

Season of Creation



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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Thursdays

We live in a culture of having and buying, where it is often easier to get something new rather than take care of all that we have.

Let's try to **reduce** by simplifying the consumption of certain products that may be unnecessary (whether water, energy, food, or household products), **reuse** by looking for another purpose for our things or sharing them with others, and **recycle** in the appropriate manner once a product has fulfilled its functions in every way. When we do this in our homes, workplaces, churches, and schools, we not only help our earth but initiate a culture of giving in our communities.

Lord - in Your mercy, You have designed an earth that can provide enough for all. And in Your wisdom, You have created an earth that also requires our care to preserve it. Give us strength to joyfully fulfill our responsibility.

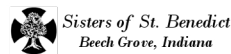
Take Action!

- Carry your own reusable straw and tableware for restaurants that use disposables
- Think about why you don't recycle (or do enough) and find creative ways to overcome those barriers
- Go paperless with bills, insurance claims, financial statements, store receipts, meeting handouts, etc.
- Reuse glass bottles and jars as vases, to store bulk pantry items, or as bathroom/office organizers

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Resources

More ways to reduce, recycle, reuse

- [Reduce, recycle, reuse \(packaging\)](#)
- [50 ways to reuse your garbage](#)

Impact of waste on the environment

- [How plastic aquatic debris impacts different ecosystems](#)

Media and tools

- [Pack a Waste-Free Lunch](#)
- [Explore Recycle City](#) (geared for kids)
- [Eco-Cycle Guide: Zero Waste](#)
- [Waterless Car Wash](#)

Articles

- [Kids Environment Kids Health - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle](#) (NIEHS)
- [‘The Economy of Francis:’ Pope Sumons Young People and Economists....](#) (Zenit)
- [Pope Francis’ guide to avoiding a ‘throwaway’ culture](#) (Our Sunday Visitor)

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