

June 5-6, 2010

From the Pastor,

In my letter last week I related the problems I was having with my back. Those of you who were at Mass at Holy Name last weekend found out that I had made a full recovery. I know that many people that I have talked to are rightfully skeptical, but I feel that it was a miracle. I had had this back pain for a full month. The chiropractor kept saying that my spine was aligned but something else was wrong. The MRI said it was a mildly protruding disc. I was ready to go to the surgeon. Thirty-six hours before my recovery I could barely walk across the parking lot.

My recovery came about while I was up at the Notre Dame Convent to say Mass. I remember struggling to get out of the car. I also remember being very careful as I put on my vestments. But as I walked into the chapel for Mass, I almost stopped because I noticed that I was standing straight. My lower back wasn't pushing me to lean to the left anymore. I was thrilled. I could sit and then stand without problems. That was on Friday, the beginning of Memorial Weekend. By Monday I was playing tennis. I was so happy to be able to call the surgeon's office and cancel my appointment. Thank you Jesus. Now I can focus more on praying for all of you who are praying for miracles.

Summer is in full swing. School is out, the Sun Dawgs Program is going to start this week, going from 8am to 5pm. Also the seminarians are here. We have two fulltime seminarian workers at the rectory for the summer, Sam Jizba and Dan Szalewski. We put them right to work helping with the big Humble Jumble Sale. It will be good to have them around Holy Name. Our parish seminarian, Greg Carl, is heading down to Mexico this week to improve his Spanish language skills. Those of you who have some Spanish skills should plan on testing him out in August when he comes back.

Last weekend we had four young men ordained as Transitional Deacons; Brother Jerome Lies, of the Intercessors of the Lamb, Andrew Syring from Schuyler, Kevin Vogel who is from Howells and spent a summer at Holy Name Bootcamp, and James Weeder, who I knew from Albion. This weekend John Michael Voithofer, with the Intercessors, was ordained a priest. My replacements are getting ready for the day when I retire. Last Thursday, June 3, I completed thirty-two years. I don't know how many God will have me going yet.

Don't forget that the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry here at Holy Name is still in need of help. I heard that 17 bags have already been dropped off. Thank you. You can bring dry goods to the back of church or give a cash donation. They have better purchasing power and can get bargains that are not available to us, so that can be very effective.

In two weeks we will also be having a second collection to help out the food pantries that are run by Catholic Charities. That will be on the weekend of June 19-20. Having their pantries stocked takes a lot of the burden off of our pantry.

God bless you,
Fr. Frank