# Nature Notes

A digital journal documenting the search for truth, beauty and goodness in God's lovely creation throughout the diocese of Fort Worth.

## I notice . . . .

Quite a bit has changed since the last newsletter, hasn't it? I've been going back through old Nature Notes and thought I'd share with you some current pictures of lavish beauty alongside the same plants in other seasons. God's promises abound in spring. Only a few short weeks ago, our winter landscape looked drab and lifeless. Now beauty abounds.















#### I wonder. . . .

Why do birds hang out at the tops of trees when it's cold and rainy? I've noticed this by the lake at Nolan, and also in the trees in my front yard. It seems like that would be the coldest, most exposed place to be. Evidently, bird feathers are partially waterproof, and they fluff up in light rain to keep their outer feathers exposed, and their downy feathers underneath trap warm air and stay dry. Downpours, however, force birds to take shelter.

This <u>article</u> has lots of interesting information in how birds with different diets react to rainy weather situations.

Some people, to discover God, read books. But there is a great book: the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you! Note it. Read it. God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink. Instead, He set before your eyes the things that He had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that?

-St. Augustine (354-430)

### **Outdoor Adventures**

This week, I took my kids to Veteran's Park in Arlington. We enjoyed wandering along the nature trails, discovering wildflowers and blooming weeds.







## Where to find Mrs. Breclaw next week

Exploring nature and beauty from home. Please feel free to e-mail me with any questions you may have, and stay tuned for daily "10 minute nature breaks" to help you through your distance learning

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Please come by anytime! Let's chat about how we

adventures!	can work outdoor learning into your lesson plans!
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