

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, July 31st, 7:00pm, St. Stephen:

- The primary focus of this meeting was to identify and share the strengths and challenges of each of our 4 parishes. We shared elements of Word (Faith Formation), which includes programs for children, adults, and sacramental prep; the element of Worship, which includes mass times and schedules; and the element of Community, which includes socials, hospitality, festivals, and welcoming new members.
- Our next meeting will include the remaining elements of Service (outreach, vocations, social concerns), Leadership (staffing, vision/mission, pastoral/finance councils), Stewardship (finances, facilities, people resources), and Evangelization (sharing and witnessing the gospel).
- We ask for your feedback relative to any of our elements. Provide to any member of your Area Catholic Community committee. We will utilize the various identified strengths and challenges of each parish as we create a plan to present to the bishop on how we will meet his vision: "How can our ACC make disciples in our community".
- All parishioners are welcome to come and observe our ACC meetings. Should questions surface as a result of your observance, please share them with your parish representative outside the scheduled meeting time.
- **We continue our search for a name for our four parish community. If you have a suggestion, please contact your A.C.C. Representative.**

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 3, 7pm at Sacred Heart (Sauk Rapids)