FATHER SCOTT WALLISCH'S

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Flock,

Happy 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Enjoy the last full week of August.

You may be aware that one of my previous assignments was as the vocation director for our archdiocese. I was also the co-director for seminarians. This meant that my picture was on the vocations poster for 13 years. The archbishop took these responsibilities away from me this summer, finally sparing the people of northeast Kansas of having to see my mug every time they walk past the poster. (I would say you could send him a thank you, but you have it worse – you have to see me in real life!)

One of the blessings of being assigned to Ascension is that this parish has fostered the discernment of several young parishioners. We have great young men and women who are in formation for the priesthood and religious life from Ascension.

As I am getting to know the parish, I can see that there are lots of wonderful things here to inspire people to follow their vocational call. One of those opportunities here that is bearing fruit is happening this week!

Prayer is one of the best ways to foster vocations in a parish. Each month, Ascension hosts a Holy Hour for Vocations. At the Holy Hour, there is adoration and benediction, confessions are offered, a rosary is recited, and a litany for vocations is prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

I got to be a part of the Holy Hour for Vocations last month, and it was wonderful. There was a good number of folks present to pray, but it would be awesome if we could double or triple that number, storming Heaven with even more prayers that young people in our parish discover God's will for their lives! The next opportunity is Monday, August 24, at 6pm. I hope you can come and join in the prayer. It is just an hour (hence the name)!

God has blessed Ascension with many young men and women who are boldly following His call to the priesthood, religious life, holy marriage, and sacrificial lives of service as single persons. You should be proud of this as a parish, but we should never stop working to draw more laborers into the vineyard.

Okay, have a wonderful week.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. Scott Wallisch