

## HELP HEAL THE PLANET



*Sky (the musician)*

Many of our parishes have already undertaken efforts to increase their care for creation. It is hoped that others will join them, as the need is great and urgent.

- Diocese of Davenport Laudato Si Action Plan

We need one another. We are responsible for others and for the world. We can make daily gestures to break cycles of violence and selfishness. We can tell life-giving stories of creation and regeneration. We can weave them into a civilization of love, and a culture of care. (Laudato Si #231)

## WHAT WE ALREADY DO

- Ending the use of Styrofoam and non-recyclable single-use kitchen items.
- Working alongside other local action groups.
- Praying and learning in many ways during the Season of Creation.
- Enjoying our beautiful woods and meditation path.
- Caring for our watershed by responsible management of our parking lot and other runoffs.
- Our church will continue to be very energy efficient.

## MORE WE CAN DO

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| • Convert to solar energy.               | • Reduce the use of paper.  |
| • Easy-to-use recycle bins.              | • Educate parishioners on how to contact legislators about USCCB & Iowa Catholic Conference alerts. |
| • Water bottle fillers on all levels.    | • Encourage people to sign up for the diocesan Two Feet Newsletter                                  |
| • Eco-friendly cleaning supplies.        |   |
| • Plant natural grasses and wildflowers. |   |