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My workday starts at 6 a.m., logging in and planning projects related to Care for Creation and sustainability on behalf of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA). My role with FSPA is connecting education and action for care for Our Common Home.

I am blessed to live in the Driftless region surrounded by the Mississippi River and bluff lands.

Once my house awakens, I move into homeschool mode. The pandemic has highlighted many things, positive and negative. For me, a major positive has been the opportunity to connect my work with my family life.

My children call me "Treehugger" mom. But now they know more about Laudato Si', St. Francis, and how kids can make a difference. We enjoy Mending Mondays (sewing and patching), Weeding Wednesdays (garden work), Foraging Fridays (nettles and morels) and Service Saturdays (baking for elderly neighbors or dropping supplies at the local shelter).

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