**Agenda** for **May 10, 2022**

**St John’s Laudato Si Household Green Teams**

**7:00 pm - St Theresa Room - Parish Center**

**Introductions**:

**Purpose**: To introduce the Household Green Teams to parishioners, to consider our spiritual connection with our earthly stewardship, to consider ways to live more simply to reduce our environmental impact and to consider ways to implement household improvements from environmental, technological and financial perspectives.

**Review Summary of Laudato Si**

**1.** **How to organize**: We are meeting as SJ Household Green Teams, with plans to grow other active members, to consult with each other for ideas, and to publicize ideas and initiatives, keep a list of initiatives (to include what you and others are already doing) and track results.

**2.** **Getting the word out**:

**a.** We are currently using the parish bulletin and will initiate a flyer for insertion in the bulletin.

**b.** Display table set up at the May 1 KofC breakfast.

**c.** Link established for “Parish Green Team” on the Parish website by Rich Olon.

**d.** Our business card is ready for printing.

**e.** A bumper sticker through Holly Lobby will cost approx $1.00 each; “*LEAN GREEN*” with parish ID is currently proposed

**f.** Go to “How to” on the internet, whatever the topic.

**3**. Parish Garden: Update – site tilled, initial fencing & planting May 2 @ 6:30, planting review, additional gardeners.

**4**. Spring Planting: what are the better and more successful items to plant, vegetables and flowers.

How dependent are we on our food sources?

**5.** Parish directory describing various sources of local foods

**6**. Backyard Poultry: review the benefits, how to set up.

**7.** Review major household initiatives. Plant trees, develop yard plans, add pollinator gardens, mow less.

**8.** Major impactors: live more simply, waste less, drive less, solar, upgrade HVAC systems, move from gas-powered yard implements to electric.

**9.** Initiatives: explore individual initiatives, list individual initiatives, measure your impact, donate your savings.

How to measure your impact:

[**https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/**](https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/) **(some will want more data)**

[**https://www.conservation.org/carbon-footprint-calculator**](https://www.conservation.org/carbon-footprint-calculator) **(pretty good)**

**MT Carbon Footprint Calculator (works best for me)**

**10. Your ideas.**