



Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 31, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Lk 12:13-21

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

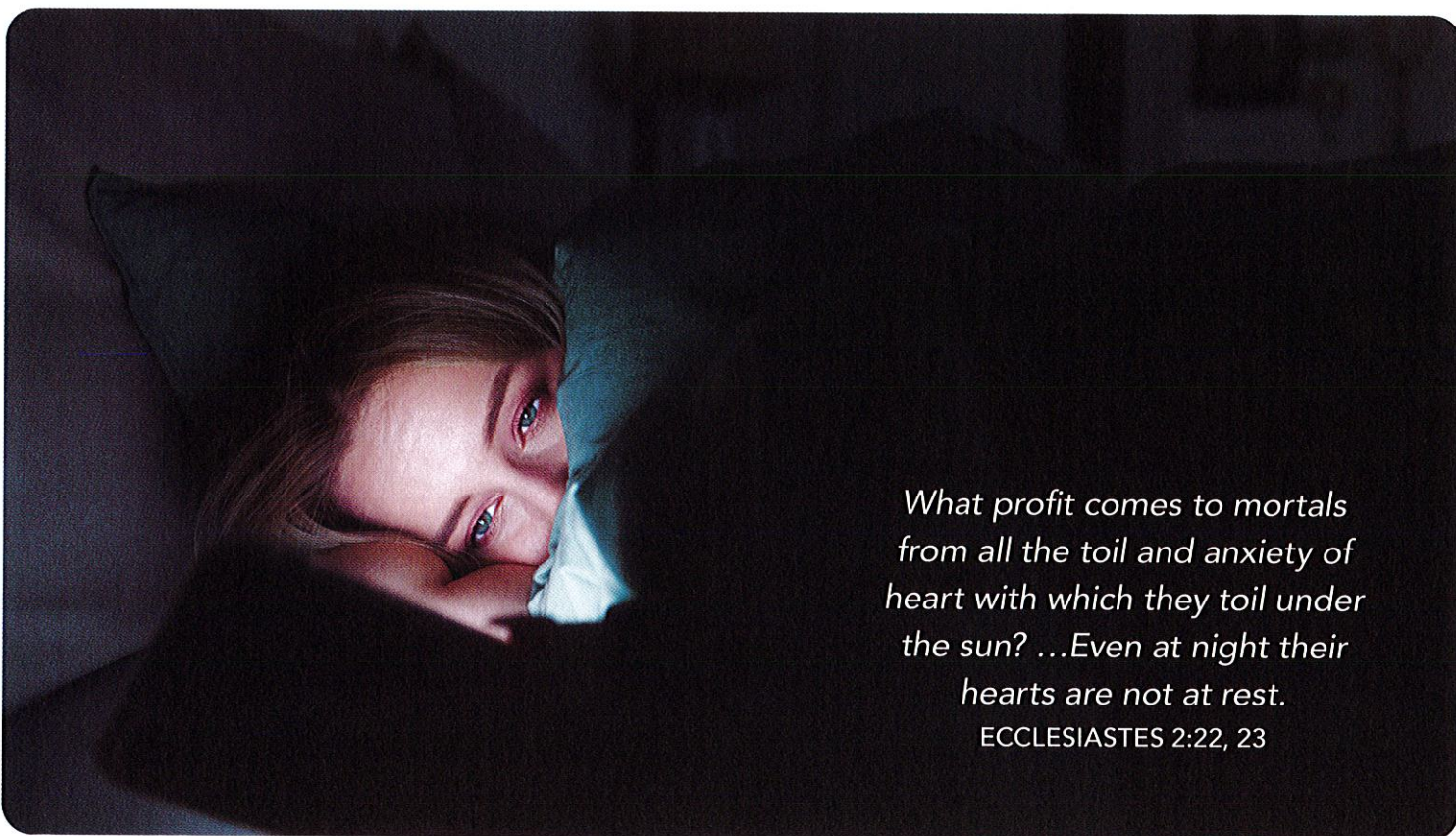
worth pursuing and what we should avoid. Those who learn from life experiences in this way are considered wise; those who don't are deemed foolish. We all know this; we have learned the truth of it from our own experience.

