The Thomas Sumter family was responsible for the first catholic Church in Sumter. They donated 168 acres on Providence Plantation near the present day Dalzell and St Anne Church was built in 1838. Bishop England established the Catholic District of Sumter in 1838. This church initially had 30 members.

In 1848, the Catholic community sold the original church and purchased the old Methodist Church on West Liberty Street in Sumter. This church was remodeled and dedicated to St. Lawrence. The Catholic cemetery was relocated to West Oakland Avenue and retained the same name.

St. Lawrence Church was remodeled in 1879 but had to be torn down so that the congregation could build a larger church. During the construction of the new church, St Joseph's Chapel was used to celebrate mass. The cornerstone for St. Anne was laid in 1909 and the church was dedicated and blessed by Bishop Henry Northrop of Charleston in 1911. At the time of the church's dedication, it was hailed as "one of the most complete temples of divine worship in the Southern States," with its gothic architecture and 45 stained glass windows

St. Anne Elementary School was started in 1955 in Gerald Hall, named after the first Parishioner from St. Anne who died in World War II. The school was renovated in 1991.

St. Anne Church is located on a 3.3-acre campus on West Liberty Street. The church seats 204.

The Sumter Catholic School K-8 is located on the St Anne Campus today.

The origin of the St Jude Church dates back to 1938 when the Oblates of Mary Immaculate came to Sumter to serve the needs of the African American community and to share the Catholic faith.

In 1941 the original church building was completed, known later as Atkinson Hall. St Jude Church was built in 1948. The church has served the St Jude Parish without major structural alterations to the present day.

A convent was constructed on the St. Jude Campus in 1948, and the first Catholic High School in Sumter was built on the St. Jude property in 1958.

The mission statement for St. Jude states, "a Catholic Church whose history is rooted in the African American Community and is now a multi-racial, multi-cultural parish that continues to reach out and bring the Good News of Jesus to the poor."

St. Jude Church is located on a 4.2-acre campus on West Oakland Ave and seats 150 people.

Twenty years ago, the need for a new church was identified for a combined St. Anne & St. Jude Parish and 195 acres near Dalzell were secured.

In 2016, under the direction of Father Frank Palmieri, CRM and by the decree of Bishop Guglielmone, the name 'St. Anne and St. Jude Roman Catholic Church' was kept replacing the 'Catholic Community of Sumter.'

In February 2018, Bishop Guglielmone approved the request of Father Giovannie Nunez, CRM to build the new St. Anne and St. Jude Church on our 521 acre property. We have gone through two fundraising campaigns and have now reached the Design Development Phase of our building Project.

Our Future

Union with God - "that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us" – John 17:21

Vision Statement

United in Faith. Strengthened by Hope. Active in Charity.

As the parish vision guides us to the future: *United in Faith* we profess one faith, *Strengthened by Hope* in Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life, and joyfully *Active in Charity* as the fruits and signs of being true disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement

St. Anne and St. Jude Parish is a Roman Catholic Church that has been ministering to the community of Sumter, South Carolina since 1838. We are a diverse and unified parish rooted in a deep faith that celebrates with people of all ethnic, racial and cultural backgrounds.

By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we are a community drawn together under the Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, to further the kingdom of Jesus Christ and to work for His greater glory.

Our community is committed to serving one another in faith, hope and love as we desire to imitate Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We seek to be good and faithful stewards of the talents the Lord himself has entrusted to us, and we share the joy of the Gospel through a life of humble service with our brothers and sisters.

Core Catholic Values

Eucharistic Worship

"For I tell you [that] from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes. Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, this is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me. And likewise, the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you." cf. Luke 22: 18-20

All pastoral and ecclesial ministries of St. Anne and St. Jude parish flow from and return to the Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith (*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1324*). Eucharistic worship is at the center of Parish life. We encounter Jesus Christ in the Sacrament and participate in it reverently, joyfully and lovingly.

Faith Formation

"But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard the word, embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance." cf. Luke 8:15

The Catholic Faith is rich in tradition and teachings that are rooted in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, founder of the Catholic Church. The Parish of St. Anne and St. Jude recognizes the importance of continual faith formation and is committed to providing Religious Education in order to deepen the faith of the members of the parish.

Evangelization

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." cf. Matthew 28: 18-20

Jesus Christ, our master and teacher, has mandated us to preach the Good News to all and to make disciples. The Holy Spirit will guide us as we respond to this call to be joyful evangelizers through our words and actions.

Parish Life/Family/Stewardship

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." cf. 1 Peter 4: 10

As part of God's family, as sons and daughters of God, we recognize the importance of our involvement in the life of the parish. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, our parishioners desire to live together as one family by sharing in the love of God in Jesus Christ and partaking of the spiritual nourishment through the Word of God and the Eucharist at every celebration of the Holy Mass. In addition, we all share in the role of being good and faithful stewards of God's abundant blessings by responding to the call to share our time, talents and treasure.

Outreach and Advocacy

"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot." cf. Matthew 5: 13

Living out the faith in the midst of challenges of modern society is not easy. Called by Jesus as salt and light of the world, the members of St. Anne and St. Jude parish take on the challenge of promoting the social teachings of the Church by instructing and reaching out those who are in the margins or peripheries of our society. We take to heart Jesus' words to the disciples, "whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do it to me," and we strive to put Jesus' commandment of love into action. As one parish family, we desire to be active in reaching out to others, advocating the dignity of life, and exemplifying the perfection in charity.

Administration, Facilities and Communication

"He said to them, the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so, ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." cf. Luke 10:2

St. Anne and St. Jude parish recognizes the "Grace of Office" given by the Holy Spirit to the clergy, staff and lay leaders on various councils and committees in order to lead our parish family to its common vision: **United in Faith, Strengthened by Hope, Active in Charity.** The leadership of our parish safeguards what we have and provides a clear vision for our future as a faith community.

The Pastoral Planning Process

Pastoral Planning emanates mainly from the Parish Pastoral Council through the direction of the pastor who discerns the overall mission of the parish in accordance with the Gospel.

The Parish Pastoral Plan seeks to assess our current parish life in order to create a comprehensive plan for the life of our entire parish family. This comprehensive plan is meant to align the parish's mission and vision with the mission Jesus Christ has entrusted to the Catholic Church.

In February 2018, Fr. Giovannie Nunez, CRM, the parish administrator at that time for St. Anne and St. Jude, shared with the Parish Pastoral Council the need for the parish to layout a 3-5-year Parish Pastoral Plan. This plan is vital to the life of our parish especially as we consolidate the two churches and build a new one. The foundation of the Pastoral Plan is a fruit of prayerful discernment, and its presentation will be done with a clear vision to guide us to our future.

The Pastoral Council, with the approval of our Pastor, has identified key focus areas for the parish to grow in the grace of God. These areas include Spirituality (Eucharistic Worship, Faith Formation, Evangelization), Parish Life (Family, Stewardship), Outreach and Advocacy, Administration, Facilities and Communication.

These Key Focus Areas will

- 1. Deepen our love and reverence for Worship (The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the sacraments, Holy Hour, Novenas, Devotions) as well as our Catholic identity in communion with the Universal Church as a sure way toward holiness.
- 2. Strengthen programs for faith formation, i.e. Religious Education for Children, RCIA, Bible Study, Prayer Group, Cursillo Movement and Parish Missions.
- 3. Encourage parishioners to be collaborators in our evangelization efforts through different ministries especially with the Children, Youth and Young Adult from the different ethnic backgrounds.
- 4. Encourage support for our Catholic School in Sumter as a vital part of our evangelization efforts.
- 5. Inspire and cultivate a way of life to be good stewards and develop programs to support parish family life and the school through the sharing of time, talents and treasure.
- 6. Promote continued faith formation, training and spirituality for Parish and School Administrative Staff and Lay Leaders.
- Foster Community Culture of reaching out to parishioners who are in need especially the homebound, shut-ins, those in prison and those who are in the peripheries and margins of society.
- 8. Pursue building a new Church on our 521 acre property and plan for other facilities to house our growing parish family.
- 9. Continue to increase Parish communication through the pulpit, committee meetings, weekly bulletin and our parish website, parish app and other social media platforms.

Core Values in Detail and their respective objectives and goals

Eucharistic Worship

All pastoral and ecclesial ministries of St. Anne and St. Jude parish flow from and return to the Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith (*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1324*). Eucharistic worship is at the center of Parish Life. We encounter Jesus Christ in the Sacrament and participate reverently, joyfully, and lovingly in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.

Key Focus

Deepen our love and reverence for Worship of God (the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacraments, Holy Hour, Novenas and Devotions) as well as our Catholic identity in communion with the Universal Church as a sure way towards Holiness.

