


<p>This Week's Events:</p> <p>MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:30 – Noon Vacation Bible School</p> <p>THURSDAY: 7:00 PM AA Meeting in Parish Center</p> <p>FRIDAY: 6:45 PM Word & Communion Service with Deacon Jim 7:15 PM Prayer Group</p> <p>SATURDAY: 8:00 AM Word & Communion Service with Deacon Jim</p>	<p align="center">Sunday Giving June 13, 2010</p> <p>Children..... 7.80 Adult Envelopes & Plate..... 1,818.50 Collected to date..... 110,404.78 Budgeted to date..... 115,192.31 Net (Loss)..... (4,787.53)</p> <p align="center">COUNTERS: June 27 – Barb & Bill</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td> <p>Lectors:</p> <p>Saturday..... June 26 4:00 pm..... Dottie Illig 7:00 pm..... Help Needed</p> <p>Sunday..... June 27 8:00 am..... Marita Riesgraf 10:00 am..... Sam Welter</p> </td> <td> <p>Mass Intentions:</p> <p>June 26 4:00 pm Rev. Elgar Bockenfeld 7:00 pm Kim Le & Family</p> <p>June 27 8:00 am Living & Deceased members of St. Nicholas 10:00 am Deacon Terrence P. Schneider</p> <p>July 2 6:45 pm Kim Le & Family</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>Lectors:</p> <p>Saturday..... June 26 4:00 pm..... Dottie Illig 7:00 pm..... Help Needed</p> <p>Sunday..... June 27 8:00 am..... Marita Riesgraf 10:00 am..... Sam Welter</p>	<p>Mass Intentions:</p> <p>June 26 4:00 pm Rev. Elgar Bockenfeld 7:00 pm Kim Le & Family</p> <p>June 27 8:00 am Living & Deceased members of St. Nicholas 10:00 am Deacon Terrence P. Schneider</p> <p>July 2 6:45 pm Kim Le & Family</p>
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We are glad to have you here today! If you wish to register at St. Nicholas, please call the church or Father's cell.

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"It is simply impossible to lead, without the aid of prayer, a virtuous life." ~ St. John Chrysostom (347-407)

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Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

Rosary ½ hr. before Mass
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 8:00 a.m.
Friday during Lent: Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
 Mass following at approx. 7:15 p.m.

Adoration

Every Friday: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
1st Friday of each month: 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Reception of the Sacraments

BAPTISM:
 Time & date as requested by the Family -
 Call for Pre-Baptismal program

CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION):
 Saturdays after the 8:00 am Mass, 3:45-4:00 pm &
 6:45-7:00 pm, Sundays 7:45-8:00 & 9:45-10:00 am,
 or **anytime as requested**

MARRIAGE:
 Call the parish office to make arrangements

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:
 Anytime, call Fr. Thomas at 448-2345 or 507-339-8244

RCIA (Rights of Christian Initiation for Adults):
 Please call the parish office for more information



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JUNE 20, 2010 – THE TWELFTH SUNYDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zec 12:10-11, 13:1; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24

Thank you! Thank you very much for opening your heart last weekend to Father Cyrus Gallagher's message of hope and his invitation to sponsor a child through Christian Foundation for Children and Aging's Hope for a Family sponsorship program. Twenty children, youth and elderly people now have a path out of poverty and a chance to live up to their God-given potential because of the generosity of the St. Nicholas Parish Community. If you are interested in sponsoring a child or learning more about Hope for a Family you can visit www.hopeforfamily.org.

Welcome Fr. Iacona! Father Iacona will speak at all Masses this week-end about Food for the Poor's ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout in Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Iacona was ordained in 2002 for the Claretian Missionaries. In addition to preaching on behalf of Food for the Poor, Fr. Frank works at a house of discernment, the Newman Center at the University of Illinois, and at the Chicago Legal Aid Clinic. Please join me in welcoming Father Iacona.

Vacation Bible School This Week! The long awaited Vacation Bible School is already here. As the proverb goes, "when the going gets tough, the tough get going." What keeps our little parish going and shining brightly is the many generous people like our Vacation Bible School volunteers who untiringly give of themselves. May your dedication to fight against the enemy of discouragement bare more and more fruit.

