

# STA Creation Care Activity is Not a New Thing

## Parish Past and Current Efforts

- Reusable rather than Styrofoam kitchen service with coffee and donuts
- Planting of gardens with inclusion of pollinators; Grounds Clean-Up Days
- Investment in City of Ames SunSmart Solar Array
- Installing digital control for heating and cooling to optimize temperature and run time
- Ongoing conversion to LED lighting
- Installation of a Columbarium with benefits of material and land savings and comfort for the sorrowful
- Honduran Sister Parish and coffee sales to care for our global community
- Stephen Ministry to care for those dealing with hard times
- Hosting Red Cross Blood Drives twice a year
- Gleaning and preparation of food for the hungry at Food at First
- Housing and support for the homeless at Romero House
- The Pastoral Council via Finance Council and Buildings & Grounds Committee are continuously looking at how we can be good stewards of our funds while making decisions about our facility with an eye to energy conservation.
- The Stewardship Ministry Creation Care component emphasizes Community involvement and participatory action.
- Meals for Families Ministry supports families before or after the birth of their babies by dropping off meals. They share in the joy of a new child, God's creation.
- Season of Creation Outdoor Prayer Services in 2020, 2021, with another for Oct 2, 2022

## Developing Parish Projects

- Planned installation of a new heating system that will increase boiler efficiency from current 82% to 97%
- Continued and potentially accelerated conversion to LED lighting
- Assessment of costs of replacing windows with options having higher thermal efficiency
- An announcement should be coming on another \$14,000 match to any parishioner contributions with the likely addition of one of the above energy conservation projects as an alternative offering to further solar panel purchases.
- Elementary faith formation classes to have a unit on Creation Care 9/2022
- Student Service and Justice looking at projects.