

### ***From the Pastor's Desk (continued):***

*morning until 12:30 AM on Monday morning. I was told that I was in a deep catatonic sleep state and that it was impossible to wake me. A friend wanted to take me to the hospital, however, very early in the evening I apparently was told I was going to be taken to the hospital and I verbally responded and resisted but did not awaken. In any case, this is highly irregular and I am adjusting my dosages since I cannot avoid them because of my low kidney function. The good news is that I only have one test to confirm the diagnosis and the seriousness of my stomach condition and determine the amount of the correct medication that needs to be taken so as to interrupt the disease and allow my food and medication absorption to return to almost normal (within an hour or two from what I understand). This will help me in many regards; however, what is most important (for this reflection) is that it will allow my sleep schedule to return to normal.*

*I greatly appreciate your understanding with regard to the matter. I know how inconvenient it was for you to uproot yourselves for Mass last weekend and go to St. Patrick at the last minute. I understand that Fr. Matt was very gracious to you and to me (having asked you to join him in praying the Hail Mary for me). Again, I apologize; however, the matter was reasonably beyond my control.*

*I would like to address the sale of our gasoline tickets. The last time that we sold these tickets we were fortunate enough to sell all of the tickets. Even though this is only the third weekend, I am bit concerned with the sales. I ask you if possible, if you have not yet done so please purchase at least one ticket after Mass next weekend. Also, if your means allow, you might consider buying 5 tickets at a cost of \$20. Also, if you think that you would be able to sell some to some friends, co-workers or at an upcoming event (both for me - I'm going to sell some at the priest's picnic this week 😊), you might consider taking a few extra tickets with you. You know since the total prize was donated by a few generous parishioners, as well as the cost of printing the tickets by one of them, we gain a total profit of \$5000 all of which earmarked to cover some of the*

cost of the unexpected budget deficit as a result of the loss of a renter for our school building. **That is approximately 1 & 1/2 months rent!!**  
Please know that I am working diligently at finding a renter and a few people have looked at the building and that we have a repeat showing this week. We have; however, lost 5 months' rent (1 1/2 of which was covered by the last ticket). Again, even the purchase of one ticket can make a difference. Thank you beyond words for supporting Visitation Parish in a time of great need.

As I am writing to you today (Thursday morning) I am preparing for our annual summer priest picnic. I am truly looking forward to today for it is a time when we priests can get together and celebrate without any other agenda. It is a time when some of us get to see priests that we would not otherwise see except for the required fall clergy conference. I am so grateful to my brothers who took time out of their schedule to gather for this event. I am certain that a good time will be had by all. I would also like to thank all those who came forward to help with this event. It allows me the opportunity to relax with my priest friends for all I need to really worry about are the hors d'oeuvres since the volunteers do a fantastic job and are under great leadership and the whole event goes off generally without a glitch. Thank you, thank you, thank you!! I remember 1 Thessalonians 5:18: **"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."**

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**Healing Mass** - Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, August 18th at 7 PM , at St. Michael Church in Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally and spiritually. Fr. David Dodd, TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 PM and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free. All are welcome!