FATHER SCOTT WALLISCH'S

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Flock,

Happy 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. I am sorry to say that we are in the second half of July. O Summer, where art thou (going)?

Folks here at the parish have been so nice to me so far. I thank you for your hospitality!

If you were not at the 10:00AM Mass last weekend (or, if you were and did not pay attention at all), Archbishop McKnight installed me as pastor. Before that Mass, I was just the "administrator", but now it is official. I am the pastor. You are stuck with me, at least until the archbishop realizes his mistake and moves me.

You may be wondering what it means for someone to be the pastor of a parish *(actually, no, Fr. Scott, I have never wondered that.)* Well, I am not a canon lawyer, and I have never played one on TV, and, truth be told, I nodded off a lot during my seminary Canon Law classes (who puts a law class on Friday afternoon?) But, thanks to my dad and the McGuffey Reader, I can read.

So, the Code of Canon Law says a lot about pastors. I cannot quote it all in one Pastor's Corner, but let's hit a couple:

> 518 – "As a general rule a parish is to be territorial, that is, one which includes all the Christian faithful of a certain territory."
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> 519 – A pastor exercises "the pastoral care of the community committed to him…, so that for that same community he carries out the functions of teaching, sanctifying, and governing."

So, I am responsible to teach, sanctify, and govern the souls of all the Christian faithful within our boundaries (and of those registered here who live outside our boundaries). That is a little daunting, so I would love your prayers!

Okay, have a wonderful week!

In Christ's Peace,