Objectives and Goals

- 1. Ensure a welcoming environment for worship, conducive to praise and prayer and full participation of the congregation.
- 2. Set a prayerful ambience before and after Mass. Minimize conversations inside the church.
- 3. Facilitate increased awareness of the Mass by weaving catechetical moments into the homilies by way of teaching parts of the Mass, the real Presence, the significance of prayer gestures, reverence, rituals, symbols and aesthetics of the sanctuary.
- 4. Promote opportunities to learn about the liturgy through RCIA, guest lectures, CCD (Religious Education of Children) and continued Adult Catholic Religious Education.
- 5. Educate and Encourage the use of our Adoration Chapel, (build an Adoration Chapel in our new church).
- 6. Expand Worship opportunities through Music Ministry, Workshop Opportunities (*Local and Diocesan*) and Cultural Celebrations.
- 7. Establish a Liturgical Committee.
- 8. Make a survey with parishioners to collate their inputs and ideas concerning the Eucharistic Worship.

Faith Formation

The Catholic Faith is rich in tradition and teachings that are rooted in Jesus Christ, founder of the Catholic Church. The Parish of St Anne and St Jude recognizes the importance of handing down the faith to our children, through continued faith formation and is committed to opportunities that deepen our Catholic faith.

Key Focus

Strengthen programs for faith formation, i.e. Religious Education of Children, RCIA, Adult Religious Education, Bible Study, Charismatic Prayer Group, the Sumter Cursillo Movement, and Parish Missions.

Objectives and Goals

- 1. Offer and Promote catechetical resources.
- 2. Continue to offer Faith Formation in our Sumter Catholic School.
- 3. Explore age appealing approaches to engage our youth, young adults and adults in catechism.
- 4. Encourage Adult Education and Bible studies, Charismatic Prayer Group and the Sumter Cursillo Movement.
- 5. Offer a program for our engaged and newly married couples.
- 6. Provide childcare for young adult parents so that they will be able to attend these meetings.
- 7. Encourage participation in the Annual Mission and Parish Picnic.
- 8. Make survey among parishioners for their inputs and ideas concerning Faith Formation.

Evangelization

Jesus Christ, our master and teacher, has mandated us to preach the Good News to all. The Holy Spirit will guide us as we respond to his call to be joyful evangelizers through our words and actions.

Key Focus

Encourage parishioners to be collaborators in our evangelization efforts through different ministries including our Children, Youth, Young Adults and Adults of all ethnicities.

Objectives and Goals

- 1. Encourage support of our Catholic School in Sumter as a vital part of our evangelization efforts.
- 2. Establish and commission an Evangelization Team and Coordinator.

- 3. Effectively make the evangelizing dimensions of the Eucharist vibrant and engaging.
- 4. Effectively invite people to our Church.
- 5. Encourage Youth Group meetings and activities, SASJ Youth Ministry.
- 6. Encourage Young Adult meetings and activities, Flock 17 Young Adult Ministry.
- 7. Encourage Adult Mentors' participation for Youth Group and Young Adult meetings and activities.
- 8. Involve our parish and local service groups in the needs of our community such as Food Banks and Prison Ministry.
- 9. Explore "canned" Catholic Evangelization Programs such as "Awakening Faith," "Catholicism: A New Evangelism," "Hearts Afire Parish Program" and "Welcome Home."
- 10. Consider local Parish Evangelical Programs such as Evangelical Breakfasts and Billboards/Advertisements.
- 11. Engage in activities with other local churches that provide opportunities to share our Catholic Faith.
- 12. Actively identify and reach out to inactive Catholics and those with no faith tradition.
- 13. Spread the message and teachings of Jesus Christ in our community by way of one's life witness as an example.
- 14. Survey Parishioners for inputs and ideas concerning Evangelization.

Parish Life/Family/Stewardship

As a part of God's family, we recognize the importance of our involvement as sons and daughters of God in our parish. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, our parishioners desire to live together as one family by sharing in the love of God in Jesus Christ and partaking in the Eucharistic Banquet. In addition, we share in the role of being good and faithful stewards of God's abundant blessings by responding to the call to share our time, talents and treasure.

Key Focus

Inspire and cultivate a way of life of being good and faithful stewards and other programs to support parish life and school by sharing time, talents and treasure.

Objectives and Goals

- 1. Host a Stewardship Fair on a regular basis to educate, promote and increase ministry involvement.
- 2. Implement a Stewardship Campaign that invites parishioners to deepen their commitment to the parish. Consider pledge cards, speakers, brochures.
- 3. Establish a Stewardship Committee.
- 4. Inventory of the talents of our Parishioners.
- 5. Consider a yearly volunteer appreciation dinner.
- 6. Widen and deepen the financial support of the parish.

- 7. Emphasize service opportunities such as cemetery clean up and facility clean up and repairs.
- 8. Encourage children and youth involvement with Stewardship.
- 9. Emphasize that a Life of Stewardship is a way of Discipleship.
- 10. Survey Parishioners for inputs on Stewardship.

Outreach and Advocacy

Living out the faith in the midst of challenges of modern society is not easy. Called by Jesus as salt and light of the world, St. Anne and St. Jude parish takes on the challenge to promote the social teachings of the Church by instructing and reaching those who are in the peripheries of our society. Jesus' words to the disciples "whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do it to me," signifies putting his commandment of love into action. As one parish family, we desire to be active in reaching out to others, advocating the dignity of life, and exemplifying the perfection in charity.

Key Focus

Updating and strengthening homebound and Shut-ins ministry. Support prison ministry entrusted to our pastoral care, helping the poor, promotion and protection of life at all stages.

Objectives and Goals

- 1. Strengthen homebound ministries by training lay people to help priests bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound.
- 2. Involve our parish and local service groups in the needs of our community such as Food Banks and Prison Ministry.
- 3. Encourage parishioners to participate in corporal works of mercy through reaching out to the sick, dying, and those in prison.
- 4. Discovery of new and creative ways to serve the community.
- 5. Prolife advocacy.
- 6. Forming consciences of those who participate actively in our society.
- 7. Promote the social teachings of the Church, in particular, the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable in our society.

Administration, Facilities and Communication

St Anne and St Jude parish recognizes the "Grace of Office" given by the Holy Spirit to the clergy, staff and lay leaders on various councils and committees in order to lead our parish family to its common vision: **United in Faith, Strengthened by Hope, Active in Charity.** The leadership of our Parish safeguards our resources and provides a clear vision for our future as a faith community.

Key Focus

Promote continuous Faith Formation, Training and Spirituality for our Parish and School Administrative Staff and Lay Leaders.

Pursue building a new St Anne and St Jude Church on our 521 acre property and plan for future building phases in order to meet the growing needs of our parish

Continue to increase Parish Communication through the pulpit, multiple committee meetings and through our website sasjrcc.org

Objectives and Goals

- 1. Staff should engage in professional development training and feedback.
- 2. Lay leaders should continuously assess the progress of their committees and update the Pastor.
- 3. Continue to move forward with our new church building project on our 521 property. We are in Design Development and have completed our second fundraising campaign for this project.
- 4. Utilize Town Hall meetings to discuss our church building project and seek parishioner input.
- 5. Encourage communication through the weekly bulletin and the use of our website sasjrcc.org.
- 6. Encourage parishioner's input to the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council
- 7. Survey Parishioners for input concerning Communication.

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!

- Quarterly Donut/Appetizer Fellowship: Plain and simple, we need 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.

o Different ministries will rotate responsibilities for procuring the goodies and setup and clean up.

• Hospitality Ministry

- o 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

• Music Ministry

- Conduct coordination between existing choirs
- Youth band to be established
- o Children's choir to be formed, led by Anne Marie
- o Revamp Adult Choirs by personally inviting new members
- Holy Angels Ushering at the 11am Mass at St Anne in uniform

• Parish Picnic – 3rd Saturday of October

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

• Revamp the Homebound Ministry/Nursing homes

• **Bulletins** to include items to celebrate those in our community (awards, scholarships, etc)

Facilities

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

• Establish Small Groups

- o Young Couples Bible Study, Life skills (budgeting, time management, etc)
- Young Adults
- 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
 - o Encourage ministries to meet on Wednesdays.

- o Religious Education, RCIA, Youth Group Deep Dives, Bible Study, etc to meet
- Evangelization Training to help us attract more parishioners' participation in ministries

How are we doing? Pastoral Plan Inventory

We will review each Objective and Goal at least once a year to assess how we are doing and adjust as necessary to address any gaps or changes in circumstances or take advantage of new opportunities using the below inventory sheet.

