

## Migration Map for the Monarch Butterflies



## MONARCH WAYSTATION PROGRAM

Each fall, hundreds of millions of monarch butterflies migrate from the United States and Canada to mountains in central Mexico where they wait out the winter until conditions favor a return flight in the spring. The monarch migration is truly one of the world's greatest natural wonders yet it is threatened by habitat loss at overwintering grounds in Mexico and throughout breeding areas in the United States and Canada.

Monarch Waystations are places that provide resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration. Without milkweeds throughout their spring and summer breeding areas in North America, monarchs would not be able to produce the successive generations that culminate in the migration each fall. Similarly, without nectar from flowers these fall migratory monarch butterflies would be unable to make their long journey to overwintering grounds in Mexico. The need for host plants for larvae and energy sources for adults applies to all monarch and butterfly populations around the world.

**Catholic Parish Cemeteries Association** installed the Monarch Butterfly Waystations at **Saint Mary Cemetery** in 2019. Our Waystation is registered with the Monarch Watch Program and is certified compliant with the special planting requirements to accommodate the Monarch Butterfly Migration. The Monarch Butterfly Waystations contain plantings of Cherokee Princess Dogwoods, Ivory Hallow Dogwoods, Milkweed and Butterfly Bushes.

By creating and maintaining a Monarch Waystation we are contributing to monarch conservation, an effort that will help assure the preservation of the species and the continuation of the spectacular monarch migration phenomenon.

The Migration Map shows the Fall and Spring Migration of the Monarch Butterfly.

We have been blessed with a beautiful array of Monarch Butterflies since we planted our Waystation. Please feel free to visit Saint Mary Cemetery to experience these wonders of nature in flight.

