



Was It Worth It?

We hear many stories about women and men who value things or status over the people in their lives or over genuine fulfillment. Then something happens that throws them back on their heels and they are forced to face the question: Was it worth it? No, say the writers of today's readings. It is not worth losing yourself or the people you love. In fact, it is not worth risking your own integrity.

The Hebrew word for *vanity* can be translated as "worthless" or "foolish." The characters in the first reading and the Gospel passage were considered foolish because the labors and possessions that wore them down were ultimately worthless.

This idea of vanity or foolishness is a prominent theme in the Wisdom tradition. We all know that actions have consequences. It's these consequences that reveal what is good for us and what is not, what is

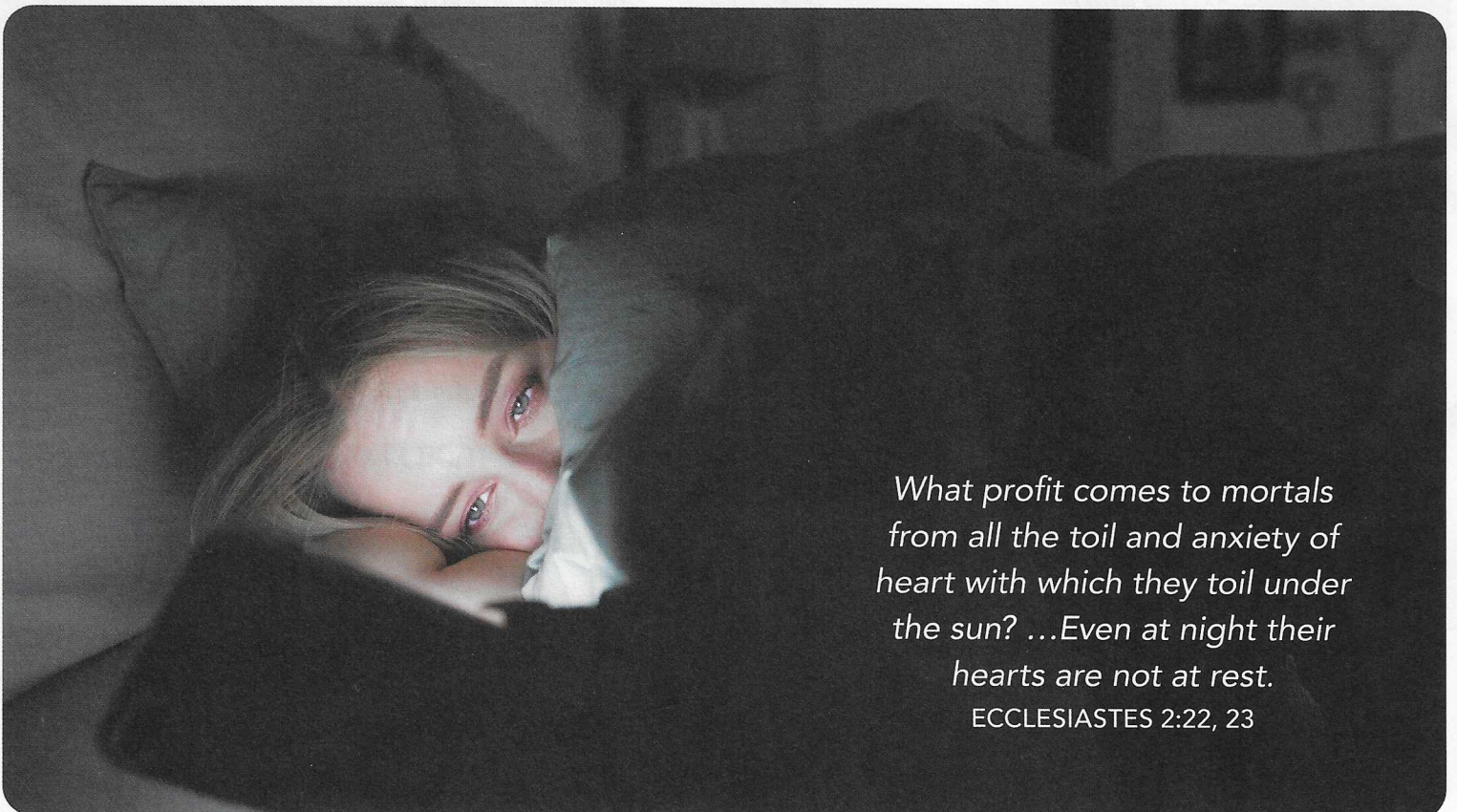
worth pursuing and what we should avoid. Those who learn from life experiences in this way are considered wise; those who don't are deemed foolish. We all know this; we have learned the truth of it from our own experience.

