

Sisters of St. Joseph, Baden

Volunteer Work Days

2023 Schedule



Each Volunteer Work Day is scheduled on a Saturday from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. We welcome your contribution, whether it's for an hour or the entire day.

Dates

April 15
May 13
June 17
July 15
August 12
September 9
October 7
November 11

Tasks include, but not limited to:

- Weeding
- Gardening
- Labyrinth maintenance
- Blackberry pruning
- Statue painting
- Chopping wood
- Weed whacking, trail work

Please RSVP (Toni Dunlap – tdunlap@stjoseph-baden.org or 724-869-6525) one week before each Work Day, and let us know if you will be staying for lunch, which is provided. Email reminders will be sent 2 weeks prior to each work day. Weather-related cancellations will be announced, Friday by 3 p.m. before each work day.

You may want to see what else is happening in the way of ecology and tending the Earth by logging on to our website at <http://www.stjoseph-baden.org/> and clicking on What We Do, where you will find a link to Earth Tones.

Sisters of St. Joseph

Baden, Pennsylvania

Serving all realms of human life, with a special care for the poor

March 16, 2023

May this season of spring and its promises fill this day and your hearts!

My name is Matthew Hansen, and I would like to invite you and your students to join us in caring for creation on our grounds at the Sisters of St. Joseph in Baden, PA. We maintain our green space here at our Motherhouse in Baden so that our community gardens, beehives, chickens and various ecological and spiritual programs that we offer can not only feed our spirits but also that of our broader community.

We are aware that many school programs encourage service projects to teach and encourage the role of citizenship as a generous and giving action in building up the community. The monthly work days we offer provide fellowship, connection with nature, as well as with our sisters who love to offer hospitality to those guests we welcome. Students and staff have the opportunity to work in and reverence the many gifts of creation and to become aware that by caring for Earth we care for each other.

The schedule of workdays for 2023 are as follows: All workdays are on Saturdays starting at 9:30 am and ending at 2:30 pm, April 15, May 13, June 17, July 15, August 12, September 9, October 7, and November 11. The workday includes lunch in our dining room. We ask that you bring your own water bottle which can be refilled on-site. (We discourage the use of bottled water from the box stores because of our commitment to low/no plastic use.)

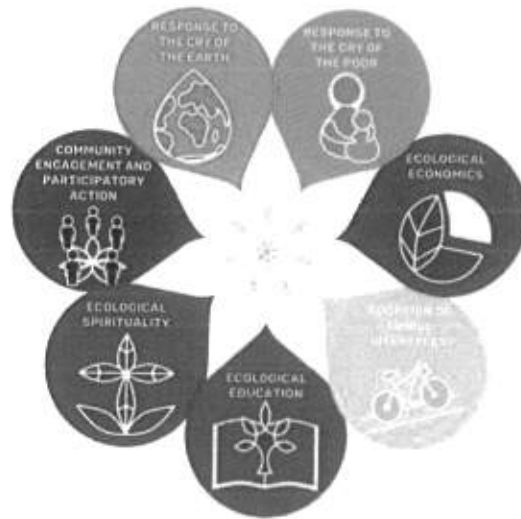
We would love for your students to join us in the great work. If you are interested in receiving Work Day invitations that will come out 2 weeks prior to the next scheduled workday, please send a reply to Toni Dunlap, tdunlap@stjoseph-baden.org.

Please know that your work with us this year will help us in forwarding our efforts to respond to the ***Laudato Si Commitment Statement*** we made as a Congregation, to pursue the ***Laudato Si Action Platform*** over the next six years. (Please see commitment statement attached.)

Sending prayers and a grateful heart your way.

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Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden, PA
Laudato Si' Commitment Statement

As Sisters of St. Joseph, we move always toward deepening our call to “be attuned to how all of creation lives and moves and has its being in God.” We believe in a “sacramental universe” of wondrous diversity, a gift of God that requires our care and respect. We believe that God entrusts these resources to us so that we may nurture and sustain them for our dear neighbors now and into the future.

Compelled by the Gospel and our Congregation’s love for unity and reconciliation, we respond to “the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor” with a renewed commitment to address the whole of creation, including concern for nature and justice for the poor. As Sisters of St. Joseph, we align ourselves with the spirit of *Laudato Si'* and pledge to collaborate with our partners-in-mission on a seven-year journey of education, advocacy and action for the sake of Earth and all who live on it.

We, therefore, commit to continue to:

- Assess the needs of our dear neighbors and respond accordingly
- Invest in socially responsible ways and explore impact investing
- Offer programs relating to ecological spirituality
- Educate others about ecology through social media and in-person events
- Engage the work of the Congregation’s sustainability committee in order to promote sustainable lifestyles to internal and external audiences
- Advocate for human dignity and care for our Common Home locally and nationally
- Evaluate our relationship with Earth and respond accordingly.