FATHER SCOTT WALLISCH'S

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Flock,

Happy 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Also, happy beginning to the month of August.

I want to warn you right now, this *Pastor's Corner* may not be appropriate for children, as I will be using the "s-word". You should shield the eyes of anyone between the ages of 6 and 18, as reading this may be traumatic for them.

School is right around the corner (I warned you that I would use the "s-word".) This week our teachers will be returning to receive professional development and prepare their classrooms. Then the children will begin their school year on August 13th.

I want to thank our teachers for the sacrifices they make every day. They pour themselves out daily during the school year to form our young people.

I know that their sacrifice is a labor of love. They love being here at Ascension. They love this school community, but even more, they love why this school exists.

This school is not a private school. It is not a different option from government education. It is not just a safe, disciplined alternative to what can sometimes be found in public schools.

This school exists to form disciples of our Lord. It exists to show how God's fingerprints can be found in creation, how the Savior's sacrifice is the model for our lives, and how the Spirit's Truth guides their moral decisions.

Our teachers love being with our students, praying with them, and sharing Jesus with them. And I am grateful for their service. Please pray that we have a grace-filled year.

Okay, I need to go wash my mouth out with soap for using the s-word. Have a wonderful last week of the summer break!

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. Scott Wallisch