There is one more aspect that must be considered in making wise decisions. Which consequences are worth the effort we put into achieving them? Are we looking for short-term enjoyment or do we seek long-term satisfaction? The profit attained by the people in these readings did not last. They couldn't take it with them, so one might ask: Was it worth it?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *Think about the effort you put into achieving something. Was it worth it?*
- ★ *If not, what can you do to change this?*



*What profit comes to mortals
from all the toil and anxiety of
heart with which they toil under
the sun? ...Even at night their
hearts are not at rest.*

ECCLESIASTES 2:22, 23

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MASS TIMES

Daily Masses:

Monday, Thursday, Friday, 1st Saturday: 9am

Wednesday: 6pm

***30 minutes before Every Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary**

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 9am

Confessions:

Saturday: 3pm

***1st Friday & 1st Saturday: After the Holy Mass, or
-by appointment**

SACRAMENTS: ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered the First Friday and First Saturday after the 9am Mass, Saturdays at 3pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged for those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment of life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

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NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors.

The Week Ahead

Sat / July 30th

3-3:45 pm: Confessions, in the Library

4 pm Vigil Mass: Mary Wargo† by Izzy Wiest

Sun / July 31st The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am Mass: Bruce and Gene Curler† by G & L Curler and

Elise Martin † by Altar Society

Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall

Mon / August 1st

9 am Mass: Marie Curry† by Matt and Mary Winston

Tue / August 2nd

No Mass

Wed / August 3rd

6 pm Mass: For Dec Primocanete Family† by G & L Curler

Thu / August 4th

9 am Mass: Kootz Family (SI) by Kootz Family

6 pm B--I--N--G--O, in the Parish Hall

Fri / August 5th

1st Friday Confessions after Mass in the Library

9 am Mass: Healing For Our Country by Bill and Aggie Budewig

Sat / August 6th

9 am Mass: David Lewis† by Kootz Family

1st Sat. Confessions after Mass in the Library

3-3:45 pm: Confessions, in the Library

4 pm Vigil Mass: Nicholas Kocz (SI) by Maryt Kocz

Sun / August 7th

9am Mass: Family of Dan and Angela Munroe by Jacinta DiCresce

Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall

Altar Flowers this week are compliments of:
Kevin and Shannon Langellier in memory of
Lenore Langellier†

Tabernacle Roses this week are compliments of:
Michael and Kimberly Epperson in honor of
Their Anniversary July 6th, 2022.

Coffee & Donuts next week, August 7th, will be served by
SVDP & group # 2.

Thought for the week

"WE DO NOT TAKE OUR MONEY,
OUR SOCIAL STATUS,
OUR WORLDLY POWER,
INTO THE NEXT WORLD;
But we do take the quality of our love."

—Bishop Barron

🕯️ **Wishing you a blessed week!** 🕯️

July 23 - 24, 2022 Collection

Regular Collection - \$1,949.00

Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!

Birthdays For the Week:

Maureen Matselboba - 30th

Jimmy White - 31st

Mark Yingling - 31st

Stephen Martin - 3rd

*Consider attending Mass or making a visit to the Chapel on
your birthday to thank God for your family & the gift of Life.*

Anniversaries For the Week:

James/Marilyn Mayhall - 30th

Tomas Hernandez/Gavina Ramirez - 2nd

We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

Open Adoration Hours

Friday: 4 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm,

Thursday: 6 pm

*If you are interested in one of the above
hours (or any hour), call Rose, 870-994-2744,
or Anne, 870-847-1985. Please Note: substitutes
are always needed, please call and volunteer.*

Columbarium

Due to unforeseen circumstances we now
have to lock the Columbarium gates due
to trespassers during the night. It will be
opened everyday 10 am until 3 pm if you
need to get in before or after those hours
please make prior arrangements with the
office. We are working hard to get the
situation under control. Thank you for
your generosity and patience.

WANTED

If anyone has any religious statues that you want to donate, the Knights of Columbus are looking to take them in and refurbish them and place them at nice home. For more Information Contact: Chuck Wolff at 870-257-4999

ALL LADIES

The laundering of the small Altar Linens is handled by a handful of dedicated women of the parish. We would like to invite more ladies to participate in this humble, but important service. Time involved is once/ week for about 3-5 hours total. Usually we serve for a month at a time, two or more times a year. "Substitutes only" are also welcome. For more information please contact: Anne Kootz at 870-847-1985.

LIBRARY IS NOW OPENED

The caution tape has been removed from the library shelves so books can again circulate. The library has many "good reads". Come and take a look and find something you can enjoy on these very hot days! Books circulate for 4 weeks. When you take a book, fill out the card in the back of the book and place it in the file on the top of the small bookshelf under the window on the right.

