

The <u>Area Catholic Community</u> of Mayhew Lake, Sauk Rapids, Sartell, St.Francis Xavier 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.

Updates for the One in Christ ACC Planning Council meeting held August 3, 2021 at St. Francis Xavier

The Council clarified that the date for the upcoming Stewardship & Evangelization event is September 12, 2021 and that Frank Rajkowski's position on the ACC would be taken by a current member of the SFX Parish Council. The Council welcomed new members Marie Pangerl from St. Stephen and Tom Offerdahl from SFX.

The Council discussed membership transitions after the current members three-year terms expire and the necessity that future terms be staggered to ensure continuity. It was agreed that terms would expire on January 1 each year.

Discussion then turned to the Planning Council's role in reviewing goals and in developing new goals concerning different areas of parish life. The possibility of a Mission for the entire ACC is being explored.

Committees:

Stewardship & Evangelization Committees Joan Krause will attend a national stewardship conference in Wichita, Kansas this month. Additional members are needed for the stewardship committee. The Stewardship/Evangelization event, *Meet, Connect, and Grow* is scheduled for September 12, 1:00-4:00 at Sacred Heart Parish.

Young Adult Committee Young Adult Coordinator Jason Prigge has been hired. The council talked about his role and the need for the council and parishes to assist him.

Worship Committee The schedule of Masses was again discussed. The reliance on retired priests is not going to be a permanent solution. It was acknowledged that there needs to be better communication on this and other topics. Finally, it was agreed that each parish was responsible for paying the substitute priests at that parish, with the goal of sharing costs equitably.

The next meeting of the Council will be on September 7, 2021 at 7 P.M. in St. Stephen.

More information on the work of the ACC can be found on the *One In Christ* website, <u>www.oneinchristacc.org</u>