

Spring  
2018



# Caring for Our Common Home.

Franciscan Sisters of  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help



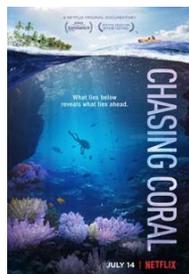
## Spring 2018 Program and Event Guide

For registration info, go to [www.fsolph.org](http://www.fsolph.org).

### January

**9 - (Kirkwood, 7 pm) Film “Chasing Coral.”**  
Coral reefs around the world are vanishing at an unprecedented rate. A team of divers, photographers and scientists set out to discover why and to reveal the underwater mystery to the world. The film took more than three years to shoot, and is the result of more than 500 hours underwater, with support from more than people in 30 countries around the world.

All films are free, but RSVP is required at [www.fsolph.org](http://www.fsolph.org).



**14 - “A Celebration of Peace and All Good.”**

Join us in the Curtain Call Lounge at the Fox Theatre in St. Louis for an evening of music and fellowship, featuring the debut of a new “Dawn Weber and Friends” jazz album. Tickets available at [www.fsolph.org](http://www.fsolph.org).



**18 - (De Soto, 6:30 pm) Film “Chasing Coral.”**

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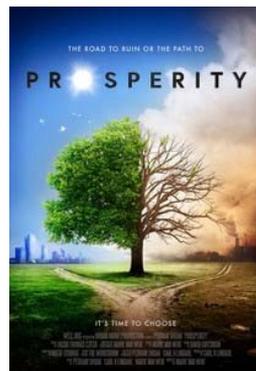
**27 - (Kirkwood) *Baby Supply Drive*--** In the spirit of the Pro-Life movement, consider that many expectant mothers find themselves poor, homeless, and questioning whether they should continue their pregnancies. Help us collect items for these women in crisis, sort and deliver them to three local agencies. For more information, contact Sister Pam Falter at (314) 965-3700 or [srpam@fsoiph.org](mailto:srpam@fsoiph.org).

# February

**6** - (Kirkwood, 7 pm) Film **“Prosperity.”**

This film follows a new generation of companies that are doing the right thing and deserve our attention (and money). There’s an emerging movement of “For Benefit” companies that are building into their bylaws the new ethics of conscious companies. In the old days, a CEO could be sued by the board if he/she didn’t maximize profits at any cost. Now, companies can elect to be “For Benefit” and factor in doing the right thing over just profits alone. This is revolutionary and is changing the game. Our feature length movie is following the key players in this movement and showing a real positive way out of the mess we’ve inherited and helped co-create. All films are free, but RSVP is required at

[www.fsolph.org](http://www.fsolph.org).



**15** - (De Soto, 6:30 pm) Film **“Prosperity.”** All films are free, but RSVP is requested at [www.fsolph.org](http://www.fsolph.org).

**21** - (Kirkwood, 7 pm) **Laudato Si discussion group.**

We invite you to join us as we explore the richness of Pope Francis’ prophetic message and break open its meaning for our 21st century lives. We will devote time for prayer, reflection and guided discussion as well as suggestions for day to day applications.

Six sessions (one per chapter): **Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28**, from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Maximum participants: 24

Facilitators: Sister Cheryl Kemner and Louise Bullock

One-time registration fee: \$20

Deadline to register: Feb. 12

Registration required at [www.fsolph.org](http://www.fsolph.org).



# March

**6 - (Kirkwood, 7 pm) Film “Seed.”**

Few things on Earth are as miraculous and vital as seeds. SEED: The Untold Story follows passionate seed keepers protecting our 12,000 year-old food legacy.

In the last century, 94% of our seed varieties have disappeared. As biotech chemical companies control the majority of our seeds, farmers, scientists, lawyers, and indigenous seed keepers fight a David and Goliath battle to defend the future of our food. In a harrowing and heartening story, these reluctant heroes rekindle a lost connection to our most treasured resource and revive a culture connected to seeds.