Please do not bring any books to donate to the library without checking with Father Amal or the office. At this time we are only accepting books on scriptures and saints.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

We would like to thank Buddy Kootz for accepting the position of Pastoral Council President. We thank him for his dedication and service to our parish.

May the Lord Bless him abundantly!

Let Us Have our Love, for the, Holy Eucharistic Lord !

I kindly remind You All that the COVID restrictions are now completely lifted in our Diocese.

You can no longer get credit for attending the Holy Mass by watching It on EWTN or YouTube.

You have to actually attend a live Mass and encouraged to receive Holy Communion and to spend a little time in adoration in the presence of Blessed Sacrament.

So we will be more happy to see, more of you on the weekdays and Saturdays and Sundays.

I appreciate and thank you all, for All Your kind Prayers and loving support and generous Sacrifices, for our St. Michael's Community.

God Bless You and
Bless All Your Dear and Near Ones.
Fr. Amal Punganoor 07/01/2022

FULL TIME YOUTH MINISTER POSITION

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Pocahontas is seeking a devoted, faith filled Catholic to become the full time Youth Minister of our parish. While working primarily at St. Paul Church, candidate will also serve the youth of St. John the Baptist Parish in Engelberg and St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Corning. Deadline for Applications will be September 30, 2022.

To apply or inquire, contact Fr. Stephen Elser.
frstephenelser@gmail.com

SHOUTING THANKS TO KC'S

We would like to Give Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for giving the church a check for \$365.00 as a part of the proceeds from their yard sale.

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery

Burial Plots

Contact Bernie Brandenburg
870-994-2744

St. Michael's Columbarium

Payment Plans

Contact: Jim Wege
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Please join us for fun & fellowship at "BINGO!"

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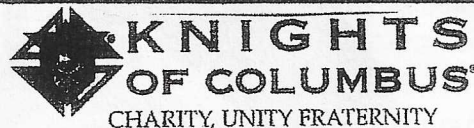


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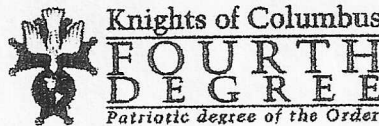
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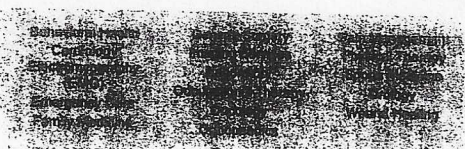
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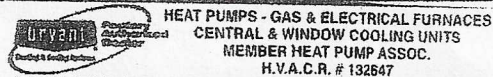
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MASS TIMES

Sunday & Friday—11:15 am

Adoration: After Friday Mass

Dear Padre,

The new priest assigned to our parish seldom shakes hands at the sign of peace during Mass. Isn't he supposed to?

You may be surprised to know that the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (154) calls for the priest to remain in the sanctuary at the sign of peace to avoid disrupting the assembly's exchange. He has the option of exchanging a sign of peace with the ministers—it's optional because to do so repeats the first greeting of peace he just extended to everyone in the assembly.

In the United States, an exception is made for special occasions such as weddings, funerals, or when community leaders are present. In those cases, the *GIRM* allows the priest to offer the sign of peace to people sitting near the sanctuary.

Ironically, many parishioners view the presider's participation less as a distortion of the rite than as a positive indicator of their priest's social skills, as in "Father is such a people person!"

Offering—and being offered—an actual sign of Christ's peace during Mass is intended to be poignant, prayerful, and powerful, with a different kind of fanfare than when greeters welcome worshipers before Mass or when the presider shakes hands and socializes immediately after Mass.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The quest for personal prestige can become a spiritual malady masquerading itself even behind good intentions: for example, when behind the good that we do and preach, we are only seeking ourselves and our own affirmation—that is, getting ahead and climbing up.

ANGELUS, OCTOBER 17, 2021

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Jer 28:1–17

Mt 14:13–21

Tuesday

AUGUST 2

Weekday

Jer 30:1–2,

12–15, 18–22

Mt 14:22–36

or Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday

AUGUST 3

Weekday

Jer 31:1–7

Mt 15:21–28

Thursday

AUGUST 4

St. John Vianney, Priest

Jer 31:31–34

Mt 16:13–23

Friday

AUGUST 5

Weekday

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7

Mt 16:24–28

Saturday

AUGUST 6

The Transfiguration
of the Lord

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14

2 Pt 1:16–19

Lk 9:28b–36

Sunday

AUGUST 7

Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6–9

Heb 11:1–2, 8–19

or 11:1–2, 8–12

Lk 12:32–48

or 12:35–40