



# RESURRECTION UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH LAND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

## A TIME FOR REAPING

The summer of 2019 draws to a close. Even lacking a calendar one can tell. MSU students return to campus, farmers are mowing the alfalfa fields and combining the wheat. The geese are becoming restless and the Uinta Ground Squirrels are heading for an early hibernation.

All signs of the end of one season and the beginning of another. As we pause to give thanks for the abundance of the harvest and the pleasantness of summer we could also take time to dwell on the words of the Sioux Medicine Man Black Elk (under consideration for sainthood)

***"The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes from within the souls of people"***

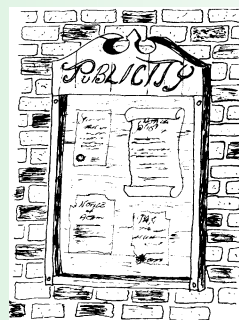
Even before his conversion to Catholicism Black Elk was a wisdom teacher to his people. His words are relevant to all peoples—even today. It is time to realize that at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit.

### CRITTERS AND THINGS

Red squirrels, crows, and magpies are now entered as fauna on the grounds of Resurrection University Parish. For more details see the Land Stewardship web page at ***hoechoka.com***.

And while we are talking about the web page, also see it for the impressive list of quotations both secular and religious useful for meditation and reflection on eco-spirituality and recognizing the wonderful gifts from God. Was it James Joyce that said "I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree"?

**God doesn't make junk!**



### MEET AND GREET COMING IN SEPTEMBER

A chance to meet your Land Stewardship Committee after mass and consider becoming involved.

AND

Biologist Oron Bass will be presenting a talk on his recent trip to China and work on the Panda Bear study. There is more to China than meets the eye.

## Thought For The Day

The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes from within the souls of people when they realize that at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit, and that this center is really everywhere, it is within each of us.

Black Elk

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## PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST COMING SOON

Resurrection University Catholic Parish Land Stewardship Committee will be sponsoring a photo contest in the near future. Digital or print, any size from 4x5 to 8x10 will be accepted. There will be two classes: 8 years to 12 years, and 13 years to 20 years old. The cut off will be 20 years. All contestants must submit their picture interpreting the following passage from Sacred Scripture:



God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind,  
and the cattle of every kind,  
and everything that creeps upon the ground  
of every kind. And God saw that it was good

- Genesis 1, 25

So, put your thinking caps on, clean your equipment, get creative and go for it. Prizes will be awarded for originality, composure, technical accuracy (balanced to the age), and interpretation. Finalists will be asked one question: Why would God see it as good? Pictures must be captured in Gallatin County and can be color or black and white. Judging will be by a staff member of Bozeman Camera Repair shop and the question answer will be assessed by the staff of Religious Education of Resurrection University Catholic Parish .

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Resurrection University Catholic Parish Land Stewardship Committee (LSC) is looking for parishioners for volunteer work on the LSC.

Nothing outstanding; just simple folk that like nature, want to become involved, have some spare time and want a parish commitment that has clear goals, short term time demands (as in one year) and want to work with others of similar intent. Librarian skills, botanical skills are helpful as are writing, photography, bird watching, planting, art work and caring for flower beds. It is basically spirituality from the ground up. Old, young, men or women, singles or couples—makes no difference. Grant writers are especially needed as are bilingual speakers. MSU students are greatly welcomed

To seal the deal, parishioners are invited to become part of the LSC process. The LSC believes that we are all part of a learning and teaching church. So please, come teach as well as learn!

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