



The Area Catholic Community of Mayhew Lake, Sauk Rapids, Sartell, St. Stephen  
***The purpose of the ACC is to respond to the call of Jesus to be missionary disciples. We strive to strengthen parish life by working together to share our resources, talents, and efforts in providing for the pastoral and spiritual needs of all.***

Having accomplished some of our initial goals and developed others towards next steps, a few changes have been made to better align our work for future collaboration with all 4 parishes.

- The Discipleship Committee is the result of combining the Stewardship and Evangelization committees. The ACC Mission held October 2 & 3 was coordinated by this committee.
- The Young Adult Committee is being sunset as the goal for that committee has been accomplished. Regular reports from Jason Prigge, the Youth and Young Adult ministry director, will be included in Council meetings. Support for this ministry from the Council and each parish will be important.
- The Worship and Spirituality Committee has established a plan for Sunday celebrations in the absence of a priest, if/when this is needed. How to notify parishioners if this should happen is being discussed. Parishes worked together on celebrations of the Easter Vigil. Future discussions will look at other prayer opportunities outside of Mass.

To address the need of consistent communication, Dana Howard has been named the director of communication for OiC. Numerous avenues of communication will be used to attempt to reach as many members of all 4 parishes as possible.

One in Christ Council members are attending each parish's Pastoral Council meetings as an opportunity to sit in and see what's going on and answer questions the PC may have for the ACC or suggestions they have for OiC.

A gathering open to all parents in the ACC who had children baptized with the past year was held and included community building and support information.

A OiC leadership gathering will be held on Sunday, Oct. 23, after the 10:30 Mass at St. Stephen. This event will focus on how parish leaders and ACC council members can work together to implement our goals, "Being a disciple" and "Increasing a sense of belonging and commitment".

Many members of the current OiC Council have served for 3 years and need to be replaced beginning in January 2023. Please consider volunteering to serve as representatives of your parish on the Council. Contact your parish pastor for more information. Or check out our website, [www.oneinchristacc.org](http://www.oneinchristacc.org)

Coming Events:

- *Tables for Two*, an evening of support and enrichment for married couples of all ages on Saturday, February 11th at SFX. Watch for more details
- Next meeting October 11, at Sacred Heart (The OiC council meets every other month).