

St. Leo Social Justice Page: Happy Summer Solstice

L'Honey Project Alert: A difficult Spring for the Honeybee

Overall, spring 2022 was the 4th coldest across much of Puget Sound in 130 years of records. It ranked in the top 15 coldest across the entire state. Meteorological spring (March-April-May) has come to an end, and it will go down as one of the coldest springs on record in Washington State. It also snaps a 10-year streak of springs falling in to the near-normal or above-normal category. <https://theconvergencezone.com/2022/06/04/one-of-the-coldest-springs-on-record-in-the-pnw/>

The weather anomalies that we are experiencing is primarily driven by human induced global warming that has disrupted weather patterns on a global scale and has weakened the atmospheric jet streams. These jet streams drive global weather patterns across the planet. The slowed jet streams cause weather patterns to stall and disruption the ancient weather patterns that have allow this planet to thrive in diversity and life!!!

Regarding the honeybees of L'Honey: Because of the exceptionally cool and cloudy spring season, our honeybees were not able to take advantage of the spring nectar flow, retarding colony growth and pushing many of our colony to the verge of starvation. As the keeper of bees, I was not able to address this issue in a timely manner as it surprised me so! In my 20-years of beekeeping I have never seen bees slip into starvation on the cusp of Summer Solstice. I will continue to do my best to keep our bees healthy and happy.

However, due to the loss of spring nectar, our honey harvest is predicted to be very low for 2022.
We MUST make economic, social, and political changes that protects and heals Mother Earth.

Emergency Services Boutique: The Need to Organize

We are seeking additional volunteers to help organize and assist in managing the donations that come to the parish for the clothing boutique. This volunteer position would be mostly working with times donated and not directing with guests. We have to come up with a good system for storing and identifying the clothing items that can then be accessed to restock the Boutique!
If you are interested in helping out please contact Rick Samyn at: 253 272-5136 #102 or Email at: socialministry@stleoparish.org

Opportunities to engage in the Work of Social Justice: AIDNW

Large numbers of asylum seekers are being brought from the southern border to Tacoma and released from the detention center—15 – 25 people each day. ICE has told AIDNW that this is expected to continue through the Summer. This is double the average number of guests normally served at the AIDNW Welcome Center. We are looking for additional Welcome Center volunteers, volunteer drivers, and donations of backpacks. Volunteers serve a minimum of two shifts a month, for several hours between 2:00 and 7 pm, Monday through Thursday.

To register to become a volunteer please fill out a volunteer application on our website <https://aidnw.org/get-involved/>. To donate backpacks and other needed supplies please see our Amazon Wishlist at <https://aidnw.org/how-to-donate/>
Thank you! --AIDNW Communications and Marketing team