Objective & Goals from the Pastoral Plan	Breakout objectives and goals when needed	Are we doing these things well? (Y/N)	Are these the right things to do? (Y/N)	Are thesere other things we should do? If so, what are they?	Comments
Eucharistic Worship					
1. Ensure a welcoming worship environment conducive to praise and prayer with full participation.	-Welcoming -Conducive to prayer -Conducive to full participation				
2. Set a prayerful ambience	-Prayerful				
before and after Mass. Minimize conversations	ambiance before and after Mass -Minimize Conversation				
3. Facilitate increased awareness of the Mass by weaving catechumenal moments into homilies teaching parts of the Mass, the real Presence, the significance of gestures,	-Weave catechumenal moments into homily -Conduct teaching Masses				

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reverence, rituals, symbols			
and esthetics of the sanctuary.			
4. Promote opportunities to			
learn about the liturgy			
through: (RCIA, Guest			
Lectures, CCD, Adult Ed)			
5. Educate and Encourage use	-Educate		
of our Adoration Chapel,	-Encourage		
(build an Adoration Chapel in			
our new church)			
6. Expand Worship	-Music Ministry		
opportunities through	-Workshop		
	(Local &		
	Diocesan)		
	-Culture		
	Celebration		
7. Establish a Liturgical			
Committee			
8. Survey Parishioners for			
input concerning the			
Eucharistic Worship			
Faith Formation			
1. Offer and Promote	-Offer		
catechetical resources	-Promote		
2. Continue to offer Faith			
Formation education in our			
Sumter Catholic School			
3. Explore age appealing	-Youth		
approaches to engage our	-Young Adults		
youth, young adults and	-Adults		
adults in catechism			
4. Encourage Adult Education	-Adult Education		
and Bible studies,	-Bible Studies		
Charismatic Prayer Group and	-Charismatic		
the Sumter Cursillo	Prayer Group		
Movement	-Cursillo		
5. Offer a program for our	-Engaged		
engaged and newly married	-Newly Married		
couples	Couples		
6. Provide childcare for young			
adult parents so that they may			
attend these meetings.			
7. Encourage participation in	-Encourage		
the Annual Mission and	Participation		
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8. Survey Parishioners for			
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input concerning Faith Formation			
Evangelization			
1. Encourage support of our			
Catholic School in Sumter as			
a vital part of our			
evangelization efforts			
2. Establish and commission			
an Evangelization Team and			
Coordinator			
3. Effectively make the			
evangelizing dimensions of			
the Eucharist more explicit			
4. Effectively invite people to			
our Church			
5. Encourage Youth Group			
meetings and activities, SASJ			
Youth Ministry			
6. Encourage Young Adult			
meetings and activities, Flock			
17 Young Adult Ministry			
7. Encourage Adult Mentor			
participation for Youth Group			
and Young Adult meetings			
and activities			
8. Involve our parish and	-Parish		
local service groups in the	-Local Service		
needs of our community such	Groups		
as Food Banks and Prison			
Ministry			
9. Explore "canned" Catholic			
Evangelization Programs such			
as "Awakening Faith",			
"Catholicism: A New			
Evangelism", "Hearts Afire			
Parish Program" and			
"Welcome Home"			
10. Consider local Parish			
Evangelical Programs such as			
Evangelical Breakfasts and			
Billboards/Advertisements			
11. Engage in activities with			
other local churches that give			
an opportunity to share our			
Catholic Faith			
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12. Actively identify and	-Inactive		
reach out to inactive Catholics	Catholics		
and those with no faith	-No Faith		
tradition	traditions		
13. Spread the message and			
teachings of Jesus Christ in			
our community through			
example			
14. Survey Parishioners for			
input concerning			
Evangelization			
Parish Life			
/Family/Stewardship			
1. Host a Stewardship Fair on			
a regular basis to educate,			
promote and increase ministry			
involvement			
2. Implement a Stewardship			
Campaign that invites			
parishioners to deepen their			
commitment to the parish.			
Consider pledge cards,			
speakers, brochures.			
3. Establish a Stewardship			
Committee			
4. Inventory of the talents of			
our Parishioners			
5. Consider a yearly volunteer			
appreciation dinner			
6. Widen and deepen the			
financial support of the parish			
7. Emphasize service			
opportunities such as			
cemetery clean up and facility			
clean up and repairs			
8. Encourage children and			
youth involvement with			
Stewardship			
9. Emphasize that a Life of			
Stewardship is a way of			
Discipleship			
10. Survey Parishioners for			
input on Stewardship			
Outreach and Advocacy			

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1. Strengthen homebound			
ministries by training lay			
people to help priests bring			
Holy Communion to the sick			
and homebound.			
2. Involve our parish and			
local service groups in the			
needs of our community such			
as Food Banks and Prison			
Ministry.			
3. Encourage parishioners to			
participate in corporal works			
of mercy through reaching out			
to the sick, dying, and those			
in prison			
4. Discovery of new ways to			
serve the community			
5. Prolife advocacy			
6. Forming consciences of			
those who participate actively			
in our society			
7. Preferable option for the			
poor and vulnerable in our			
society			
Administration, Facilities			
and Communication			
1. Staff should engage in	-Professional		
professional development	Development		
training and feedback	-Feedback		
1. Staff should engage in			
professional development			
training and feedback			
2. Lay leaders should			
continuously assess the			
progress of their committees			
and update the Pastor			
3. Continue to move forward			
with our new church building			
project on our 521 property.			
4. Utilize Town Hall meetings			
to discuss our church building			
project and seek parishioner			
input.			
5. Encourage communication	-Weekly Bulletin		
through the weekly bulletin	-Website		
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and the use of our website			
sasjrcc.org.			
6. Encourage parishioner's	-Pastoral Council		
input to the Parish Pastoral	-Finance Council		
Council and Parish Finance			
Council			
7. Survey Parishioners for			
input concerning			
Communication			

Prayer in Honor of St. Anne and St. Jude

O God, our Heavenly Father,
We praise and worship You and we acknowledge
Your loving presence in our Parish Community.
You have given St. Anne and St. Jude to us to imitate
their faithfulness and zeal to love You and to serve
our brothers and sisters in need.

We come before You, O loving God, to bless all our efforts and commitment in fulfilling our Pastoral Plans, that everything we do may be in accordance with your Holy Will and for the building of your reign in our Parish Community, for the salvation of souls and Your greater glory.

Through the prayers of our beloved patrons, St. Anne and St. Jude, may we gain wisdom and strength that we are Your stewards and servants, always ready to share our gifts and talents with Your people and Your Church.

Grant this prayer, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

St. Anne, pray for us! St. Jude, pray for us!

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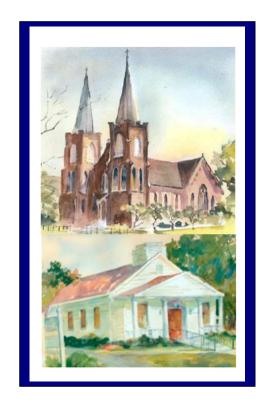
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Appendices - Ministry Execution Plans

Appendix A – Adult Education Group

SASJ Adult Education Group Ministry Plan 2021

Purpose

Provide adult members of SASJ with the opportunity to expand their knowledge and understanding of the rich tradition and history of the Catholic Church.

The Adult Ed Group is not catechesis and does not teach the basics of the faith. Nor is the group a Bible study group, although scriptures are definitely included in our programs. The group is designed for Catholic adults who wish to become more familiar with the many aspects of their faith.

Any adult is welcome to attend.

Activities

1. Weekly Sessions

Sundays immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Adult Ed room at St. Anne. Every Sunday except Easter, Mothers Day, and when Christmas falls on Sunday.

Date and time selected to accommodate participates who primarily attend the 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses at St. Anne.

Any adult is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Purpose: Provide weekly sessions on a variety of topics relating to the Catholic Church and faith.

Format: Approximately one hour of presentation and discussion. All sessions open and close with prayer.

Our typical format is a video presentation of 30 to 45 minutes. This is followed by group discussion on the topic.

Other formats are possible and may include books, guest speakers, and audio presentations. The video and discussion format seems to work the best and we try to use it as much as possible.

Needs:

Ringleader:

Coordinates overall program

Selects programs in consultation with group members

Develops schedule and syllabus

Provides bulletin and Mass announcements to office staff for publication Maintains facility

(Adult Ed room) to include A/V assets

Insures coffee and condiments are available

Session Presenter (usually the Ringleader): Presents session program

Distributes handouts

Facilitates discussion Coffee and Donut Volunteers:

Volunteers sign up to provide donuts each week Prepares coffee

Cleans up afterwards

2. Liturgy Purpose:

Celebrate our faith with the greater Parish community.

Format: Lenten Stations of the Cross

Needed:

Ringleader:

Coordinates participation

3. Social Functions Purpose:

Celebrate community within the Adult Ed Group and the greater Parish community. Introduce new parishioners to the group. Have fun. Contribute to a charitable cause.

Format: Annual Group Christmas Brunch

Pot luck brunch normally held the Sunday before Christmas Collect funds for charity selected in advance

Parish Picnic

Semi-annual Newcomers Mixer

Needed:

Ringleader:

Coordinates participation as needed

Collects and delivers funds (Christmas Charity Donations)

4. Communications Purpose:

Keep group and pastor informed on activities.

