

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 Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Every other Saturday Confessions - at

STM & SP 10:30-11:15

Sunday Mass - 8:30am

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

**** Events At Church****



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

For All Three Churches

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Tues. & Fri. - 8:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass-5:00pm

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Sunday 9AM-6PM—

Permanent Hours

**** Events At Church****

STM Rav Group Taking orders beginning on Aug. 1st—Orders will start being filled in September—Call 815-252-2215 to place an order



St. Patrick Catholic Church

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues.-Fri.. -

9am-1pm

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****Events At Church****

Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of Aug. 1, 2022

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

8/2** 8:00AM **STM

8/3** 5:30PM **HT (Rosary before mass)

8/4** 9:00AM **HT

8/5** 8:00AM **STM

Offered For

† NO MASS

† Kathy Hayden

† Charlie & Hazel Keutzer

† Jack & Theresa McCallum

† Pete Fiocchi

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of Aug. 6-7, 2022

Saturday:

Sunday:

8/6** St. Thomas More 4:00PM

8/7** Holy Trinity, Cherry** 8:30AM

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5PM -

Offered For

† Dec. Membs Passini Family

† Rita Hischeid

† Chris Taylor

† For the Parishioners



Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:
O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially ...(special intention)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



As the new CCD year is approaching, again we are urgently seeking volunteer teachers and helpers. Otherwise if we continue to see a lack of interest among our members and parents, then the CCD program might have to be moved to another church. This will be a devastating thing that we don't want to happen to our churches.



JOIN OUR PARISH!

If you are not registered in one of our parishes, please consider doing so. Also please encourage your friends and family to register.

Registering is important because when services of the church are needed—such as for a wedding, baptism or funeral—it is easier if the person is registered. Registered parishioners receive helpful information about our parishes.



The church office is looking for someone who can help create our weekly bulletin. This position entails preparing material, designing and printing the bulletins. The weekly rate is negotiable. On the other hand if someone would like to volunteer their time to take care of the bulletins, it would be greatly appreciated.



A Big round of Applause to the volunteers who take turns mowing the yard at HT church hall. We are so thankful, it takes people like you to make our world a better place.

Larry Ping—Organizer

Bob McCook

Kevin Raef

Jerry Bonucchi

Sue Williams

Jim Malone

Jeff Pinter

Terry Templeton

Bill Lauer

LATEST OFFERING'S

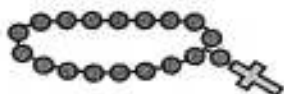
WEEKEND JULY 24TH

HT— \$ 1031.00

SP— \$ 540.00

STM— \$ 778.00

Please contact the church office whenever a member or yourself become sick, hospitalized or is in the nursing home. Fr. Thaddeus can visit. Also let us know if you would like a bulletin mailed.



Confessions

The next confessions will be Saturday— Aug. 6th
10:30-11:15 at St. Patrick
in the chapel.

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