

Care for Creation Ministry – As a ministry we hope to raise awareness, educate, and inspire action. We hope to build a community that cherishes, protects, advocates and acts for our earth.

Care for Creation Actions from Sept. 2021 – Sept. 2022

Wrote 48 articles for the bulletin. Pope Francis 'Encyclical, Laudato Si' inspires these articles.

Hosted 4 Tuesday Zoom Community Nights

- Feb. 22 - Michael Downs (Helena native, Bishop O'Dowd High School (CA) teacher and facilitator for Laudato Si Action Platform) focused on the Laudato Si' Action Platform. A thoughtful and inspiring talk and discussion.
- April 12, 19 & 26 – We participated in Interfaith Power and Light's Faith Climate Action Week: Sacred Trust: Our children's right to a livable future. We viewed the film "YOUTH v GOV" over this three week period with time for discussion following each viewing.

Living A Laudato Si' Lent – provided parishioners with a printed copy of everyday Lenten actions after each Sunday mass on March 6.

March 6, 9:15-10 AM, Care for Creation Presentation for the parish focusing on the Laudato Si' Action Platform – the journey to a better future for all. Participants received a copy of Laudato Si' Encyclical.

May 21-22, Saint Mary's Catholic Community joined the universal church in celebrating the 7th anniversary of Laudato Si'. Father Jeff put "A Prayer for Our Earth" from Laudato Si in his bulletin space. During the mass we sang special music and offered prayers for creation. Displays in the gathering space after mass included books, activities for children and adults and information how much money is saved, and carbon is kept out of the atmosphere by the SMCC solar panels. Electric vehicles were on display. Many parishioners enjoyed tours of our beautiful and productive Jubilee Garden, which offers opportunities for prayer and produces food for those in need in our community. It is inspiring and heartening to unite our celebration with the rest of the universal church.

Care for Creation Web Page developed for placement on SMCC website:

We are excited about having this additional avenue for sharing inspiration and information about loving, protecting, and caring for our common home. Links are provided to a variety of resources.