Format: Individual email, phone, and text Syllabus

Parish bulletin

Mass announcements Facebook page

Needed:

Ringleader:

Serves as central point of contact for all things Adult Ed

Adult Ed Team

There is no Adult Ed team.

The Ringleader coordinates all aspects of the program. In general, the Ringleader selects and obtains the programs with the concurrence of the group.

Because of the informal nature of the group, attendance tends to vary depending on the nature of the current program. We currently average 13 attendees per session (down from the 20 per session prior to the lock down).

All costs are borne by the group.

The group purchases its own coffee and condiments. The parish did provide a commercial coffee pot at the request of the group to comply with insurance and safety requirements.

The group purchased all the audio-visual equipment, along with a small refrigerator. The group volunteered to pay for one-half the cost of replacement blinds and provide the labor to install them.

The largest costs are the programs, which are also paid for by group members. The Adult Education room is maintained by the group.

Appendix B – Adult Social Ministry (Game Night)

Appendix C – Cursillo Movement

Appendix D – Faith Formation and Sacrament Programs

Religious Education

With the understanding that parents are the primary educators of faith. It is the goal of St Anne and St Jude Catholic Church that the religious education program for k(4) through 8th grade be a well organized, student-centered approach to sharing the Catholic faith. We strive to create an atmosphere of learning by using the Diocesan approved curriculum and bringing in fun faith-filled activities designed to hold our student's attention and make them excited to be Catholic.

• Provide parents with the resources / curriculum and strategies to effectively share the faith with their children.

- Provide catechists with necessary resources/ curriculum and strategies to effectively educate our parish children in the Catholic faith.
- Provide information to catechists and parents regarding available training seminars for continuing education and or spiritual retreats.

Safe Environment

As members of SASJ, we are all called upon to ensure the safety of children and young people in our parish, and within our parish activities and events.. In an effort to respond to this responsibility, the Diocese of Charleston requires all adults and minors who are active in a diocesan organization and ALL hired staff members to complete a safe environment program that teaches how to recognize and report abuse, and how to maintain proper boundaries.

Within the Religious Education Program, Sacrament Programs, and the Youth Ministry students are presented the Protecting God's Children, Teaching Safety Program. This class is offered with an initial class date as well as a make-up date. The Program overview and age-appropriate lesson plans are made available to parents prior to the class dates. Parents are given the opportunity to opt their child out of the class should they choose.

Prior to volunteering in any program involving access to minors, All adults (anyone 18 and over) are required to complete all areas of the Safe Environment Program for adults:

- 1. Background Screening
- 2. Safe Haven Online Training
- 3. Signature of the Acknowledgement of the *Policy of the Diocese of Charleston Concerning Sexual Misconduct or Abuse*
- 4. Signature of the Code of Conduct Agreement
- Continue to uphold the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, by diligently ensuring that every volunteer who has access to the youth in religious education, the sacrament programs, youth group, parish events and activities complete the requirements as set forth by the Charter.
- Provide up to date training of ministry leaders regarding the requirements of and importance of maintaining a safe environment in Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church.
- Provide the parish with reminders and education on the safe environment plan at SASJRCC.
- Strongly Encourage an open line of communication between the parish and safe environment leaders (at the parish or at the diocese). Promoting awareness for how to report allegations of abuse.

Sacrament preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation

SASJ offers Sacrament preparation for reconciliation and first communion within the Wednesday night catechism classes for second graders. Students are expected to have already attended at least one year of religious education before receiving any sacrament.

Sacramental preparation for Confirmation takes place every other Sunday and requires Completion of the 8th grade pre sacramental preparation class or attendance in the Catholic School.

RCIC - Rite of Christian Initiation of Children

This program is designed to work with children who have significant gaps in their religious education. Students who are sacrament age, but do not possess sufficient knowledge of the faith are placed in age appropriate classrooms and pulled out for targeted instruction on the Sacraments.

- Through RCIC and the Sacrament programs, increase knowledge and love of our Catholic faith.
- Encourage increased attendance at mass and reception of the sacraments.
- Encourage increased participation in the Parish Community as a whole.

Vacation Bible School

VBS at SASJ is for children from kindergarten through fifth grade. The goal of VBS is to encourage kids to embark on a journey of discovering Jesus Christ in an environment that is far different from the classroom. Using a strong Catholic program, we believe that VBS can be used to encourage our young children to be enthusiastic learners and enliven their faith journey. While promoting strong community bonds in a fun and exciting setting.

• Provide a fun and faith filled environment fostering a love of Christ.

Quinceanera

The Quince años ritual is a significant way among Latinos in the United States to celebrate the passage from childhood to adolescence, that is the 15th birthday of a young woman, the Quinceanera. Individual Quinceaneras are celebrated at Saint Anne and Saint Jude Catholic Church. They are scheduled between 6 months to a year prior to the desired date. To fulfill the requirements for a Quinceanera the student must be either Confirmed, attending the Confirmation classes or sign a promise to complete the Confirmation requirements, complete meetings with the pastor, the parents and if possible godparents, complete the required Quinceanera reading and attend at least 2 meetings with a catechist. A rehearsal for the celebration is required by the Pastor.

• Continue to identify Quinceanera candidate and provide the necessary training of candidates.

Appendix E – Holy Angels Academy

Appendix F – Hispanic Ministry

Mission Statement: Our mission is to guide and provide the necessary programs for our Hispanic parishioners so they may receive the Sacraments in order to fully participate in the Mass and encourage ministry involvement.

Baptism for children: We currently have a facilitator to prepare parents and God-parents.

Catechism in Spanish: We need a facilitator and program to teach both adults and children about the Mass and the prayers. We currently have the school age children attend Religious Education in English which is great, but when they attend Mass in Spanish with their family they are unable to follow along.

Preparation to celebrate a Quincienera Mass: We currently have a program.

RCIA: We currently have a facilitator.

Marriage talks/preparation for those not married in the church: We need a facilitator and program. And lots of encouragement from our Pastor.

ESL: We currently have a facilitator for this new program.

Ministry involvement: We need to brainstorm ideas on how we can encourage our parishioners to be more involved in ministry.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass/Reception: Volunteers are recruited to fund raise, plan, and host.

Maintenance of the Capilla: We currently have a small group of volunteers.

Appendix G – Hospitality

Appendix H - Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver

Council and Court 316 – Sumter S.C.

Nationally:

The Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. is the largest historically African-American Catholic lay organization in the United States. The Order is named for **St. Peter Claver**, the Spanish Priest who ministered to African slaves being ferried into Cartagena, Colombia. In 2006, a unit was established in San Andres, Colombia, South America. The Order was founded in Mobile, Alabama and is presently headquartered in New Orleans. Though historically African-American all Catholics are welcome.

Our organization consists of six Divisions: Knights of Peter Claver, Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Junior Knights, Junior Daughters, 4th Degree Knights and Ladies of Grace. The Order is governed by a Board of Directors and is under the leadership of the Supreme Knight and Supreme Lady, KPCLA. The Order is operated under the direction of the Executive Director and his staff.

We are divided into six Districts and States across the country. Each district or state is represented by a Deputy and other conference officers. Districts, States, and other Divisions are represented on the Board of Directors.

Our purpose: To render service to God and His Holy Church, render aid and assistance to the sick and disabled, and promote social and intellectual association among our members. **Locally**:

The Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver (Court and Council 316, Sumter, SC) participate annually in the following activities for the St. Anne and St. Jude Community. Starting in January each year they are:

- Celebration to honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- ➤ KPC/KPCLA Soul Food Fest
- Black History Month Program and Reception
- ➤ Knights of St. Peter Claver Fish Fry
- ➤ Help with Easter Egg Dying and Egg Hunt
- ➤ Annual Meet and Greet session
- ➤ Mother's Day Breakfast
- Father's Day Breakfast
- ➤ Baby Shower for Mother Mary to support pregnant mothers.
- ➤ In the larger Sumter Community, the Knights and Ladies regularly Feed the homeless at the homeless shelter.
- > Support the local parish picnic in any manner asked.
- > Community Halloween Party.
- ➤ Vendor Extravaganza to raise funds for programs and scholarships.
- ➤ Annually celebrate the National Black Catholic History Month

- Provide an annual Christmas luncheon for Sumter Seniors
- KPC and KPCLA annual Christmas party

Every year (at least four times per year) the Knights and Ladies "turnout" in their official dress for masses that celebrate important feast days such as the Feast of St. Peter Claver (in 2021 this would be celebrated on Sept 12). After these masses they host a Divine Mercy Chaplet for community participation.

• Note these activities have been modified or ceased due to Covid but are expected to resume as soon as possible.

The Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver meet monthly (in person or via Zoom) to plan the above activities throughout the year.

