Green Team meeting 10/19/17 minutes (highlight indicates a task and who assumed that task):

Welcome to our Green Team, Tony (Ringgold)!

MUG PROJECT

* no negative feedback so far--people "notice" the signs promoting the use of the mugs but usually they are just interested
* we are backing off having mugs upstairs for coffee/donuts until next year since it is a lot to ask Coffee/Donut volunteers to bring them up and down
* Green Team members report that the groups they participate in at church are using and washing the mugs, not using paper/styrofoam
* we do not have all of the details of the Mug Project documented, but Amanda Ray is working on procedures for Coffee and Donuts and we will fold our documentation into the procedures once we have those (Thanks Amanda!).
* need to communicate with other groups about everyone using the Fair Trade coffee (Mark will communicate this to Parish Council to share with commissions)
* need to figure out how we are splitting cost for Fair Trade coffee and paper cups with office who were buying Folgers and styrofoam.  (Mark communicated with MariaCarla who sent us to financial officer Katie Schneider and a conversation is occurring about us using our budget/small amount of Fair Trade profits to make up the price difference from what the office was already paying; Kim did a cost comparison with paper/styrofoam and Folgers/Fair Trade--buying in bulk brings down cost of Fair Trade and she is looking into bulk paper cups from Costco)
* Greg suggested we should advertise that we are cleaning the mugs using the industrial dishwasher in case people have an ick factor about hand-washed dishes (will put in Laudato Si column)
* Greg will remind parishioners through Laudato Si column in bulletin that we are being PURPOSEFUL in using Fair Trade coffee and reusable/paper cups as a connection to our study of the Laudato Si

FAIR TRADE

* we would like to document to parishioners the financial outcome of Fair Trade sales (like we promote the food collection).  Perhaps Kim/Fair Trade Team can give us a report on financial outcomes that we can publish in bulletin?  We need to discuss use of funds and report that as well.
* we would like to make sure we are tracking the parishioner donations of coffee and $$ involved.  Cece sent an email to Katie Schneider about what we need to have on a tax receipt for our parishioners who donate
* Lee suggests we do a poster for the sale that show us enjoying coffee (in mugs!) and a poster of the worker picking the beans.  Greg will mock it up and include a version of (or the actual logo) Cece created for the Social Justice Spotlight weekend.  Cece will send the logo to Greg.
* Kim was thinking about doing "gift baskets/bags" for December 3rd Fair Trade sale.  How can we help??
* Next sale is Dec. 3rd--Cece is hoping someone can help her partner set up the sale at 8:15 AM as she is coming back from an anniversary party in Des Moines the night before.  She can be there for sale after mass.  Cece took a picture of the setup from November.

LAUDATO SI 1-YEAR CELEBRATION

* Rachel suggested we celebrate the upcoming 1-year anniversary of the beginning of our Laudato Si study and the creation of the Green Team by giving out copies of Laudato Si.  We will discuss at January meeting.
* Lee brought up her efforts to bring Father John Dear to present on his book *They Will Inherit the Earth*.  We decided this could be our next book study and it will occur during Lent again.  Hope to have the book read by the time Father Dear comes to present.  Discussing with him whether presentation should be in central location like Newman Center or at STM.  Look up info on book or about him at [www.johndear.org](http://www.johndear.org); email him at johndearsj@msn.com
* Cece shared that Johnson County Refuse would want $95/mth for recycling service once a week.  Bags are $63 a case.  Johnson County Refuse says that it would be best to have whomever does our trash service do the recycling/composting.  Cece is taking home the donut boxes and composting/recycling at this time.  Cece emailed MariaCarla to ask who does our trash service.  Mark will follow up with Missy/Eric Aitchison about the cost of their recycling/composting (?) service for comparison at January meeting.

GREEN TEAM GARDEN?

* Rachel has a friend who is interested in joining our parish and happens to also be a Backyard Abundance employee.  She is wondering if we've ever thought of having a garden and donating the produce.  Cece told the group that a former Social Justice commission member was a Master Gardener and we had discussed many times having a garden until he left the group.  Rachel will pursue this conversation with her friend and get back to us.

Respectfully submitted by Cece

**STM Green Team**

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***Serving Each Other***

On Thu, Nov 16, 2017 at 9:10 PM, Cecilia Roudabush <roudabush.cecilia@gmail.com> wrote:

I have been preparing for Social Justice Spotlight Weekend and almost missed that a Green Team meeting is in order this coming Sunday 11/19.  I am scheduled to sit at the Spotlight table after the 8:30 but generally I haven't found that to last more than 10 minutes after mass so you can start without me if anyone wants to discuss the progress on the mug project/coffee and donuts and Fair Trade Sale.

Would like to follow up on some items from Kim's email of 10/4.  Any other agenda items at this time?  Hope to see you at the meeting!

THANKS!  Cece