*We Franciscan Sisters contributed to the funding of this film.*  
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**24 - (Baden neighborhood, St. Louis) “Come and Serve”**

Join us in a day of service at Our Lady of the Holy Cross Parish in North St. Louis. We are planning outdoor and indoor projects. For more information, contact Sister Pam Falter at (314) 965-3700 or [srpam@fsolph.org](mailto:srpam@fsolph.org).

**28 - (Kirkwood, 7 pm)**

**Laudato Si discussion group**



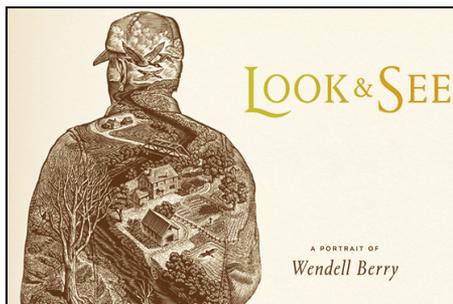
## April

3 - (Kirkwood, 7 pm) Film *“Look and See.”*

This film revolves around the divergent stories of several residents of Henry County, Kentucky who each face difficult choices that will

dramatically reshape their relationship with the land and their community.

In 1965, Wendell Berry returned home to Henry County, where he bought a small farm house and began a life of farming, writing and teaching.



This lifelong relationship with the land and community would come to form the core of his prolific writings. A half century later Henry County, like many rural communities across America, has become a place of quiet ideological struggle. Thus, in the spirit of Berry's agrarian philosophy, Henry County itself will emerge as a character in the film - a place and a landscape that is deeply interdependent with the people that inhabit it.

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7 - (De Soto, 8:30-4:00) *“Come and Be”*

Come and be in the beauty and peace of Creation.

The day includes some input and sharing, reflective activities, solitude and quiet. Open to men and women of any faith and any age.

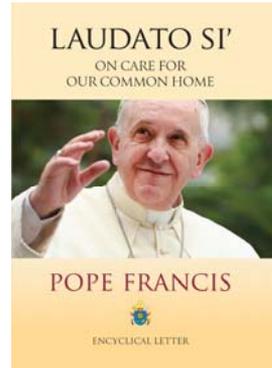


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## April (continued)

### **21 - (Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville) *Our Sacred Earth, Our Common Home: Reflection and Action on Laudato Si.***

Held in conjunction between the Franciscan Sisters and other religious groups, this event is the second in a series devoted to the study and implementation of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on ecology, *Laudato Si'*. Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker, Senior Lecturer and Research Scholar at Yale University, will deliver the keynote address. Participants will then take part in a series of "hands-on" break-out sessions and a feedback/take away session.



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### **24 - (Kirkwood, 7 pm) *Spring Event!***

Come join the Sisters at Tau Center for an Earth Day Celebration! Much like first earth Day in 1970, this year's event comes at a time of great challenge for the environmental community. Climate change deniers, well-funded oil lobbyists, reticent politicians, a disinterested public, and a divided environmental community all contributed to the narrative - cynicism versus activism.

We invite you to be a part of our celebration of God's creation, and to see what surprises are in store for the evening!

RSVP is required at [www.fsolph.org](http://www.fsolph.org).

### **29 - (De Soto, 2-6 pm) *Earth Day at the Franciscan Farm***

In 1985, we purchased 40 scenic acres in rural De Soto as a place of retreat and recreation for our Sisters. We call these hallowed acres our Franciscan Farm. Join us there for a day of eco-spirituality and learning for all! Take in the scenery, go for a walk in the woods, or enjoy a presentation about Sister Earth, and how we must care for her as she cares for us.

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# Our Commitment to Prayer

We have a special commitment to pray with and for all the hopes and joys of the world.

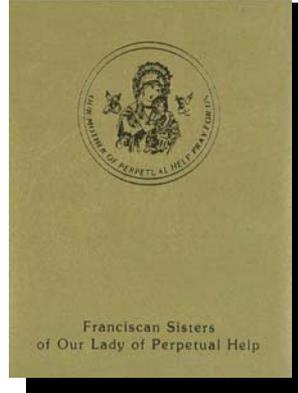
Individual requests for prayers may be submitted by anyone visiting our website. Each day the prayer requests are e-mailed to our Sisters all across the United States so the intentions can be included each day in our morning and evening prayer.

