



Care for Creation Ministry

SEASON OF CREATION SPECIAL EVENTS

"As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family." —**Pope Francis**

Please join us in contemplation of the beauty of creation at two special events.

Laudato Si' Garden Walk

Sunday, September 11

2 – 4 p.m.

Saint Mary of Vernon
236 U.S. 45, Indian Creek, IL 60061

Register at bit.ly/3oMCNDg.

The journey will begin at the "Friendship Circle" trail, opening in prayer and song, followed by a one-mile nature walk up to Mary's Garden, led by SMV's Master Gardener, Kathy Felice. The walk will explore the SMV Prayer Labyrinth, Pinewoods Gardens and pass the Stations of the Cross along the Reflection Trail. This area is certified by the National Wildlife Federation as a Wildlife Habitat, carries an Archdiocese of Chicago Laudato Si' Garden Designation and includes Aldo Leopold benches for reflection spaces.

Mass, prayer labyrinth dedication and farm walk

Sunday, October 2

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

St. James Catholic Church
2912 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616 (GPS address: 21 East 29th Street)

Register at bit.ly/3oPBgMF.

Pastor John Edmunds, ST will celebrate Mass at St. James Catholic Church starting at 9:30 a.m. followed by a dedication of a Labyrinth and installation of a plaque commemorating Van Bessett in their prayer garden and a walk through the Just Roots & St. James Community Farm. Experience how St. James' responses to Laudato Si's "cry of the earth" and "cry of the poor" connects us by faith with creation, giving new meaning to the "joy of the Gospel."

