

Creation Care Team at St Patrick's Church

Meeting: date: February 12, 2024

Location: Faith Formation room – Club Building

See minutes of previous meetings archived at <https://stpatrickbridge.org/creation-care/>

Contact us at Creation.Care@stpatrickbridge.org

Previous meeting of the full committee: Jan 8, 2024

Next meeting of the full committee: Mar 11, 2024

TONIGHT:

facilitate: Brenna Davis

notes: Brenna Davis

prayer: Jared Bartley

present: Paul Kapczuk, Brenna Davis, Bill Merriman, Jared Bartley, Dick Weber, Denise Rowland, Brian Stefan-Szittai

absent: Mary Grace DeStefanis, Kate Campbell, Claire Foley, Judy Opalach

Creation Care: striving to be a parish where the culture is love and care for God's creation

Agenda: Feb 12 2024

Facilitate & Notes: Brenna

Prayer: Jared

Members who committed to doing something for the item are **highlighted in yellow** under each agenda item.

Opening Prayer (Jared)

Ongoing Business:

- **NEORSD Sewer Grant Updates: Jared**

- Jared gave an update about the design process. Environmental Design Group (EDG) has an updated concept with comments from Scott + Fr. Gurnick
- EDG plans updated (will attach)
- Information sharing with parishioners
 - Facilities + Finance will be invited to the next meeting with EDG
 - Presentation to the parish council in the future
- Website for the project plan
- EDG will help us with our next application to NEORSD
- Next steps:
 - **Brenna + Jared** will respond to Scott about the new design
 - **Jared** will talk to NEORSD about breaking the grant into two phases

- **Lenten Reflections (Brian)**

- Week 1: Kate
- Week 2: Dick
- Week 3: Mary Grace
- Week 4: Brian
- Week 5: Brian
- **Brian** will send it to be put in the weekly e-bulletin

- **Lenten Update: Diocesan Series on Peace and Polarization**

- See the DSAO email with this listing:
- February 15: Jill Rauh from USCCB's Dept. of Justice and Peace
- Overcoming Polarization with Pope Francis and the Good Samaritan
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- February 22: Caitlin Morneau from Catholic Mobilizing Network
- Restorative Justice: An Introduction
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- February 29: Katie Drager (Sisters of Notre Dame/Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation)
- Instruments of Peace in NE Ohio
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- March 7: Nancy Miranda - Ohio Braver Angels Co-Coordinator
- Explore ways to disagree respectfully and reduce polarization
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- For ZOOM link, RSVP to: DSAO@ccdocle.org. Sponsored by DSAO, in Collaboration With:
- Catholic Mobilizing Network, Ohio Braver Angels, Sisters of Notre Dame/JPIC and USCCB.

- **April 21st fellowship hour (Brian)**

- Creation Care: April 20th + 21st
 - **Brian**: Point Person
 - What would we like to have there?
 - Educate parish on *Laudate Deum* (Brian)
 - St. Basil's has a flyer on *Laudate Deum*
 - **Dick** will share with Brian
 - Catholic Climate Covenant: *Laudate Deum* pledge/ survey (**Brian and Judy**)
 - EDG: **Jared + Brenna** will figure it out
 - Raffle: **Mary Grace + Brian** will figure it out
 - Seed Giveaway:
 - **Brian** will get them donated from the seed bank
 - Card will be taped to it with a Pope Francis quote + info about Creation Care
 - **Mary Grace** will see about making a connection with PSR

FOOD SHIFTS

- Mugs: **Brenna** will bring them if they don't already exist in the Oak Room
- Saturday, Apr 20: Coffee at 5 pm- **Paul & Brian**
- Sunday, Apr 21: Christy will take care of the donuts + Ed Sullivan will pick them up
 - Early 8:30: **Bill, Brenna, Brian**
 - Late 11am: **Dick and Kate, Denise (Brenna)** will provide support but leave a little early
- Floater: **Jared**

- **Kateri Garden**

- Seeds for April 21st mass (**Brian** will get them)
- Sample signage (**Jared**)
- Sign up for garden (**Brenna**)
- Bench and statue? (**Claire**)
 - Brenna will ask Claire if she wants to hand this off

- **May Blessing for Mary + All Mothers (Brian)**

- Prayer after mass- a blessing for the spring and the Virgin Mary (**Brian** will talk to Fr. Gurnick about a date)
- Have the statue and signs in place
- Invite people to plant maintenance day

- **Mission House Landscaping: Question from Scott**

- Parish is looking for someone to take the lead

- **Brian** will talk to the young adult group to see if they are interested to just generally starting a conversation
 - **Brian** will figure out which parishioners are on the facilities committee
 - Can we rewild it? How do we relate to the women in the Mission House for this? (**Brenna**)
- **West Side Creation Care, to represent St Patrick at the third Wednesday meetings:**
 - February: Brian
 - March: Kate
 - April: Mary Grace
- **February 21st Parish Collaboration Meeting with St. Malachi**
 - At least four members of the Creation Care Ministry plan to attend
- **WSCCT: Lament for Creation**

Other Business

March 11 Creation Care meeting:

Facilitator: **Judy**

Notes: **Denise**

Prayer: **Bill**

Pushed Agenda Items for March Meeting:

- Recycle Round-Up (postponed from January meeting)
- Laudato Si Awards Update
 - Pilot program plan based on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (Judy)
 - Judy will give an update about the pilot program at St. Pat's