FATHER SCOTT WALLISCH'S

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Flock,

Happy 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Happy beginning of the tenth month of the year.

While I am writing this, I am away in St. Louis for the annual convocation of the priests in our archdiocese. It is a great time for us to be together to support each other and to learn a little bit more about topics that the archbishop thinks are relevant today. Thank you for praying for us in our time away.

I also write this in the midst of a gauntlet of fundraisers. I have 4 in 17 days. If all these events bleed me dry, I may have to sell Fr. Waldeck's car to make ends meet, especially since selling indulgences is frowned upon.

At the first fundraiser, which was to raise money for the Wyandotte and Olathe Pregnancy Clinics, the speaker gave a powerful testimony of God's healing, which he experienced years after convincing his girlfriend to get an abortion. For anyone reading this who has been scarred by abortion, please know that God's healing is possible.

He also mentioned a painful statistic. In 2025, throughout the world, more people died in the womb from abortion than died from every other cause combined (73 million vs. 67 million). That is a very tragic statistic. Not only are 73 million lives lost, but 73 million mothers and fathers now carry the pain of abortion.

You and I will probably not turn this statistic around any time soon, but, during this Respect Life Month, we can probably do a better job of equipping ourselves to share God's pro-life vision. We have a great opportunity to do that on Monday, October 19 at 7:00PM. Joe Heschmeyer, a local speaker from Catholic Answers, will be talking on how to make the pro-life case in a pro-choice world.

If you want to be more effective in helping others see the pro-life perspective on the value of every life from conception (child and mother), I encourage you to come. If you perhaps do not agree with the Church's pro-life position, or you know someone who does not agree, come and listen and ask questions. Perhaps you will hear things in a way that you have not before and will grow in your understanding. Either way, I believe his talk will be well worth your time.

May this week be for you a good start to this month dedicated to seeing the dignity in all persons from conception to natural death.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. Scott Wallisch