

Social Justice Bulletin – St. Leo & St. Charles

Reflections from the Bee Yard & Corpus Christi: A Way of Being

I write this reflection on the morning of Corpus Christi Sunday – 3:00am. Stress & worry often wake me up, so I just get up and pray the rosary as it grounds me in the Communion of Saints and dearest Mother Mary who is a life model for me. Another life model for me is Honeybee. She lives with deep purpose, devoted to the hive and to the wellbeing of future generations. It seems that the lowly ones are often our guides to the Divine.

War, anger, frustration, tightly held inflexible beliefs, hurts, destruction, stress, worry and fear – All Distractions.

We have one beehive at the rectory office at St. Leo's called: The St. Leo Hive. All my hives have numbers and names that helps me keep my records straight as I labor to keep them healthy. Well, the St. Leo hive sits behind the building facing what seems a bit like moonscape. It is a desolate construction site of barren soil, construction debris and cold lifeless concrete. This is what our Sister Honeybee sees as she sets off on her flights each day in search of nectar, pollen and water for her baby sisters and brothers. She is not distracted by what seems to be a desolate wasteland. NO, she is guided by her will, maybe instinct or dare I say God's design for her!

She is to be good news to all. To the flowers she pollinates that give us all life and to future generations she feeds. In the end, she gives her all for others and the glory of God.

As Father Michael mentioned at mass this past Saturday eve, celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi – Christ gathered broken and shared. The act of giving life to others. This is what we are called to do and to be. Life and Good News to others.

Christ Like & Honeybee Like: the parish family is called to be gathered, broken opened – letting go to be shared and be that good news in prayer and action to a wounded world.

Don't let distractions diminish your purpose and full potential that God Desires for ALL creatures.

Bee Health: Doing Our Best

I will have a brief update on the health of our bees next week and to share with you our plans for the summer!

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Keeper of Bees