

For the People of Our Parish

The Area Catholic Community of Mayhew Lake, Sauk Rapids, Sartell, and St. Stephen

Updates for the Meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 21st, 7:00pm, Mayhew Lake:

- The primary focus of this meeting was to identify and share the strengths and challenges of each of our 4 parishes. We discussed the seven elements: **Service** (outreach, vocations, social concerns), **Leadership** (staffing, vision/mission, pastoral/finance councils), **Stewardship** (finances, facilities, people resources), and **Evangelization** (sharing and witnessing the gospel). In our previous meetings we shared the elements of **Word** (Faith Formation), **Worship**, and **Community**.
- Now that we better understand our sister parishes within our Area Catholic Community, we will begin to develop a "Plan of Action" for each of the essential elements that we shared. The path forward for each element will include; Assumptions, Goal, and Action. These "Plans of Action" are to be submitted to the bishop in the December timeframe for his approval.
- All parishioners are welcome to come and observe our ACC meetings. If you have questions or concerns please share them with your parish representative.
- **Of the names submitted, the Area Catholic Community Planning Council selected the name of "One in Christ Area Catholic Community".**
- **We are investigating different options for Mass times for our community parishes. Some reductions are necessary, so we are asking for your input on factors to consider. Please speak with your parish representative.**

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