Appendix I - Knights of Columbus

Council 2207 STREGIC PLAN 2021-2022

MISSION STATEMENT: Knights of Columbus (KOC) empowers Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their families, in their parish at work and in their communities. Council 2207 will develop and implement programs and activities to lead by faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend our Catholic values. Programs and activities focused on Faith – Family-Community – Life.

FAITH: Leading men, families and parish community in faith and service programs.

A. Into the Breach: In his apostolic exhortation Into the Breach, Bishop Thomas J, Olmsted outlines the challenges faced by men of faith in the world today. Using the lesson booklet or video series, councils will prayerfully examine the crisis of religious faith in our world. By discussing the lessons and calls to action, men will begin to devise a personal plan of spiritual battle to strengthen their lives, their families, and their communities.

ACTION STEP:

- 1. Identify Chairman and Co-Chairman to facilitate lessons/videos and lead discussions.
- 2. Determine convenient location for gathering, with access to audio/visual media.
- 3. Select date and time for 13 sessions for video program and 8-12 sessions for lessons program.
- 4. Conduct program no less than once every month.
- 5. Display promotional posters and promote via bulletins / social networks.
- 6. Invite spouses, significant others and adult children to be involved.
- B. Rosary Program: Build faithful families and communities through rosary prayer.

ACTION STEP:

- 1. Rosary prayer conducted each Friday at selected member's homes.
- 2. Membership open to all catholic adults.

- 3. Contact Brother Randy Esterley.
- C. Building the Domestic Church Kiosk: Make the Building the Domestic Church Kiosk available in the parish to educate and evangelize using the faith-based literature found in the Catholic Information Service booklets.

ACTION STEP:

- 1. Select chairman to oversee setting up Kiosk in parish(s).
- 2. Maintain supply of booklets.
- 3. Promote and advertise booklets when necessary.
- 4. Schedule teaching events associated with the booklets and or lead faith-based groups/activities.

FAMILY: Strengthen bonds of family through programs and activities.

A. Family Prayer Night: Provide families of council members, as well as other Catholic families within the parish and community, an opportunity to gather for prayer, dinner, and fellowship. Program is an opportunity for children to be exposes to regular people living their faith in a casual setting.

ACTION STEP:

- 1. Select chairman to oversee action steps and coordinate with parish and council.
- 2. Build interest and promote program.
- 3. Select location for program and/or coordinate family host rotation.
- 4. Develop format/agenda as needed.
- B. Food for Families: To help end hunger with our community by raising funds, collecting food donations to support our local food pantries and soup kitchens.

ACTION STEP:

- 1. Select chairman to coordinate with parish.
- 2. Select annual dates for parish food drives.
- 3. Coordinate with members and others to collect and distribute donations.
- 4. Publicize donation collections and setup containers.
- C. Keep Christ in Christmas: Coordinate activities that promote Christmas and the season of advent in proper context. Prompt neighbors to shift from materialism to the light of Christ and spirit of giving.

ACTION STEP:

- 1. Chairman to coordinate annual Christian Christmas Card and car magnet sales.
- 2. Apply for entry in the annual Sumter Christmas Parade.
- 3. Solicite members and families to ride and participate in parade.

D. Family of the Month: To recognize a family from the parish that models Christian family values and visibly lives them each day.

ACTION STEP:

- 1. Chairman coordinates committee and solicits nominations from members and/or parishioners each month.
- 2. Nominations submitted to committee for selection.
- 3. Certificate recognizing family prepared.
- 4. Certificate presented in church at the end of a mass or other appropriate time.

COMMUNITY: One of the council's major principles is Charity. We develop programs and activities to help our parish community and serve others.

A. Helping Hands: Providing meal to residents at Sumter Emergency Shelter and Community Highway Pickup.

ACTION STEP:

- 1. Chairman coordinates providing monthly meal plan and soliciting donations.
- 2. Meal delivered to residents, and if allowed lead resident in prayer and short message.
- 3. Highway Pickup Coordinator schedules cleanup on Wise Drive (from Alice Drive to Patriot Parkway) quarterly.
- 4. Bags, tongs, vests provided on pickup days.

LIFE: Vigorously defend the dignity of each human being at every stage of life.

A. Sumter Life Chain: To actively promote the Right-To-Life.

ACTION STEP:

- 1. Chairman coordinates with area groups on dates and locations for demonstrations.
- 2. Chair promotes event and solicits all parish members to participates.
- 3. Announces event in bulletins and announcements.
- 4. Presents posters and banners on day of event.
- B. Annual South Carolina State Right-To-Life March and Youth Rally: Each year the SC State Council KOC sponsor the Right-to-Life march and Youth rally at the SC State Capitol o Columbia, SC.

ACTION STEP:

- 1. Council chairman will solicite members and parishioners to attend annual march through bulletins/announcements/social media.
- 2. Chairman to coordinate car-pools.
- 3. Chairman to provide posters and banners.

Appendix J - Liturgical Ministries

Appendix K - Maintenance Ministry

Appendix L - Music Ministry

Appendix M - Prison Ministry

The Catholic Prison Ministry Pen Pal Program

The Pen Pal Program was begun around 2010. There is a way to visit those in prison without having to go inside a prison. An anonymous pen pal program opens the door to a safe encounter without revealing your full name and address.

Before matching you to a pal, a brief training on guidelines is provided. Letters from (and to) prison hold a dear place in sacred scriptures Matthew 25:36. The Catholic Prison Ministry's pen pal program is one of hope and encouragement. It helps instill a positive attitude due to hopeful message we send. Most importantly it tells the inmate someone cares about them. It let's them know they are not forgotten. Studies show that corresponding with the incarcerated, reduces the recidivism rate, which says, we are saving some souls.

DO'S

- *Using plain stationary, you will send your letters directly to your inmate making sure to include their prisoner's ID# on the letter as well as on the envelope. For a return address use only your first name, and the Catholic Prison Ministries P.O. Box 52624, Shaw Air Force Base, S. C. 29152.
- *Never use your home address.
- *Keep letters to 1-2 pages
- *Write once a month for six months, regardless of whether you get a reply. If after six months you have not received a reply, please advise the pen pal coordinator.
- *From the very beginning, set a positive tone. State the purpose of your writing so that your prisoner can respond accordingly. Don't hesitate to establish clear boundaries so the inmate understands that your relationship is platonic, and only for the time they are in prison.
- *The best way to approach your inmate is to simply accept him/her as a fellow human being whom you want to know.
- *Begin by telling general things about yourself and things that mean something to you. Most prisoners enjoy hearing about our daily lives. It helps them stay in touch with the world on the "outside," and serves as a diversion from the grind of prison life.

- *Pray for your inmate and tell them that you are doing so. Ask others to pray for them and tell them that others are praying for then too.
- *Ask them to pray for you and for those you pray for. It is important that you give them something they can do for you.

DON'T

- *Never offer personal information about your family. Never provide your full last name, address, or telephone number. Never provide the name of your friends. Do not provide your workplace information. Use your first name only, or a nickname.
- *Do not promise something that you can't deliver.
- *Do not send money or gifts of any kind. This includes stamps and stationary.
- *Do not send pictures of yourself, or things that reveal personal information.
- *Do not continue to write if you receive inappropriate messages. Contact the pen pal coordinator if this happens.
- *Do not say anything in your letters that might be embarrassing if it were revealed. All mail is potentially read by prison staff before it is forwarded to your inmate.
- *Do not contact the inmate's family, friends, attorney, or parole officer.
- *Do not give legal advice, even if you are a lawyer!

For further information contact the coordinator of Pen Pal Program Richard Winter Tel. 803-983-7925.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Kairos Prison Ministry is a lay-led Christian ministry which conducts a highly-structured program designed for use in male and female medium to maximum security correctional institutions. Kairos is patterned or based on the Cursillo Movement in the Catholic Church. It consists of a three and a half day Weekend of carefully coordinated talks, discussion, chapel meditations and music led by volunteers of many religious denominations.

The Sumter Catholic Church has been involved in Kairos since the beginning in 1983. Recruiting team members are extremely important for the vitality of KAIROS. Five trainings sessions are provided for each Kairos Weekend. Once these trainings sessions are completed the team member becomes eligible to enter the institution. We enter on Thursday and spend 4 -5 hours in the institution, on Friday and Saturday we spend about 12 hours in the institution and on Sunday we spend about 8 hours. Team members are responsible for securing prayers for the prayer wheel for the Kairos Weekend, Securing Cookies for the weekend (4-5 thousand dozen cookies) as well as donations to support the Kairos program. About two weeks before a Kairos Weekend, our pastor allows two Catholic members of the Kairos team to speak to at each Mass, requesting prayers, cookies, and donations. The Sumter Catholic Community has always been very supportive of the Kairos Prison Ministry.

The motto for Kairos is like that of the Cursillo Movement: Be a friend, Make a friend, and Bring a friend to Christ.

