



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Still relishing in the excitement of last weekend’s Oktoberfest, I want to thank everyone who made that day possible. From start to finish it was a delightful day and it readies us for the next event on our Church Yard, this Saturday, our ***Family Halloween Movie Night***. Special thanks to the Glavin Family for once again providing the BIG SCREEN, we pray good weather for a spooktacular night! (See website for more details.)

Next month marks the 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation ***Evangelii Gaudium*** (The Joy of the Gospel). It’s my favorite of his writing to date and I know it to be very important. While a bit lengthy, it’s an easy read. He uses familiar words like “sour-pusses” and “missionary disciples”. He writes about priests’ homilies, the parish experience and the power of the Gospel. It’s a letter written for the whole Church and yet I’d venture to bet...even after 9 years, it’s been left unread by the Church. That seems to be the case often when it comes to things in the Church. Sadly, we are satisfied or even prefer to hear of our religion from the media and fail to drink deeply or think with/from the Church herself. We certainly can do better in that regard. So in advance of the Anniversary of this Exhortation, I’d like to challenge you: READ or LISTEN to the letter: ***Evangelii Gaudium***. It’s a letter written to you from Pope Francis and you can find a copy of it in your inbox (our parish flocknote) this weekend!

To whet your appetite, here’s the first paragraph:

**“The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church’s journey in years to come” (#1)**

Happy Reading!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

**“FROM AGE TO AGE YOU GATHER A PEOPLE TO YOURSELF”**

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*Adult Faith Formation Lecture Series with  
Father Michael Connolly, OSFS, JCL*

**“FROM AGE TO AGE YOU GATHER A PEOPLE TO YOURSELF”**-With these familiar words we come to better understand how the Christian community expressed its deep belief in the real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist over the centuries. Join Fr. Connolly in these two presentations which will explore how the Christian community from the Middle Ages (750a.d.-1300a.d. Session 1) through the Council of Trent (1545a.d.-1563a.d. Session 2) contributed to the development of Eucharistic expression we have inherited and developed.

**SAVE THE DATES AND JOIN US**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2002**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022**

**1:00 IN ST. JOSEPH ROOM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**