FATHER SCOTT WALLISCH'S

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear (new) Flock,

Happy 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time and Happy 4th of July Weekend.

On this Sunday, as the United States celebrates 250 years since the birth of our country, I celebrate five days since the birth of my pastorship at Ascension. I probably am not at the point yet where I can expect fireworks and hot dog eating contests, but that does not mean that I do not have reason to celebrate.

It is a huge honor to be asked to be your pastor! Honestly, it was also a big surprise! I hardly consider myself worthy to call myself your pastor. Ascension is a wonderful parish that has had such capable and amazing pastors, so I have enormous shoes to fill. (I trip in anything bigger than an eight and a half, so hopefully I do not fall on my face too often.)

In future homilies and *Pastor's Corners*, you will be lulled to sleep by details of my life, but I figured I would take this first *Corner* to share some quick info. First of all, my name is Fr. Scott Wallisch. Beyond that, I am…

…from St. Louis originally.

…the youngest of seven boys and one girl.

…a graduate of a fine Kansas university (will not tell you which one, because half of you will stop reading the *Corner*.)

…a former engineer and architect (could not cut it at these jobs, so God had to find something else for me to do.)

…a sports fan (yes, I like the Cardinals and Blues, but I also like the Royals, Chiefs, Sporting KC, and Team USA.)

and, most importantly,

…a child of God.

I look forward to meeting you and walking on this faith journey together.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. Scott Wallisch