HERE ARE A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM KAIROS PRISON WEEKENDS OF THE PAST

1) One resident planned on returning to his original faith journey after having been a Muslim for nine years.

- 2) An atheist was loved into Christianity. He said," he came to play the system and enjoy the good food."
- 3) One individual said, "He had never been so loved."
- 4) I listened when you spoke about You Are not Alone Talk. I know now that I am not alone. I know people care for me.
- 5) It took me seven years to get here. I am happy to be here. I am greatful for this weekend. I speak in Jesus's name.
- 6) These four days was to me, a little piece of heaven. It gives me the feeling of being free, so much so that I forget I was in prison.

In recruiting it would be helpful for someone who would want to participate on a Kairos team to have experienced a Cursillo weekend, but it is not necessary. For further information about Kairos you may contact Richard Boisvert at (803) 406-0653 or Andrew Williams at (803) 968-9181.

SPANISH BIBLE STUDY LEE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION 2021-2022 PLAN

Purpose

To provide inmates of different Christian denominations the opportunity to gather and study the Bible in their native language. The group is led by inmates and members of our parish are present to give support and to let prisoners know our Catholic community cares about their spiritual growth and wellbeing.

Any inmate is welcome to attend.

1. Activities

Weekly Sessions

Wednesday from 10 am to 12 noon in the prison's chapel facilities. Some Wednesdays the study is interrupted by inmate counts. Some Wednesdays the prison is on shutdown and there is no Bible Study. We are waiting for the Lee Correctional Institution opens to volunteers since they have been closed since the Corona Virus Pandemic started. Team members must be vetted by completing a volunteer application and a background check. This process takes a couple of months before each member is approved for prison ministry.

Purpose

Provide community support to inmates particularly those who have no family visitors.

Format

Welcoming: a few minutes of greetings and informal conversation while waiting on the different dorms to let the inmates out. Attendance is taken by a team member and turned into the Chapel Office. An inmate brings bibles from storage room and A/V equipment if needed. All sessions begin and end with prayer.

The inmate leader selects a scripture passage to be read out loud followed by group discussion. Others including our team bring up different scriptural passages followed by group discussion.

An inspirational video or reading follows with group discussion. Members of our Spanish Bible Study Ministry Team facilitate the discussions. Attendance of inmates has gone from 6 to 25 in 7 years. During the present shut down we have learned that the Bible Study continues meeting with up to 25 members.

Needs

Recruiting of new members of our Catholic community to join this ministry. It is not easy to find Spanish speaking parishioners that can join this ministry on a weekday as most of them have daytime jobs. The lack of a Social Security Number is another obstacle to being able to have a background check which is necessary to have access to the prisons. Resources in Spanish to help inmates conduct a successful Bible Study such as videos, books, guides, etc.

1. Social Functions

Purpose

To provide inmates with the opportunities to gather in an informal setting. To provide time to enjoy each other's company and partake of food being prepared especially for them by our Catholic community and local Hispanic restaurants. To expose non attending inmates to the bible group and to our Team. To provide comfort to them during special holidays like Christmas and Easter.

Format

The Team requests permission from the Warden to have the holiday meal.

The Team requests dish donations from our Hispanic community and from Hispanic Restaurants. Food, drinks, and other necessary things are gathered and taken to the prison. The Team takes care of the logistics in introducing food into the prison following the many required rules and regulations in preparing and serving the food. Members of our team lead Christian songs that have been selected and copied for distribution to inmates.

Needs

More members to join the Team. Equipment to facilitate the transport of food to the prison.

2. Communication

Purpose

Team members must communicate to plan designated driver. Team members must communicate with Chaplain to know if the prison is not open to volunteers.

Format

Team members must be able to communicate via email and SMS texts. The Chaplain lets the Team know if there is a problem with the prison being shut down to volunteers. Team members communicate with each other to know designated driver and which members are attending.

3. Spanish Bible Study Team

Purpose

To bring to inmates God's love through their presence and interaction

Format

The Team is formed of Spanish speakers, members of our parish. The Team takes turns driving to the prison in Bishopville. Members do not need to have knowledge of Scripture.

There should be at least 2 members traveling to the prison on a regular day. The whole team attends in special occasions like a visit from the Bishop or holiday meals. Attending members must dress according to the prison regulations. Members cannot introduce cell phones nor any objects that could represent danger to prisoners. Members are frisked and carry-ons are X-rayed.

Needs

More members to join the Team. It is difficult to find people that speak Spanish, can do ministry on a weekday morning, drive to another town, feel comfortable being in a prison and interacting with prisoners.

Appendix N - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA-English)

Appendix O - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RICA-Spanish)

Appendix P - Women's Guild

St. Anne and St. Jude Women's Guild Plan for 2021-2022

Our Women's Guild plan to support our Church, Pastor and Parish Community.

In July, we held our yard sale. All proceeds go to building our new church. We plan to have another one in January 2022.

Each week, different groups of ladies clean the church, launder and change linens, decorate with flowers and hangings, and sanitize the church after each Mass.

Our Coat Give Away will be rescheduled this year. New socks are given out, along with used clothes, blankets, and comforters to our Sumter community. We hope to have an additional one after the Spanish Mass.

The weekend before Thanksgiving, November 20-21, we plan our Bake Sale. This our only fundraiser for us.

Each year, we give Christmas gifts to Disabilities and Special Needs on Electric Drive, and S.C. Dept. of Mental Health Center on North Pike West. This year, we plan to add some persons from our parish that are in need.

Starting up again, we will provide meals after funerals, receptions for RCIA and Confirmation and other needs as they arise.

Each month, we provide a meal for the homeless. The shelter is located on North Wise Drive, we are scheduled the third Tuesday on each month. We were previously able to join them, but now we can only drop off hot meals.

Each month at our regular meetings, we bring can goods or nonperishable foods in support of Christian Charities, which is located on South Purdy. This building is on St. Jude's property. We have men and women from our church volunteering their time to run this food bank.

Prison Ministry has also been affected by Covid. Books, DVDs and cards are sent but no visiting at this time.

We support our Adorno Seminarians by passing a collection basket at each meeting. We are starting that practice again.

Our Sunday Lady makes sure members are wished a Happy Birthday. Cards are sent to members when needed, such as "Sympathy", "Thinking of You" or "Get Well Soon"!

The prayer chain was recently started up again! Andrea Marcella was chosen by Father. She would like to make sure the family approves of putting the person's name on the Prayer Chain.

We are members of Church Women United. Only a handful of ladies attend the meetings, but we are involved in this diverse group.

Donuts after each Mass once a month can be added to our list. We prefer the early Masses as discussed. Good idea to get to know other church members.

Wednesday evening also can be added. We could have a group sharing with those attending while Religious Ed is going on. We plan a variety of topics or activities. No one came forward to baby sit, maybe when we have our regular meeting, hopefully, we can pick up someone.

At Church Picnics previously, we greeted, registered and gave out name tags. That will be fine this coming year.

There are ladies who are involved in smaller groups such as making rosaries, sewing Baptismal bibs, purificators, repair and care of vestments, standing to support life, crocheting and making quilts for nursing homes, and we have members singing in the choir.

Women's Guild President,

Joan Mudd

Appendix Q - Young Adult Ministry

Objectives

• The main objective of the Young Adult Ministry is to create and facilitate relationships between young adults in the St. Anne and St. Jude Parish. Each of the Young Adult events will be intentional and will include some aspect of building a relationship with one another. Each event will also facilitate learning about the Catholic faith in a safe environment. Young adults will be encouraged to evangelize what they learn to friends, family, and people in their own social circles outside of church.

Goals

- The Young Adult Ministry has 3 main goals for this year:
 - o Create a sustainable ministry that will be carried on past this fiscal school year.
 - Facilitate community outreach and relationship building through reaching out to other ministries at the parish. That includes building relationships with fellow young adults in the ministry.
 - o Bring awareness to the many ministries and groups a young adult can be apart of and how that fits into their faith and individual values.

Programming

- Start: August 27
 - Reasoning: it would fall right with having every other week meetings since labor day weekend is the next Friday. It would also give one more Friday in the semester than if we started on Sept 10.
- Regular meetings:
 - o August 27
 - o September 10
 - o September 24
 - October 8
 - o October 22
 - o November 5
 - o November 19
 - o December 3
 - o December 17
- Biweekly regular meetings
 - Would follow previous structure: first meeting of the month would be a topic to help grow deeper in faith, second meeting of the month would be fellowship and something smaller.
 - Second meeting would be when we get together to eat and talk to each other. This
 could also be when we do peer presentations, someone could share something
 they are really interested in about the faith and we could discuss it.
 - Reasoning for biweekly meetings: we are all adults and adult schedules can get extremely hectic with work and familial obligations. We want to encourage individuals to dive deeper in their faith but not feel obligated to be at a weekly meeting. The down Fridays would be encouragement for young adults to dive

deeper individually on what we discussed the previous week and share it with their families, friends, and others. Additionally, the encouragement is to have young adults grow together and form friendships. The down Fridays would be for growing those friendships and continuing what we started the previous Friday.

