

**St. Jude Catholic Church
Louisa, KY USA
Diocese of Lexington, KY**

Laudato Si' Reflection

Acknowledging God as Creator of all, we recognize that we are not separate from, but a part of, creation. It is together that we give praise and glory to God as we offer "...the fruit of the earth/vine and the work of human hands..." We receive the gift of life and in imitation of our creating God, protect the lives and well-being of all of creation. Care for creation is an important part of caring for others, as all suffer when creation suffers from our misuse and abuse of God's gifts to us. It is the poor who bear more of the consequences of climate change and other man-made environmental damage. "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren..." Though we are a small, aging parish, we commit to do our part in caring for creation.