Dear Padre! Dear Denise, you have raised the question, "Is a suicide sin, and how does the church, treat suicide victims?" Yes, suicide is a sin and the Church always treats suicide victims with extreme compassion.

Both the Bible and the teachings of the Church make it clear that taking one's life in one's hands is sin, unacceptable and nothing can justify it. In the book of Exodus 20:13 one of God's Ten Commandments reads, "You shall not kill." In other words, God is saying no one has a right to take one's life or someone else's life. None of us had control of when we were born, or when we came into this world. So too none of us know when we will return to God. This is an affirmation that God alone is the Author of life and no one has the right to interfere with it--my life is not my property, rather, it is God's property. Therefore, suicide is sinful and there is no gray area about it.

Let me give you at least two resources that affirm the fact that suicide is sinful. "Since each created person is responsible to God to use the gift of life in his service, suicide is to be considered as a rejection of God's sovereignty and loving plan." [Grisez, Germain. The Way of the Lord Jesus, Volume Two, Living a Christian Life. Quincy: Franciscan Press, 1992. 477.] Further the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) **2280** reads, "Everyone is responsible for his life before God who has given it to him. It is God who remains the sovereign Master of life. We are obliged to accept life gratefully and preserve it for his honor and the salvation of our souls. We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of." [Catechism of the Catholic Church: Revised in Accordance with the Official Latin Text Promulgated by Pope John Paul II. 2nd ed. [Vatican City]: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1997.] Yes, suicide is sinful. Suicide is a total rejection of God's plan for our lives. MacArthur, a popular mega-church pastor and well-regarded Christian scholar, says that sin "is any violation, any violation of the character or law of God, the moral character or the law of God."

However, there are different levels of culpability when it comes to suicide: Fully Culpable or Gravely Responsible (Committing suicide after thorough reflection): CCC **2282** reads, "If suicide is committed with the intention of setting an example, especially to the young, it also takes on the gravity of scandal." [Catechism of the Catholic Church: Revised in Accordance with the Official Latin Text Promulgated by Pope John Paul II. 2nd ed. [Vatican City]: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1997.] In other words, when a person commits suicide in order to cause scandal, trying to send a message that it is OK to commit suicide, then the person who commits suicide is gravely responsible. In other words, a person who commits suicide is gravely responsible when the following three conditions are met: [1] Grave matter (of course suicide is not a joke but a grave, serious matter), [2] person has sufficiently reflected over it (before committing suicide that person has thought sufficiently about it), [3] Full consent (after reflecting and knowing that it is wrong to commit suicide the person still goes ahead and commits suicide). To summarize, when suicide is committed under such circumstances, the person who commits suicide is fully culpable/gravely responsible.

Not fully culpable (Diminished level of culpability--committing suicide out of desperation): On the other hand, CCC **2282**, "Grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide." [Catechism of the Catholic Church: Revised in Accordance with the Official Latin Text Promulgated by Pope John Paul II. 2nd ed. [Vatican City]: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1997.] That is to say that if the person who committed suicide was suffering from a serious psychological disturbance, hardship, suffering, torture, etc. then it can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide. "...Most people who commit suicide apparently do so because they are mentally ill or under great emotional distress. They may be so overwhelmed by depression that they lack the ability to see clearly what they are doing. Their ability to make a free choice may be short-circuited by images and feelings that simply overwhelm their desire to live. Such people may not be capable of a fully human choice, and their suicide may not necessarily separate them from God forever." [Santa, Thomas M. Dear Padre: Questions Catholics Ask. Liguori: Liguori Publications, 2003. Page 191]

However, in neither category suicide could be justified in some circumstances. The distinction that the Catechism of the Catholic Church is making is that we cannot put on the same level the person who takes one's life amidst serious mental illness and the

person knowing it is wrong, and takes one's life to set a bad example. Yes, in both circumstances suicide is wrong: "Taking one's own life is objectively, perhaps more than any other murder, a radical rejection of God's Lordship and of his supreme and absolute authority over all life." [Dietzen, John J. The New Question Box Peoria: Guildhall Publishers, 1991. 538.] "Even apart from its possible injustice...suicide is wrong insofar as it involves the intention to kill an innocent person. For this reason, the Catholic moral tradition treated suicide as a species of wrongful killing." [Grisez, Germain. The Way of the Lord Jesus, Volume Two, Living a Christian Life. Quincy: Franciscan Press, 1992. 477.]

