**Saint Bernard Green Team**

**Season of Creation**

The **Season of Creation** whichbegins on September 1st and ends with the **Feast of Saint Francis on October 4th,** unites Christians around the world and is a time to pray, protect and advocate for God’s creation.The Saint Bernard Green Team invites parishioners to participate in the following events:

* **First Friday Eucharist Adoration with focus on creation and caring for our Common Home *(In the church)***

**Friday, September 2nd@ 7:30 p.m.**

* **Blessing of the Animals *(In front* *of the church)***

**Saturday, October 1 @ 1:30 p.m. (more details to follow)**

The theme of this year’s Season of Creation is **“Listen to the Voice of Creation.”**

If we take time to be in and pray in nature, we will most certainly hear the voice of creation, that song of praise to our God, the Creator. In his Message for the Celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (September 1, 2022), Pope Francis tells us that if we learn to listen, we’ll also hear *“an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home.”* Hearing these anguished cries, God calls each of us to consider and commit to lifestyle changes that will help us renew our relationship with God, with each other and with all creation.

*Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.” (Laudato Si’, 217)*