

## **For the People of Our Parish**

The "One in Christ Area Catholic Community" of Mayhew Lake, Sauk Rapids, Sartell, and St. Stephen

### Updates for the Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019 at Sauk Rapids:

- **Our Area Catholic Community of Annunciation (Mayhew Lake), Sacred Heart (Sauk Rapids), St. Francis (Sartell), and St. Stephen has selected the name of "One in Christ Area Catholic Community". We are working to finalize the logo that will accompany our name. Thank You to all who submitted names.**
- Our "Plan of Action" to establish our Area Catholic Community is based on the previously mentioned 7 Essential Elements. The "Plan of Action" will take the form of Assumptions, Goals, and Actions. The diocese is working on a framework to utilize when preparing and submitting the various activities to the diocese. Our "Plan of Action" method may have to be altered slightly to accommodate the new framework when it becomes available.
- We are investigating different options for Mass times for our community parishes. Some reductions are necessary from the current total of 9 weekend Masses and 4 priests. Preliminary information suggests that in later 2020 there will be only two priests to serve our 4 parishes. Diocese recommendations are a maximum of 3 weekend Masses per priest. Our plan will attempt to accommodate and allow for two priests with at least one weekend Mass per parish.

**We are asking for your input on "factors to consider" as we discuss the many variables involved in arriving at an overall area community plan. Please convey your thoughts to your parish representative.**

- Mass Intentions, currently, can only be requested for dates up till June 30th, 2020. After that, a new guideline will be available to accommodate the number of priests serving our "One in Christ Area Catholic Community".

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 7pm at St Francis (Sartell)