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

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



Immaculate Conception Parish Family



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Parish Council Members: Beth Cobb-President; Dennis Benney-Vice-President; Mary Pottebaum, Vicki Parker, Bill Huston, and Dennis Cobb

JULY 31, 2022 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 1st	NO Mass - Montgomery City
Tuesday, August 2nd	6:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
Wednesday, August 3rd	8:30 AM Mass- Jonesburg
Thursday, August 4th	8:00 AM Mass- Montgomery City +Don Benney
Friday, August 5th	8:00 AM Mass-Mont. City +Jim Cochran, Sr.
Saturday, August 6th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City +Diane Happe
Sunday, August 7th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City +Mary Ann Landot



July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Church & School Financial Report:	Income	Expenses	Difference
June 2022	\$ 77,917.97	\$ 63,509.91	\$14,408.06
Fiscal Year July-June 2021-22	\$712,620.06	\$643,822.45	\$68,797.61
Needed Weekly - \$ 13,232.95			
July 3rd - \$14,538.00			
July 10th - \$ 6,929.00			
July 17th - \$ 8,499.39			
July 24th - \$10,219.01			
July 31st - \$			

Last Week's Envelopes: 67 of 189

(No Mass if there is a funeral)

Thank you!! With God all things are possible!

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM, or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the office at least six months prior to the date you would like to get married to make arrangements and set a date.

To Become a Catholic: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in the Fall and sacramental initiation normally occurs at the Easter Vigil. Call for details.

Immaculate Conception Parish Mission

To proclaim the good news of the Gospel; to build community among the parishioners that we may journey in our faith together, giving witness to love and unity; to serve the needs of others in whatever form they may exit in our midst and to celebrate the realities of our faith together.

Who is an Active Parishioner?

- Registered in the parish
- Regularly participates in Mass and the sacraments
- Supports the parish financially
- Annually completes a stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure form and fulfills that commitment

Liturgical Ministers for August 6th & 7th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Gary Hoette	Jerry Witthaus
Children's Liturgy	None at this time	None at this time
Communion Minister	Beth Cobb	Megan Hans
Ministers of Hospitality	Sharon Pottebaum Daryl & Nancy Cobb	Charlie & Pat Korman Pat & Janet Stumbaugh
Servers	Malory Schulte Jacob Roesner	Elizabeth Schierhoff Chase Queathem
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Dottie Brueggen Debbie Heidelberger	Megan Hans Steve Williams

**Bishop McKnight's
July
prayer
intention for our
Local Church is:**

For our nation, for the integrity of our judicial system, and that all branches of government be dedicated to seeking the common good and protecting the dignity and rights of the human person, from conception to natural death.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, August 1st	NO MASS - Montgomery City
Tuesday, August 2nd	6:30 PM Mass - Wellsville
Wednesday, August 3rd	8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
Thursday, August 4th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Friday, August 5th	8:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City
Saturday, August 6th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Sunday, August 7th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, August 1st		Monday, August 1st	
Tuesday, August 2nd		Tuesday, August 2nd	6:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Adoration
Wednesday, August 3rd		Wednesday, August 3rd	6:00 PM - Home & School Mtg. 6:30 PM - Catholic Education Mtg. 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Mtg
Thursday, August 4th		Thursday, August 4th	
Friday, August 5th		Friday, August 5th	
Saturday, August 6th		Saturday, August 6th	
Sunday, August 7th		Sunday, August 7th	



Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate their special day!

Mitchell & Rae Jean Rhoads - 42 years of marriage on Aug. 1st
Robert & Jolene Davis - 42 years of marriage on August 1st
George & Priscilla Banfield - 49 years of marriage on Aug. 3rd

Additional Financial Information

Donation from Scrip Cards	\$ 1,000.00
Capital Improvements/Maint.	\$ 240.94
Bulletin Advertisements	\$ 600.00
Mass Intention	\$ 50.00
Special Collections:	
Retirement for Religious	\$ 50.00
Holydays (Assumption)	\$ 80.00

Thank You



Thank you Don Zerr for donating the beautiful flowers to our church from your son's funeral. Our prayers are with you at this time of sorrow.



Our Condolences and Prayers

Jane Dorlac of our parish family passed away on Sunday, July 24th. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held here at Immaculate Conception on Friday, July 29th. We offer our prayers and condolences to her husband, Mike, and their families during this difficult time.

NEW Harvest Picnic Information



We are starting to receive donations from **Picnic Sponsors**. If you know an individual or business that would like to be a sponsor, please let Beth Cobb or Mary Pottebaum know. We only have five vendor spots sold for the **Vendor Fair**. At the Harvest Picnic, besides having delicious food, there will also be fun games and activities for kids and adults, a cake walk, a country store, raffles, and a **Live and Silent Auction**. We will need many hands to work at the picnic. We have a **special raffle** for all those who volunteer. **We haven't received any items for the auctions**. Please be thinking about what kinds of items you will donate as well as where your talents will best serve the parish for this event. Packets will be handed out next weekend (August 6th & 7th) with more information along with quilt raffle tickets. We need everyone's help to make this 6th Annual Harvest Picnic a success!

