



Land Stewardship Committee

S'NO JOKE!

Frequent and heavy snowfall, although not uncommon to the Bozeman area, highlights a problem on the campus of Resurrection University Catholic Parish. Not only is snow removal a safety concern for the parish but it is a requirement by local ordinances. Removal presents an ongoing expenses but where to put the "snow stuff" becomes a logistical challenge. Even a cursory view of the western parking lot of the parish reveals growing mountains of snow and ice that are experiencing slow meltdown because of the month long below freezing and in several cases zero temperatures. In addition, when melt down does occur the lay of the land directs much of the resulting water back onto the asphalt surfaces where it gathers and freezes overnight creating risky ice patches.

This is not the first year of this dilemma and certainly won't be the last. And, as in years before, the situation presents a cold, white, Gordian Knot that is no joke.

But ask the animals, and they will teach you; Job 12, 7 - 10

The Land Stewardship Committee, in its continuing wildlife survey, has recorded numerous and frequent incursions (visits?) by white tail deer. There is no need to "ask the animals" as their tracks in the snow clearly indicate that the parish grounds are not foreign to them. Following the Saturday evening mass on February 8th several deer were spotted in the vacant field west of the church not at all disturbed by the two inch *etch-a-sketch* snowfall that developed in the short time span of the evening mass.

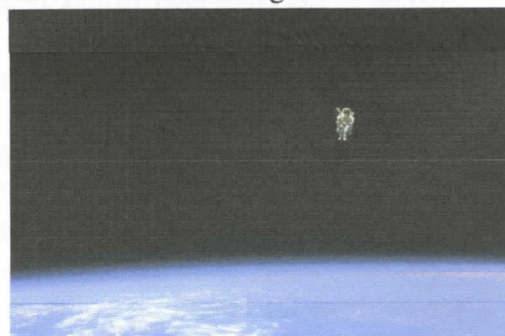
Behold the beauty of the Lord!

THIS IS HOLY GROUND

The Land Stewardship Committee will be offering an evening of meditation and reflection in English and Spanish on Monday, March 25 from 7:00—7:30 PM in the parish social hall.

The Lenten evening of reflection is inspired by the readings from Exodus (.....cite) where God drew Moses' attention by a burning bush accompanied by the command "Remove Your Sandals. You are standing upon Holy Ground".

As the NASA photograph reveals, there is a great deal of ground (earth) below the unfettered free floating astronaut as he



literally circles the globe drifting in space. Pictures such as this, when contemplated with Scripture, bring to mind questions such as:

What does scriptures say about Holy Ground?

What is Holy Ground?

Where is my Holy Ground?

**All parishioners are invited to "Come and see."
For further details call Paul A. Gore at 587-2001, or Ellie Weber at 954-609-5612.**

GREENLEAF

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Special to the Greenleaf from Creation Care Committee

Resurrection's Creation Care Team is pleased to announce the successful installation of a 50 kW solar array on top of the church roof. Inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, team members pursued the project both for long-term utility savings through renewable energy and as a means of living out our Catholic faith as better environmental stewards. The 128 solar panels will generate enough electricity to cover about 70% of our annual utility bill and will significantly reduce our carbon footprint with renewable energy. Many thanks to those who contributed time, talent, and treasure to complete this project in only 1½ years! To join the Creation Care Team, please email Will Wright at willmwright1@gmail.com for meeting times, updates, and opportunities.

Diocese of Helena Salutes Resurrection University Parish in its newsletter.

During the first week of November 2019, Resurrection University Catholic Parish installed a 50 kW solar array on top of the church roof. The project was initiated by Resurrection's Creation Care Team, a faith-based environmental justice ministry, in response to Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*. The Creation Care Team pursued the project both for long-term utility savings through renewable energy and as a means of living out our Catholic faith as better environmental stewards. For those parishes interested in walking together toward climate justice with solar projects, please contact Creation Care leader Will Wright at willmwright1@gmail.com or visit the Catholic Energies website at www.catholicenergies.org.