St. James Catholic Church 10-year Pastoral Plan - 2021

**Section of Pastoral Plan:** **Golden Agers**

**Priority Number: 1**

**Priority: Social:** To meet the unique social needs of persons over the age of 70 to build community, supportive, and intergenerational relationships among the Golden Agers.

**Objective:** Offer normal activities such as Choir rehearsals, men’s choir, book studies, etc. in the morning or afternoon for older persons who cannot drive at night.

**Target Date: 10/31/2021**

**Objective:** Offer a month social event preferably in the day with varying activities to include game time, Bingo, Pokeno, Poker, Trivia, Puzzles, Brunch social time, teas to reminisce. Find a coordinator for social events. Publicize the social well. Have youth program make posters. Speakers at Masses

**Target Date: 10/31/2021**

**Objective:** Offer affordable day trips.

**Target Date: 10/31/2021**

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**Priority Number: 2**

**Priority: Entertainment:** Offer entertainment opportunities desired by the Golden Agers.

**Objective:** Offer opportunities to view movies (Christian or Oldies) and be sure they have subtitles for the hard of hearing.

**Target Date: 1/31/2022**

**Objective:** Offer opportunities such as choirs, dance groups, or music events.

**Target Date: 3/31/2022**

**Objective:** Organize a knitting or quilting group during the day.

**Target Date: 4/30/2022**

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**Priority Number: 3**

**Priority: Spiritual:** To meet the general and unique spiritual needs of person over the age of 70 to promote spiritual growth that supports many challenges faced in this phase of life.

**Objective:** Offer spiritual growth opportunities such as Catholicism Series, Book Clubs, and Small Faith Sharing Groups preferably during the day or early afternoon.

**Target Date: 5/31/2022**

**Objective:** Develop a lending library of spiritual books.

**Target Date: 10/31/2021**

**Objective:** Offer ongoing Grief Support group to allow opportunity to process grief with other in similar stages of loss. Bereavement Team follow to up with those who lost a loved one. Offer training on running a household after a spouse dies. Offer end of life planning including financial and legal education opportunities.

**Target Date: 7/31/2022**

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**Priority Number: 4**

**Priority: Physical:** To meet the physical needs of persons over the age of 70 keeping the body and mind active and providing for those with physical or mental impairment.

**Objective:** Offer opportunities to keep the body and mind active such as Chair Yoga, Noodle Volleyball, or Bean Bag Baseball, Walking Trivia, Crossword Puzzle clubs, puzzles, etc.

**Target Date: 6/30/2022**

**Objective:** Consult with Louise Pearce for ideas or leading events (Retired PT)

**Target Date: 4/30/2022**

**Objective:** Promote the Helping Hand ministry to those who cannot repair their homes

**Target Date: 10/31/2021**

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**Priority Number: 5**

**Priority: Facility:** Ensure that St. James’ facility is accessible and has all needed safety measures for the Golden Agers.

**Objective:** Add a railing going into the adoration chapel.

**Target Date: 7/31/2021**

**Objective:** Have ample hearing assistance devices with the sound system. Also, properly, and frequently promote their availability. Have sufficient devices on hand.

**Target Date: 2/28/2022**

**Objective:** Develop a system to receive donations of walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs and distribute out.

**Target Date: 12/31/2021**

**Objective:** Provide option of wheelchair to get to the bathrooms from church.

**Target Date: 1/31/2022**

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**Priority Number: 6**

**Priority: Homebound:** Take care of the spiritual and practical needs of the homebound.

**Objective:** Rebuild the pastoral visitor ministry after

**Target Date: 9/30/2022**

**Objective:** While priest covers for one month for Fr. Oscar, anoint the homebound.

**Target Date: 1/31/2022**

**Objective:** Reinstate Nursing Home Masses.

**Target Date: 1/31/2023**

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**Priority Number: 6**

**Priority: Homebound:** Care for homebound Golden Agers, especially those lacking a support system.

**Objective:** Frequent check in and a buddy system to be developed.

**Target Date: 3/31/2022**

**Objective:** Provide transportation to Mass and events. –Purchase a 14-passenger handicapped accessible bus. Develop a transportation ministry of drivers and organizers.

**Target Date: 12/31/2026**

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**Priority Number: 6**

**Priority: Homebound:** Provide support for caregivers of Golden Agers.

**Objective:** Form a Respite Volunteers ministry (Look up regulations with Catholic Mutual).

**Target Date: 4/30/2023**

**Objective:** Offer retreat day and/or support group.

**Target Date: 6/30/2023**

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**Priority Number: 7**

**Priority: Valued as part of community:** Offer opportunities that help the community see the value of our Golden Agers and for older persons to see their own value. Offer opportunities that help the community see the value of our Golden Agers and for older persons to see their own value.

**Objective:** Organize a loving your neighbor system of phone calls to check on those over 70.

**Target Date: 3/31/2022**

**Objective:** Plan intergenerational events that allow the multiple generations to converse or give testimony.

**Target Date: 2/28/2023**

**Objective:** Offer health screenings or health education opportunities.

**Target Date: 12/31/2023**

**Objective:** Run occasional bulletin articles on some of our Golden Agers in their 90s sharing about their life experience and wisdom gained.

**Target Date: 12/31/2021**