- Wednesdays or Thursdays
 - o September 1 or 2
 - o September 15 or 16
 - September 29 or 30
 - o October 13 or 14
 - o October 27 or 28
 - o November 10 or 11
 - o December 1 or 2
 - o December 15 or 16
 - o December 29* or 30*
 - *These are optional if we would like to have an additional meeting after Christmas but before New Years.
- Wednesday/Thursday meetings
 - o Bible study/ Scripture deep dive or Book Clubs
 - These Wednesday meetings would fall in between the Friday meetings. The goal is to help young adults understand what we believe and understand through reading the scripture.
 - Reasoning for in between the Friday meetings: Fridays would be down Fridays but the bible study would be something for the down weeks. The goal is for a deeper dive into scripture something a lot of Catholics struggle with. It would be on Wednesday or Thursday to give an opportunity to those who want to be involved in the Young Adult Group but are unable to make it to Friday meetings.
 - o Additional idea*: Every other bible study, we could invite the upperclassmen youth (Juniors and Seniors) to join us. It would be a great way to evangelize and to help upperclassmen see there is a group for them at St. Anne & St. Jude.
 - *This is based on if there are more than two adults present with Veritas or Safe Haven training.
- Service Projects
 - Service projects would be based on the Corporal Works of Mercy:
 - Feed the Hungry
 - Serve dinner at Sumter United Ministries, Volunteer for Youth Group dinner as a group, Create and serve dinner after a mass, etc.
 - Give Drinks to the Thirsty
 - Could be combined with Feed the Hungry, Water walks, Fundraising for clean water, etc.
 - Give Alms to the Poor
 - Clothing drive, Shoe drive, Food drive, etc.
 - These can be things we don't use anymore instead of brand new.
 - Visit the Prisoners
 - Cookies for Kairos (I don't know if that is still a thing), Prison ministry, etc.

- Shelter the Homeless
- Visit the Sick
 - Might be hard because of COVID
 - Christmas caroling, Helping a nursing home, Writing letters to those in the nursing home, etc.
- Bury the Dead
 - Cemetery clean-up
- Now some of these are harder to do than others and we can combine some of them together.
- There are 5 months in the first semester. We can focus on one or two Corporal Works of Mercy per month.
- o Probably schedule during the last week of the month.
 - August 24-31
 - September 23-30
 - October 24-31
 - November 23-30
 - December 24-31
 - Or whenever fits better with the Corporal Work of Mercy and we don't mind overlapping.

• Fun Nights

- Scattered throughout the semester.
- There should be something fun worked into each month. A dinner or an event that everyone can get involved in and have fun like young adults. Fun nights can be really simple hang outs at the park or something more complex like a game night or a dinner out. Fun nights will probably be more for the weekends (Thursday-Friday) so that we can maximize the amount of people able to attend and people don't have to worry about other commitments.
- o A fun night will also be planned around Thanksgiving Break, College Fall Breaks, and Christmas Break to encourage our visiting college students to attend.

Semester Schedule

August

- Friday, August 27: Fellowship Meeting first meeting
- August 24-August 31: Service Event Feed the Hungry Dinner at the Samaritan House/Youth Group

September

- Wednesday, September 1: Bible Study/Book Study
- Friday, September 10: Deep Dive Night
- Wednesday, September 15: Bible Study/Book Study
- Friday, September 24: Fellowship Night
- Wednesday, September 29: Bible Study/Book Study
- September 23-30: Service Event Visit the Sick Letters to Nursing Home/Hospital

October

- Friday, October 8: Deep Dive Night
- Wednesday, October 13: Bible Study/Book Study
- Friday, October 22: Fellowship Night
- Wednesday, October 27: Bible Study/Book Study
- October 24-October 31: Service Event Bury the Dead Cemetery Cleanup

November

- Friday, November 5: Deep Dive Night
- Wednesday, November 10: Bible Study/Book Study
- Friday, November 19: Fellowship Night
- November 23-30: Service Event Give Alms to the Poor Clothing/Shoe Drive

December

- Wednesday, December 1: Bible Study/Book Study
- Friday, December 3: Deep Dive Night
- Wednesday, December 15: Bible Study/Book Study
- Friday, December 17: Fellowship Night
- Wednesday, December 29: Bible Study/Book Study
- December 24-30: Service Event Visit the Prisoners ?

Appendix R - Youth Ministry

Description

The purpose of Youth Ministry at SASJ is to provide the youth of SASJ the environment, resources, and opportunities to develop in their faith and Catholic relationships.

Activities

Weekly meetings – Sundays at 6:15

Purpose: provide a weekly opportunity for the youth of our parish to gather to develop Catholic relationships and increase their faith

Format: 2 hours with varying content and activities.

This is a youth community building activity. The goal is to keep it interesting and engaging while increasing the Catholic faith of the youth. We don't want the youth to feel they are going to school. Activities should be designed so they have opportunities to socialize and develop Catholic friendships, which in-turn will give them the desire to want to continue to participate and encourage them to invite others to do the same.

The format for each week can change and is dependent on the Team leading that week and the Youth Minister. It is our challenge to educate the youth in creative ways without being boring or mundane! Each meeting should allow for 10 minutes at the end for prayer.

In keeping with the pastor's guidance to be a Eucharistic-centered parish, the Youth Group will participate in two Eucharistic Adorations each semester.

Needed for each Meeting

- Designated Core Sub-Team 1(rotate weekly) –The Sub-Team is responsible for planning that week's meetings activities including developing the content for that week and working with anyone else that may be needed for that week.
- Greeter every youth should be welcomed by name. Newcomers need to be recognized and shown around the youth building
- 1 Attendance taker so we can track our numbers and recognize who has been coming regularly and who has been absent. Can be the Greeter if short on numbers
- Presenters must be good at and comfortable with developing and presenting content.
- Food Coordinator responsible for planning the food for each week
- A/V ready to go.

Monthly Deep Dives

Purpose: The monthly deep dives will provide the youth who desire to learn more about their faith an opportunity to do so with others of their age. This is the next step in discipleship for them.

Format: 90-minute weekday gathering in the dining/game room side of the youth building using the Lifeteen Sunday Readings Bible Study program

Needed for each Meeting

- LifeTeen Bible Study material for that week
- Very Light refreshments. Juice and donuts kinda thing. Keep it simple so that the focus is on the content of the material, not the refreshments. The refreshments are just a tool for social gathering.

Liturgical Participation

Purpose: Active participation in the Liturgy helps the individual connect with the Liturgy and their church in a more meaningful way while giving them the opportunity to glorify the Lord with their Time and Talents.

Actions

• Encourage it

- Work with the Pastor to make the 5pm Mass youth focused
- Once a semester conduct a brief (20 min) presentation on serving in the Liturgy
- o Personally invite youth with the proper charisms to participate in different roles
- Invite those youths currently serving in Liturgy to become a part of the Youth Group

Acknowledge it

- Convert one of the bulletin boards in the youth building hallway into a Youth Liturgy Ministers board
- Present each youth serving in Liturgy with a specially designed polo shirt for them to wear when they are serving

Semester Fun Events

Purpose: Two fun events each semester. One big event, like a ski trip and a smaller event like paintballing, camping, bowling, etc

Needed: Planner for each event

Youth Mission

Purpose: Part of discipleship is helping others. As such, mission projects will be designed to help the youth develop this aspect of their faith. The Youth Ministry will plan two mission projects: a local giving project and a summer mission trip. The mission trip can be something local or distant depending on the circumstances at the time. Kids for Congo 2?

Needed: 2 planners

Recruiting

Purpose: Discipleship through evangelizing. We are called to share our faith and spread the Good News to others. The Apostles went out to the corners of the world to do so. We too need to go out to bring others to the faith, including reaching out to the youth and not just waiting for them to come to us.

Activities:

- Open House
- Personal Invitations
- Announcements at Mass, as needed
- Training of youth on how to evangelize, especially for the God Squad
- Weekly bulletin announcements
- Active Social Media presence

Needed:

• Recruiting Leader (preferably not a Team Leader) to develop and coordinate our recruiting activities

- 1 adult and 1 youth assigned, per Mass, to act as a facilitator for that Mass as needed (included as part of the communication plan, as well)
- Recruiting cards to be used to facilitate personal invitations. Perhaps, incentivize the youth to give them out by rewarding them with something whenever someone new comes with a card they gave out?