For donations or questions contact Beth Cobb, Judy Cobb, Megan Hans, pat Korman, Mary Pottebaum, Gina Smith, Dottie Brueggan, or Dianne Talley.

B-I-N-G-O!



At the Harvest Committee Meeting it was decided to have Bingo with CASH prizes at another time. With our license, we can have two events a year and the first one will be on **October 15, 2022** at the Knights of Columbus Hall here in Montgomery City. The actual time is still in the planning stage, but it will be after 5:00 PM Mass.

With that being said, we will need people to help work this event. If you are able to help, please let Pat Korman know as soon as possible. When we apply to the State Gaming Department we also have to submit a list of the names of people who will be working along with the application. Thank you!

Immaculate Conception School News



Summer has FLOWN by which means school will be starting back in session very soon. We are all very excited to see our amazing ICS students!

Back-to-School Mass and Open House will be held on August 13, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

August 17th is the first day of school!



IC Scrip Program

Whenever you purchase a gift card from the IC School Scrip Program, the school receives a percentage of the purchase price. The percentage will vary from one company to another but there is no extra charge to you. A \$25 card costs you \$25. Why not let some of your money that you would spend anyway go to a good cause? There are a few ways to obtain the cards. You may purchase physical cards at the school or after Masses on the first full weekend of the month. **You may also go online to www.RaiseRight.com to create an account to purchase e-cards, reload select cards, or place a large order for physical cards. If you have any questions, call Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.**

Love and Life Retreat For Couples

Love and Life is a one day retreat where couples explore the truth and beauty of marriage and God's plan for it. It will be held Sept. 3rd, 8:30 am to 5 pm, at the Chancery in Jefferson City, 2207 W. Main St. Based on *Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan* by the US bishops, this retreat will help couples renew their bonds through presentations and periods of prayer. It has helped hundreds of couples reconnect and appreciate each other, their relationship, and their marriage. **This retreat is open to all couples (married, engaged & unmarried).** Registration for this event is required at <https://diojeffcity.org/23951-2/couples-retreat-love-life/>.

Couples Retreat: Love & Life

Explore the truth and beauty of marriage and God's plan for it.

For ALL couples — married or unmarried!

Saturday, September 3
8:30am-5pm

Presented by
Teresita Johnson,
president of
the Stella Maris
Center in League
City, Texas

To register, click here or visit:
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Events Around the Community (See Flyers if available in the church vestibule.)

August 6th - St. Joseph Home and School SXS Poker Run. Registration will be from 9 am to 11 am. The adventure starts in Martinsburg on 4th Street at 11:00 am when the first group will take off. Groups will then depart every 30 minutes. A Pulled Pork Dinner is included with entry and food vendors will be available at stops throughout the ride. Prizes for the top three poker hands. If there is a tie, high card draw will determine the winner.

August 9th - Second Tuesday Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg at noon. Confession and rosary before Mass. Luncheon following Mass in Valentine Hall.

August 12th-KofC Drive-Thru Fish Fry-4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. KC Hall in Montgomery City. \$13.00/meal. Cod/Catfish, slaw, potato salad & hush puppies.

August 14th-Sacred Heart Picnic at Rich Fountain, 11:00AM to 7:00 PM. All-U-Can Eat (indoor & outdoor seating) and carry-outs of Fried Chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Quilt display & auction, Kiddie Tractor Pull, Country Store, Kettle Corn, Raffle, Auction, and games!

Help Needed !



Inserted in the bulletin a couple of weeks ago was the list of items which need to be addressed from the Parish Council/Administration & Finance Committee "Walk Thru" of the parish's buildings and grounds. If you can help with any of these projects, please let the parish office (573-564-2375) or Dennis Cobb (573-253-9257) know. Thank you!

Please Keep in your prayers the following people:

Residents of St. Andrews New Florence Nursing & Care Center, Hwy 19 & Picnic Road, New Florence, MO 63363 - Susan Ryan

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Lucille & Marvin Griesbauer, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath (son of Chris & Stacy Calbreath), Al & Christine Barger, Barb Kliethermes, Marla Daniels, Lindsey (Dryden) O'Bryan, Valerie Readey Neudecker, and John Rybacki (father of Sue Beck), and Kim Dryden.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Steve (Hip) Hill, Noah Richard, and Dylan Willis.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



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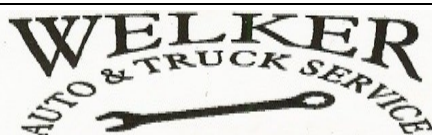
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