

Creation Care Team at St Patrick's Church

Meeting: date: JAN 13, 2025

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 meetings of the full committee: Oct 14, 2024 and Dec 9, 2024 (social gathering)

Next meetings of the full committee: Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14

TONIGHT:

facilitate: Dick Weber

notes: Judy Opalach

prayer: Kate Campbell

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

Creation Care Team Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2025

Present: Dick Weber, Kate Campbell, Jared Bartley, Brian Stefan Szittai, Judy Opalach, Mary Grace DeStefanis, Denise Rowland, Paul Kapzcuk

[from Nov 2024 meeting]: What do we want to accomplish in 2025? A. reduce waste at parish events (or other events held at the parish) with a goal of zero-waste through compostable plates, cups, cutlery. B. storm water diversion project for the west side parking lot next to the Club Building (i.e., NEORSD grant). C. Jubilee of Hope (aka Pilgrims of Hope) 2025 from Pope Francis (a Jubilee Year occurs every 25 years in the Catholic Church)

-During 2025, we will structure our monthly meetings around prayer, education, advocacy, action for those three items/goals.

1. Prayer: Kate

2. a.. Kate and Mary Grace went to the West Side Creation Care Team potluck on 11/20/2024 Discernment meeting Wednesday, January 15 to set up goals. Kate will attend with our ideas.

b. Kateri Garden signage in Scott's office. MG will retrieve sign, and Jared will put it up in the spring.

c. NEORSD grant proposal design is done . September applying for construction in September.

d. Feedback: on Advent heard some petitions during Advent not every Sunday,

3. How to participate in Goals for Jubilee Year 2025, 10th Anniversary of Laudatory Sí

A Year of Adventure, May 24 anniversary of Laudato Sí'

Prayer

Education

Advocacy

Action

Research activities with Catholic Climate Covenant - MG

Have the WSCC Team do the vigil for the Laudatory Sí anniversary

Denise will ask Fr Gurnick for purchasing the Season of Creation banner for the Jubilee Year (Pilgrims of Hope).

Dick to contact Brenna regarding her plans for 10th anniversary. Ask her to give us a presentation of this venue for next meeting.

MG letter of proposal for banner for Season of Creation and other actions. Draft to committee in a week.

Meeting with Fr Gurnick optional prayer theme of day in liturgy. Focus on Laudato Si' suggestion for prayers into the liturgy. Ask Fr Gurnick to be show more support of our committee's efforts to implement Laudato Si' in the parish

Invite Charlene McElewee (liturgy and music director) to a future meeting. (?)

Insert quarterly prayer and reference to creation care in bulletin and email blasts. Brian

Recruitment for this year. Brian will go to Young Adults Group to talk to them about Creation Care.

Lenten reflection for each Sunday focus on Laudato Si - Brian will assign weeks. MG, Dick, Kate, Judy, Brian

MAR 9

Dt 26: 4-10

Ps 91: 1-15

Romans 10: 8-13

Lk 4:1-13

Verse before the Gospel: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God

MAR 16

Gn 15:5-18

Ps 27: 1-14

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Lk 9:28-36

Verse before the Gospel: From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

MAR 23

Note: listed here are Year C readings. There is an option for Year A Scrutiny readings. We need to confirm with Fr Gurnick which will be used.

Ex 3:1-15

Ps 103:1-11

1 Corinthians 10: 1-12

Lk 13:1-9

Verse before the Gospel: Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

MAR 30

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Joshua 5: 9-12

Ps 34: 2-7

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Verse before the Gospel: I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

APR 6

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Isaiah 43:16-21

Ps 126: 1-6

Philippians 3: 8-14

John 8: 1-11

Verse before the Gospel: Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful.

Coffee and Doughnut: Sunday May 18: Laudato Sí and Jubilee Year

- Denise to parish staff Christy Bartley: invite St. Malachi to 11:00 and coffee and doughnuts.

Next meeting : Brenna presentation and reducing waste. Clarity around 4 objectives, who's doing what around with prayer, education, advocacy, action. Talk with WSCC Team do something with us together this year.

Feb. 10

Notes : Dick

Facilitate: MG

Prayer: Denise

March 10:

Facilitate: Kate

Notes: Brian

Prayer: Me

April 14

Facilitate: Jared

Notes: Paul

Prayer: MG

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

may the **faith** you have given us

in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,

and the flame of **charity** enkindled

in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,

reawaken in us the blessed **hope**

for the coming of your Kin-dom.

May your grace transform us

into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos

in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,

your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.