St. Valentine's Day Dance

Purpose: Catholic community building event and raise funds for youth activities **Needed**:

- Sub-Team assigned
- God Squad
- All Adults Helping out
- All Youth Helping

Communications

Purpose: To keep Core team, youth, parents, and the parish informed on Youth activities. **Activities**:

- Social Media
- Bulletins
- Mass Announcements
- Texting
- Phone Calls
- Home Mailers

Needed:

- 1 Communications Lead
- A Core Team and God Squad Facilitator for each Mass

Mass	Adult Facilitator	GS Facilitator
Sat 5	Deborah	
Sun 8		
Sun 9:30	Nathan	
Sun 11	Denise	
Sun 12:30		
Sun 5	Riggs	

Youth Ministry Team On/Off-site

Purpose: Faith formation, Team Building, and Training for the Core Team and God Squad members, as well as Semi-Annual Planning.

Format

All-day Saturday event. Planned and executed by the Youth Minister with assistance from others, if needed. Twice per year.

Youth Ministry Team

The Youth Ministry Team is instrumental to the successful execution of the Youth Ministry. They give of their Time and Talents to develop the faith of the youth of our parish. Because of their position of influence over the youth, it is essential that all members are good practicing Catholics and go through youth protection screening.

Youth Ministry is very active and very demanding. In their service in Youth Ministry, it is very important that we take care to ensure that those serving in ministry don't experience burnout. It should be the norm, not the exception, that those on the Youth Ministry Team not be scheduled or expected to attend every event, including weekly meetings, though it is expected they will serve consistently. We all need breaks and time with our family. This plan is designed so that those serving aren't required to serve every weekend and can pre-plan for weekends off. It is even more important that while serving in this ministry that the Youth Ministry Team is growing in their own faith and spiritual journeys through this ministry.

Youth Minister

Purpose: The Youth Minister's main purpose is to plan, organize and execute the parish Youth Ministry program in conjunction with the Pastor and Parish Staff in order to meet the faith and fellowship needs of the youth of our church.

The YM is selected by the Pastor based on his discernment and needs of the parish. The YM is responsible for developing this Youth Ministry Plan and for maintaining it. The YM is responsible for recruiting and developing a strong Core Team to help in the execution of the Youth Ministry mission and fill roles described below, as necessary.

The Core Team

Purpose: The purpose of the Core Team is to support the Youth Minister in executing this plan to meet the faith and fellowship needs of the youth of our church.

Youth Ministry is vital to the current and future health of our church, as such, it is important that the Core Team is able to work efficiently and effectively with all members contributing in significant ways to the overall youth program.

The Core Team will consist of 12 members and will be split up into three teams (Sub-Teams), each with a dedicated Team Leader. The teams will be responsible for planning and executing events on a scheduled and rotating basis, including the weekly Youth Group meeting. Only the team executing that week's meeting are required to come, though all are welcome. Team Leaders are required to meet with the Youth Minister (Deacon Greg) for Youth Ministry planning meetings and convey information to their team members.

Each team will also be responsible for one of the following:

- Mission trip planning and execution
- St. Valentine's Day Dance planning and execution
- God Quad Leadership.

Aside from their roles on their respective teams, other roles to be filled by Core Team members include:

Leadership Roles	Description	
Squad Leaders	Alpha Squad	Deborah
	Omega Squad	Ken Riggs
	JC's	<mark>?</mark>
	God Squad	Denise
Communications Leader	Responsible for email and social media	Deborah
	communications to parents and youth	
	regarding upcoming events	
Recruiting Leader	Responsible for leading our recruiting efforts to	Nathan
	bring more youth into youth Ministry. Puts the	
	"youth" in youth ministry	
Fun Events Leader	Develop ideas for fun events, like paintballing,	Ken and Electa
	camping, bowling	
Choir		Nathan
Facility Manager	Leads efforts to maintain and improve the	Denise
	Youth Building	
Meal Coordinator	Makes sure we have good food at our events	<mark>?</mark>

Needed: The Core Team will consist of 12 members. In order to best evangelize to our diverse community, it is important that the Core team is diverse in order to facilitate reaching out to those in the community, using St Paul as an example who was both Jewish and Roman and able to use those both to his advantage to spread the Good News.

Activities:

- Active participation in YM planning and execution.
- 60-minute Sub-Team Leaders Synch meeting on the First Thursday of each month with Youth Minister to go over status of current activities, plan the next couple months, discuss ideas, etc
- 90-minute Quarterly Core Team Planning meeting on the First Thursday of the quarter (Aug, Nov, Feb, May) with Youth Minister to go over status of current activities, plan the next couple months, discuss ideas, etc
- Core team Retreat August quarterly meeting will be an overnight retreat. (TBD)

God Squad

Purpose: The purpose of the God Squad is to develop the older youth for the next level of discipleship while also giving them opportunities to engage in more mature activities suited for their age. It also gives the younger youth something to aspire towards.

Format: For junior and seniors. Activities can vary according to member desires and adult leader planning. Additionally, God Squad members should take an active participation in the weekly YG meetings as greeters, and occasional presenters.

Needed: 2 adults to lead the God Squad

Other God Squad Ideas:

- God Squad hoodies
- God Squad Retreat, associated with a superfun activity like paintballing or skiing

- For seniors in the Spring semester, occasional events with the Young Adults Group
- Participation in the Diocesan Youth programs, E-Team, retreats, leadership training

Parent Outreach

Purpose:

Parents bare the primary responsibility for raising their children up in the Church but often do not have the resources or know-how for doing so. While the Youth Group is not geared towards the parents, we do hope to be a gateway for those parents that are not already actively involved in the Church outside of the Sunday Mass.

Activities:

- Invite them to certain activities, such as campouts, DYC, etc
- Invite them to certain YG nights
- Occasionally develop YG nights geared towards parents
- Ask parents to participate by providing meals and staying for meals
- Ask parents to participate in YG nights in specific roles
- Consider parents for Core team

Appendix S – Filipino Ministry

Appendix T - Homeless Ministry

How the Organized Ministry to the Homeless Began

Several years ago, an individual from the Cursillo Movement began organizing a meal two or three times a year supported by the Cursillo group. This continued for a few years. Once his life changed, he could no longer continue to organize these meals.

The present organizer, touched by the Holy Spirit, was moved to invite many of our Catholic groups to support feeding the homeless in the Emergency Shelter.

The following groups participate in providing meals to the Emergency Shelter:

Bible Study Group Cursillo

Sante Group is part of the Cursillo Group Filipino Group

Hispanic Group Knight and Ladies of St. Peter Claver

St. Jude Choir Women's Guild

Youth Group

When these groups provide a meal, this is what they are supposed to do:

- 1) Provide the food, utensil, etc.
- 2) Serve the individuals in the shelter
- 3) Eat and share with the individuals in the shelter
- 4) Provide a meditation to share with the group and encourage sharing
- 5) If you feel moved do shake hands and/or hug do so.

Remember each individual should be treated like he/she was Jesus. These are our brothers and sisters.

These groups have been supporting the Sumter United Ministries Emergency Shelter for many years. It has been an ongoing ministry. If any group of individuals would like to participate, please call Richard Boisvert at (803)406-0653.

Since Covid-19 all we have been able to do is drop the food off at the shelter. We look forward to returning to what we did prior to Covid-19.

Feeding the Homeless on the Street

Last November in our small Cursillo prayer and share group, one member suggested that we make bag lunches and provide the bag lunches for the homeless individuals on the street. The group supported that inspiration. In December those of us in the group made bag lunches and started searching for the homeless on the street. Since that time the second and fourth Saturday of the month were chosen to this ministry.

We collect food from about a dozen individuals and families. They have been supportive since the beginning. On Saturday morning we arrive at 7:15 at the St. Jude Cafeteria. We fill 36 bags for our homeless brothers and sisters. Individuals decide at what level they want to be involved: Provide food, make the bags and/or go on the street as a group distributing the bags to our brothers and sisters. Once we complete the bags, we attend Mass at St. Anne at 8:15 and have one of the priests bless the food and them we hit the streets. We car pool so we are together. We are always open for more parishioners to participate.

The following are the dates of service for this year:

Dec. 5, 2020 Dec. 19, 2020 Jan. 9, 2021 Jan. 23, 2021 Feb. 13, 2021 Feb. 27, 2021

March 12, 2021 March 27, 2021 April 10, 2021 April 24, 2021 May 8, 2021 May 22, 2021 June 12, 2021 June 26, 2021 July 10, 2021 July 24, 2021 Aug. 14, 2021 Aug. 28, 2021

Sept. 11, 2021 Sept. 25, 2021 Oct. 9, 2021 Oct. 23, 2021 Nov. 13, 2021 Nov. 27, 2021

Dec. 11, 2021 Dec. 25, 2021

What do we Put in the Bags?

1) Bottle of Water 2) One container of Hi C/Capri Sun/etc.

3) Box of Raisins 4) Cracker Wafers six in one

5) Chips 6) Oatmeal Cookies

7) One Banana 8) One Mandarin/something similar

9) One sandwich 10) One other sweet stuff/brownies or baked goods

11) One prayer sheet 12) Occasionally candy

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