

Creation Care Team at St Patrick's Church

Meeting: date: Aug 12, 2024

Location: Faith Formation room – Club Building

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

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

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Previous meeting of the full committee: July 8, 2024 (work session in the Kateri Garden); June meeting was canceled

Next meeting of the full committee: Sep 9, 2024

TONIGHT Aug 12

facilitate: Denise Rowland

notes: Mary Grace DeStefanis

prayer: Brian Stefan-Szittai

Attendance tonight: Kate Campbell, Dick Weber, Judy Opalach, Denise Rowland, Mary Grace DeStefanis, Brian Stefan-Szittai, Jared Bartley, Paul Kapczuk, Bill Merriman.

Creation Care Meeting

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Parish staff introduction:

Bob Knopf, who is new on the parish staff (who will succeed Scott Menningen in his role as parish administrator) came at the beginning of the meeting and introduced himself.

Opening prayer: Brian – Postscript, a poem by Marie Howe

PARISH PICNIC: August 25, after the 11am Mass

Brian: Will make sign saying "No" to trash in bins. Purchase compostable materials and get reimbursed. Bring Peanut butter and bird seed (with Judy O)/Bring hole puncher for bird feeders. Brian (et al.) will bring tp rolls for bird feeders. Bring St. Kateri holy cards. Will attend WSCCT Network Meeting

Denise: Secure 3 tables. Organize face painting (Megan Wilson-Reitz and Olive Reitz). Bring tp rolls

Judy: Order St. Kateri sign (Jared will assemble). Bring bird seed. Bring tp rolls

Kate and Dick: Maintain composting table

Mary Grace: Bring Peanut Butter. Prepare St. Kateri garden (Weed and water). Make sign inviting people to visit the Garden. Bring TP rolls/jute . Help organize bird feeders. Laudate Deum and Leaf recognition handouts. WSCCT Meeting September. Make sign about food waste

Paul K: Help lead St. Kateri garden tours. Bring tp rolls

SEASON OF CREATION: (Sept 1-Oct 4) Sept. 29 Coffee and Hospitality

Denise: manage the raffle table Sep 29. Will try to get permission to hang the Season of Creation banner

Denise and Mary Grace: bring crayons and markers to color Father Juniper comic strips and other climate-related handouts

Everyone: contribute to free raffle

Brian: order the donuts and bring the mugs. Submit to Fr Hollis petitions for Season of Creation. Confirm the schedule with parish staff Christy Bartley (note: we do not want to host fellowship hour on Saturday Sep 28).

Kate and Dick and Bill: will host after the 8:30 mass.

Mary Grace: will help set up for the 8:30 mass Sep 29

Mary Grace and Jared: will help after the 11:00 mass Sep 29

Mary Grace and Judy: bring lap tops for parishioners to sign Fossil Fuels Non-Proliferation Treaty <https://laudatosimovement.org/ffnpt/>

Kate: write petitions for Season of Creation (five Sundays)

Kate: Blessing of the four directions on Sep 29. The where/what/how of the 4 directions keeping the boundaries of the parish in mind. Kate will ask Fr Gurnick about this

Brian and Judy: ask West Side Creation Care Team if they would like to host a Season of Creation ecumenical prayer service, timed near October 4 (Feast of St Francis)

West Side Creation Care Team (WSCCT)

-Kate, Brian, and Mary Grace are on a rotation to represent St Pat's at the West Side Creation Care Team, which meets the third Wednesday 7pm at St Paul's Community Church, co-convened by Pastor Dean Van Rowe (Calvary Reformed) and Judy Slivka (St Malachi). Regular representatives at the monthly meetings come from Calvary Reformed, St Paul's Community Church, St Malachi, St Patrick, St Ladislav, St Christopher.

-Brian will represent St Pat's on Aug 21 and propose that WSCCT host an ecumenical prayer service for Season of Creation. Brian will follow up and speak with Jeff Campbell, coordinator of Creation Care Parish Network for Diocese of Cleveland (Diocesan Social Action Office), because Jeff is thinking of holding a Season of Creation event for the diocese

-Brian will ask Judy Slivka how to approach St Malachi parishioners about deeper collaboration with St Pat's on Creation Care.

-monthly litter pilgrimages: will resume Saturday Oct 12, 10am-12noon, organized by St Christopher but held at St Colman. Flyer forthcoming

NEORS grant for parking lot storm water drainage: Jared

-In May, Jared reported no updates on parking lot engineering plan for storm water diversion. Jared was to check in with Scott to see if Environmental Design Group (EDG) had submitted final plans. Jared will ask to be copied on emails from EDG to Scott so that Jared can be the main point person going forward.

-Tonight, Jared reported that he and Brenna met with Scott and learned that EDG had discovered errors in measurement calculations re soil type and drainage; they are 40% short of what storm water needs to be captured. Jared and Brenna will continue to monitor.

Parish Assembly - monthly

-we dictated to Bill Merriman the info we would like conveyed to Parish Assembly, mainly about the parish picnic and Season of Creation

Next meeting: Sep 9

facilitate: Judy

notes: Denise

prayer: Kate

Closing Prayer – Brian. Psalm 104 – delight in creation and in the Creator who limits seas and winds, governs sun and moon, nurtures birds and beasts

-adjourned 8:05pm