Does the Church grant Christian burial to suicide victims? Normally, yes. For a long time the Church denied Christian burial to suicide victims. However, over the years, with the advent of modern psychology, both the Church and the society come to the understanding that most people who commit suicide do so because they are emotionally unstable and are incapable of giving either full reflection or the full consent that are necessary to commit a mortal sin. Therefore, the Church nowadays provides Christian burial to suicide victims to both console the families and to pray for the eternal peace of suicide victims who lacked peace while they were on this earth.

One may raise the question, "Is there a difference between Martyrs who gave up their lives and victims of suicide?" Yes, there is a difference. Martyrs like **St. Maximilian Kolbe** did not desire to end his life. St. Maximilian Kolbe, Polish Priest, was a prisoner at Auschwitz under the brutality of the Nazis. When one of the prisoners escaped from the camp, the Nazis were going to teach the prisoners a lesson by starving to death 10 other prison inmates for his escape. One of the 10 selected was Franciszek Gajowniczek who had a family and knowing he was likely to be killed by the Nazis he cried, "My wife, my children, I will never see them again." The point is St. Maximilian gave up his life like Jesus in order to save this man, Franciszek, who was a father and husband. St. Maximilian Kolbe did not want to end his life, rather, laid down his life so that someone else may have life. **St. Maria Goretti** whose feast we celebrate on July 6 was born in the year 1890. In the year 1902 her eighteen-year-old neighbor, Alexander, grabbed her from her steps and tried to rape her. Maria told him that she would rather die than submit to his evil desires. The enraged Alexander began stabbing her with a knife. As she was lying in the hospital, from the bottom of her heart she forgave Alexander before she died. In the year 1950, Maria was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1950. Present in the crowd was Alexander who stabbed her to death.

To conclude, nothing can justify suicide. Suicide is, "willful self-murder – a crime against God, against society, against one's family and against oneself." [Ripley, Canon Francis. This is the Faith. Rockford: Tan Books and Publishers, Inc, 2002. 82.] By committing suicide a person rejects himself, his friends and family (the unbearable pain) and God (who alone has the right over our life). However, we also know no human being in his/her right mind would take one's own life. Therefore, let us entrust our brothers and sisters who are the victims of suicide to the judgment of God the Almighty. It is our sincere hope and prayer that suicide victims may not separate themselves from God forever. When we turn the pages of the Bible, according to Jesus, the only sin that cannot be forgiven is blaspheming the Holy Spirit. Matthew 12:31 reads, "Therefore, I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven to people, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven." Further, CCC **2283** reads, "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives." [Catechism of the Catholic Church: Revised in Accordance with the Official Latin Text Promulgated by Pope John Paul II. 2nd ed. [Vatican City]: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1997.] In other words, we can certainly trust in the Mercy of God that He may forgive the shortcoming of our brothers and sisters who are the victim of suicide.

Sunday Reflection! Luke 9: 18-24 [use Paul 2 Tim 1: 12

Once when Jesus was praying in solitude, and the disciples were with him. Jesus asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" Some said, "John the Baptist"; others, "Elijah"; still others, "One of the ancient prophets has arisen." Then Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God." Dear brothers and sisters, Saint Mary Joseph Rosello (1811-80) said, "You will become a Saint by complying exactly with your daily duties." What is our daily duty? It is like Peter to articulate how great Jesus is without shame or fear. Let us ask ourselves: Do I talk to my friends and co-workers about Jesus boldly and unashamed or am I shy and wishy-washy when I talk about Jesus?

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

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Please join us on a day trip to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI on Thursday, July 22, 2010. Please arrive at St. Nicholas by 8 am. We will watch a short video and then board the bus. We will arrive around noon and have lunch. We will tour the shrine at 1:30 and Fr. Thomas will say Mass at 2:30 pm. Then, you will have some free time to explore the gardens before we depart at 4 pm. The lunch will cost \$10-12 and we ask for a donation towards the cost of fuel for the bus. Please contact the parish office for more information or to sign up for the trip.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Chaska VFW from 12-6 PM on Monday June 21. Everyone can donate every 56 days. If you gave here in Carver you are eligible to give in Chaska as well. Walk-ins are welcome or you can call to make an appointment.