



PEACE WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2025

September 1st to October 4th

“Praise be to you my Lord, with all your creatures” prayed St. Francis of Assisi, well before the Season of Creation began. With this simple but profound prayer, he has encouraged believers of many generations to recognize creation as the fruit of God’s eternal Love.

What is Season of Creation?

Season of Creation is a time of grace that the Church, in ecumenical dialogue, offers to humanity to renew its relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion and commitment together. In other words, the Season of Creation is the annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home.

From Pope Leo's message for this year's 10th annual ‘World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation’:
The Encyclical Laudato Si' has now guided the Catholic Church and many people of good will for ten years. May it continue to inspire us and may integral ecology be increasingly accepted as the right path to follow. In this way, seeds of hope will multiply, to be “tilled and kept” by the grace of our great and unfailing Hope, who is the risen Christ. In his name, I offer all of you my blessing.

Taken from laudatosimovement.org.

St Anthony is excited to participate in this year’s ‘season of creation!’ See our upcoming events:



Parish field trip to Emiquon Preserve, Lewistown - Saturday, Sept. 13

(Google Maps estimates 45 min drive)

Longer day option: Hike, picnic and talk. Carpool leaving St Anthony at 9am.

10 to 11:30am - 2-mile hike

11:30am to 12:30pm - picnic lunch (bring your own)

12:30 to 2pm - educational presentation and then carpool back to St Anthony.

Shorter day option: Picnic and talk (same as above but without participating in the hike).

Carpool leaving St Anthony at 10:30am.

About Emiquon: At more than 6000 acres, Emiquon is one of the largest floodplain restoration projects in the Midwest. It’s a migratory bird and natural prairie grass haven that offers recreational activities like birding, paddling and fishing, as well as educational opportunities. This year, Emiquon is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a guided 2-mile hike and a ‘science day’ that will teach about Emiquon’s history and ecological contributions.

RSVP: E-mail frcharles@stanthonybartonville.com **by Monday, Sept. 8.**

Note: There is also a ‘Bird Hike’ at Emiquon the following Saturday, Sept 20, from 7 - 10am. Although the parish is not going as a group, feel free to organize your own trip!



St Anthony ‘Green Mass’ for the Care for Creation - Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 5pm

Celebrated by Fr. Charles. (Sorry, no Bishop this year!)

All are welcome!

Enjoy refreshments after the mass.

Join us in prayer, using the newly published prayers of ‘Mass for the Care for Creation.’



Blessing of Pets - Sunday, Oct. 5 at 1pm

More info coming soon!



September, the Season of Creation, reminds us in a special way of the gift of creation and our call to care for it. It is a time to renew our hope, deepen our commitment, and walk together as seeds of peace and hope for our common home.

In Christ, we too are “seeds of peace and hope.” The prophet Isaiah proclaims that the Spirit of God can turn barren deserts into gardens of justice and peace: “A spirit from on high will be poured out on us, and the wilderness will become a fruitful field... The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and trust forever” (Is 32:15–18).

These words will guide us during the Season of Creation 2025 (September 1 – October 4). They remind us that prayer must lead to determination and concrete action if this “caress of God” is to become visible in our world (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 84).

Let us embrace this extraordinary year as a time to Raise Hope celebrating the 10th Anniversary of *Laudato Si'* and of the *Laudato Si'* Movement, alongside the 800 years of the *Canticle of the Creatures*. These milestones invite us to renew our commitment to caring for creation, cherishing our common home, and deepening the bonds that unite us as one global family.