We also provide prayer remembrance cards for special occasions, such as sympathy, birthday, get well, and more.

Send these beautiful cards to remember and honor your loved ones for a special life-event with a one-year membership in the daily prayer and good works of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and remembrance in a monthly Eucharistic Celebration at our Retirement Community.

Additionally, we offer a special perpetual enrollment card, which includes the recipient's name in calligraphy and placed in a gold presentation booklet.

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*“What they all need is an ecological conversion, whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ becomes evident in their relationship with the world around them. Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.”*

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## About Us



The Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help are women religious bound together by a common mission and a common heart.

Our common mission is to be a transforming presence in society. We dedicate our lives to witness the Gospel compassionately and joyfully. We enable and empower others to live with hope and joy.

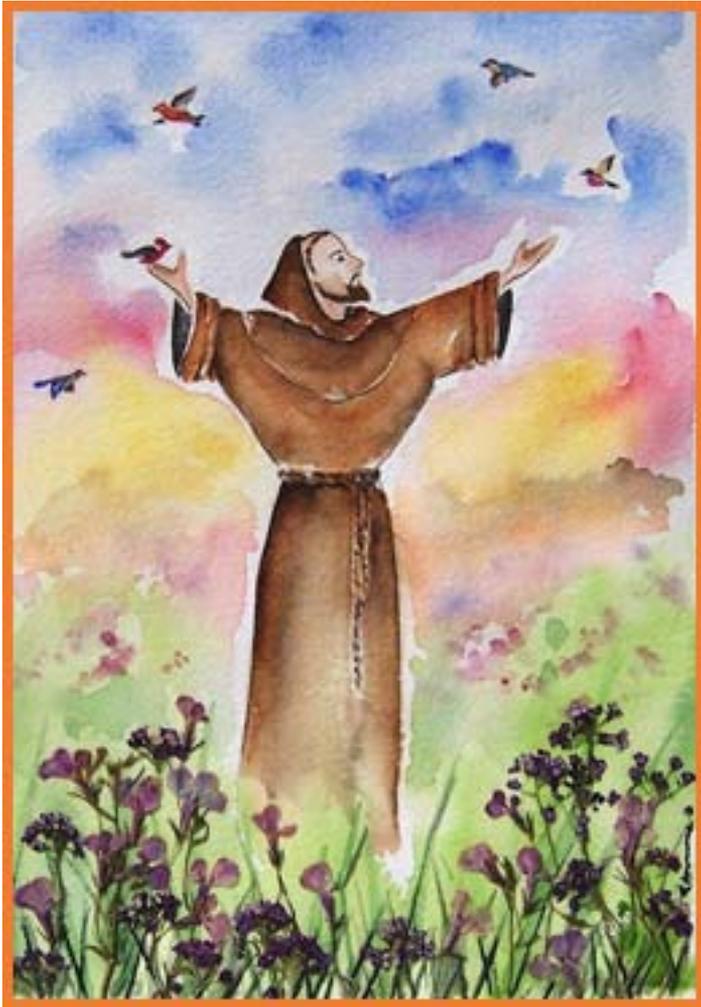
Throughout our history we have been known for our joyful spirit, for serving with others with humility, for being prayerful and hopeful women. We do not focus on one place, one ministry, or one institution for our identity. We focus on a common heart.

We have a special commitment to care for creation, the first book written by God. As part of that commitment, we nurture the growth of the Franciscans for Earth movement - a natural extension of our calling through the encyclical “Laudato Si” (Care for Our Common Home) written by Pope Francis. It is our wish that others will find a deeper connection between the earth and its creatures, from the greatest to the least.

We welcome others to connect with us through the programs and events offered at our Kirkwood Tau Center, Franciscan Farm in De Soto, and much more. For further information, go to our website at [www.fsolph.org](http://www.fsolph.org).

*“St. Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically.”*

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