



No man could be actively nonviolent and not rise against social injustice, no matter where it occurred.

Mahatma Gandhi



Active Nonviolence Corner

Season of Creation

September 2025



Scripture Connection

For the castle will be forsaken, the populous city deserted, the hill and the watchtower will become dens forever, the joy of wild asses, a pasture for flocks. Until a spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The effect of righteousness will be peace and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation in secure dwellings and in quiet resting places. (NRVUE) Isaiah 32:14-18



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

The Season of Creation is an annual celebration where the ecumenical family of churches around the world unite to contemplate and care for our common home. It begins on September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and ends on October 4 the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology. It began in 1989 as a proclamation by Patriarch Dimitros I that September 1 would be the Orthodox Day of Prayer for Creation. The World Council of churches extended the celebration to a five week period ending with the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In 2015 Pope Francis made the Season of Creation official for the Roman Catholic Church.

Pope Francis said:

“The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live. The celebration of this Day, on the same date as the Orthodox Church, will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our Orthodox brothers and sisters.”

Each year a theme is suggested to help guide the celebration of the Season. This year the theme is ***Peace With Creation***. Throughout the years many human activities have contributed to a war against creation. We are leading unsustainable lifestyles with excessive consumption, lasting pollution, and a throwaway culture which has lead to damage to Creation. Creation is a gift from God entrusted to our care. Pope Francis challenged us, “What is the goal of our work? What need does the Earth have of us? Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is up to us.” (Laudato Si, 160)



[Information from Season of Creation. Celebration Guide 2025](#)



Quiz

[What do you know about St Francis?](#)



Local Activities

Visit Milwaukee

[Explore Milwaukee's greener side and learn about sustainable sites](#)

[Fall Park Clean-up Day at LaFollette](#)

Saturday, November 1

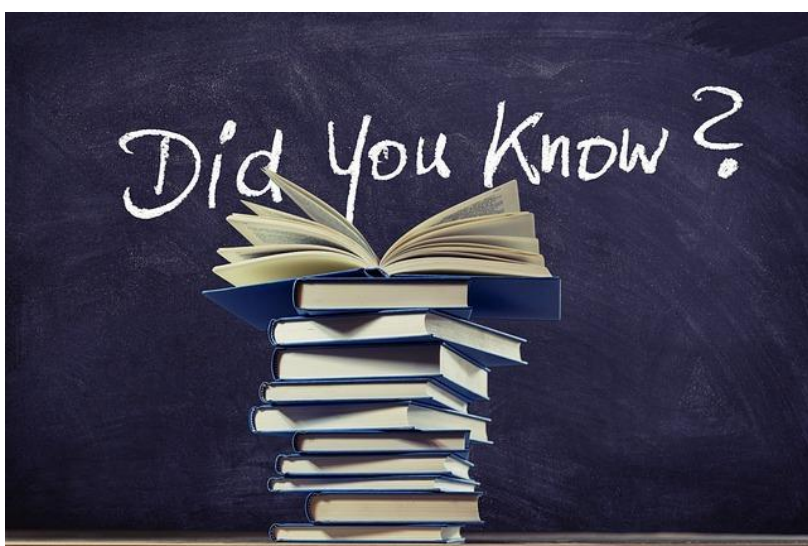
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Gather to do a final clean-up of the park and minor repairs/restorations before winter comes. Volunteer groups are welcome to help!

Our Lady of Lourdes



recycles glasses, hearing aids, pens and markers, toothpaste tubes, tooth brushes, floss containers, prescription bottles, pull tabs from aluminum cans. Containers for each item are located in the church hallway.



Read All About It



[Catholic Ecology Center](#) seeks to deepen faith and foster a stewardship ethic through hands-on encounters with creation.



[What's your environmental impact?](#) Catholics wondering what they personally can do to respond to climate change and heed Pope Francis' call in *Laudato Si'* to protect the earth can now look to Earthbeat.

Jesus's Call to Nonviolence Conversation Starters

How can parishes, schools, and other Catholic institutions address the ethical and moral dimensions of the environmental crisis? How do I react when those institutions where I have a personal connection are not embracing or moving toward more sustainable practices?

Is there something I'm doing weekly that I could do better and what is preventing me from making small changes?



Prayer

The Earth is the Lord's

This we know: the earth does not belong to us. The earth is the Lord's and so are all its people.

This we know: we did not weave the web of life. The earth is the Lord's and so is all that breathes on it.

This we know: we are called to till and work the earth. The earth is the Lord's and so are all who work the land.

This we know: that we are called to take care of creation. The earth is the Lord's yet we have polluted and abused it.

This we know: that whatever befalls the earth, befalls the sons and daughters of the earth.

This we know: that the earth is the Lord's. And so we will serve Him in it.