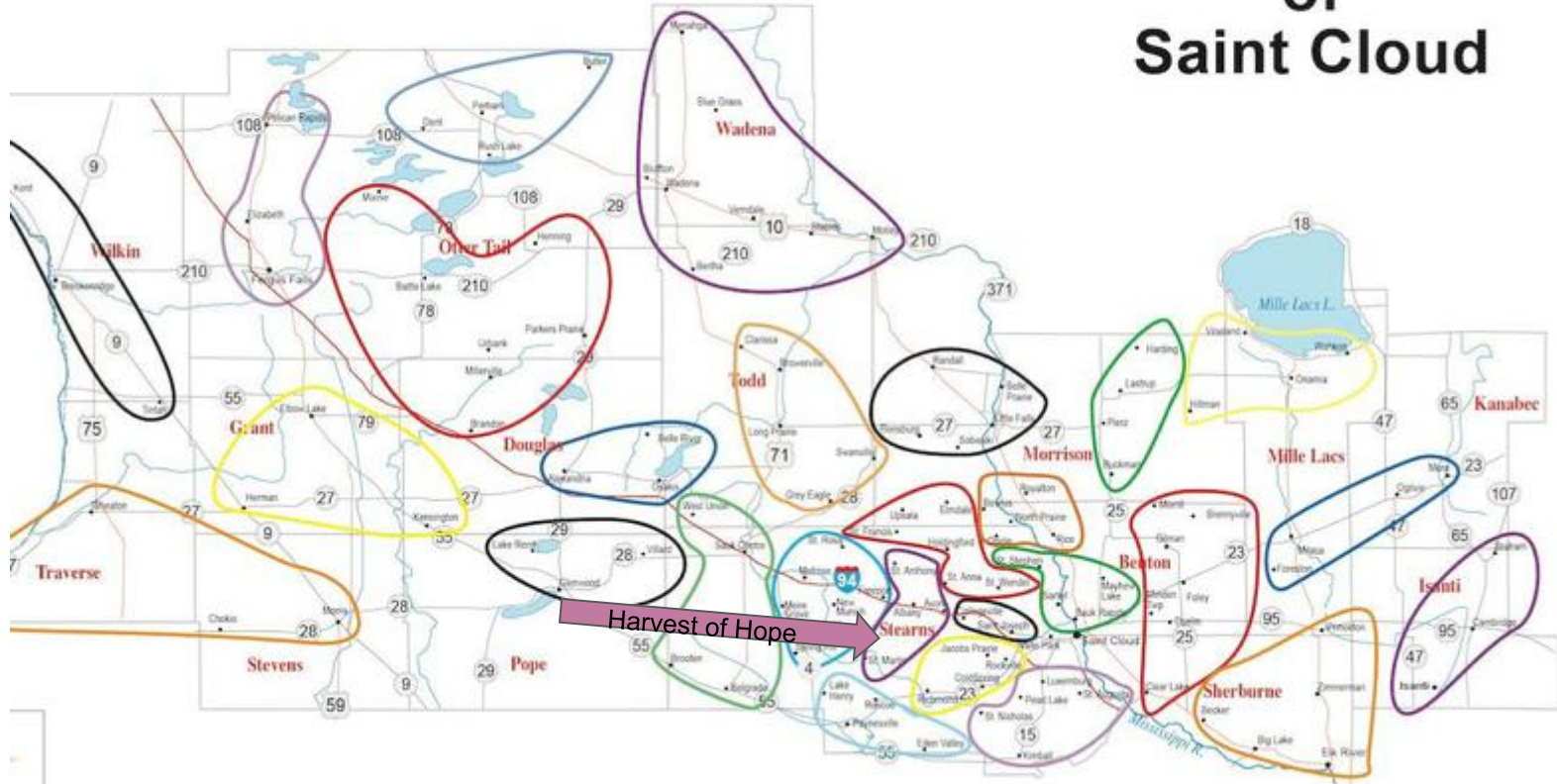




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Area Catholic Communities Map

Diocese of Saint Cloud



Harvest of Hope Catholic Community

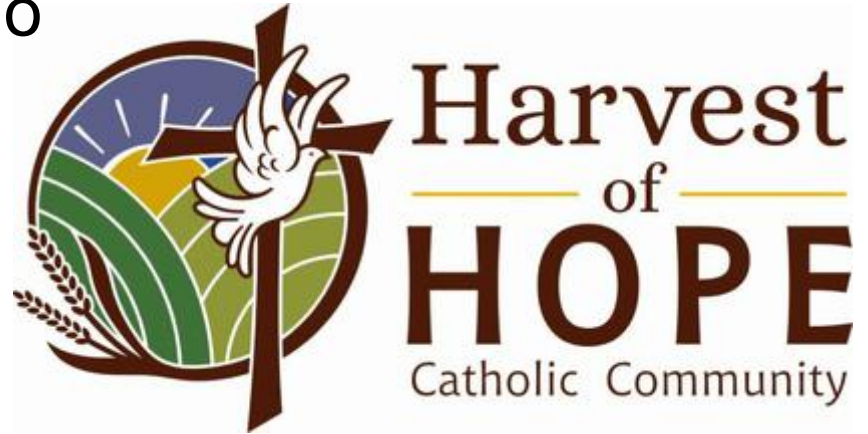


Four cities: Albany, Avon, St. Anthony & St. Martin

Seven entities: Seven Dolours Parish, Albany; St. Benedict Parish, Avon; St. Anthony Parish, St. Anthony; St. Martin Parish, St. Martin; St. Catherine Oratory, Farming; Holy Family School, Albany; Mother of Mercy Senior Living, Albany

In the beginning...

- Strategic planning process
- Focused on relationship building
- Name of ACC
- Logo



The Bulletin

Initial conflicts:


- Issues of identity, finances, communication

Current process:

- Information funnelled to editor
- Sent to large group for proofing
- “A small miracle every week.”

- Fr. Edward

OCTOBER 1, 2023 THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



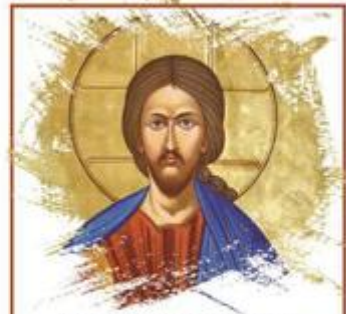
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"WHEN JOHN CAME TO YOU IN THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, YOU DID NOT BELIEVE HIM; BUT TAX COLLECTORS AND PROSTITUTES DID." --MT 23:32

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"VINO A USTEDES JUAN, PREDICO EL CAMINO DE LA JUSTICIA Y NO LE CREDERON; EN CAMBIO, LOS PUBLICANOS Y LAS PROSTITUTAS, SI LE CREDERON". --MT 23: 32

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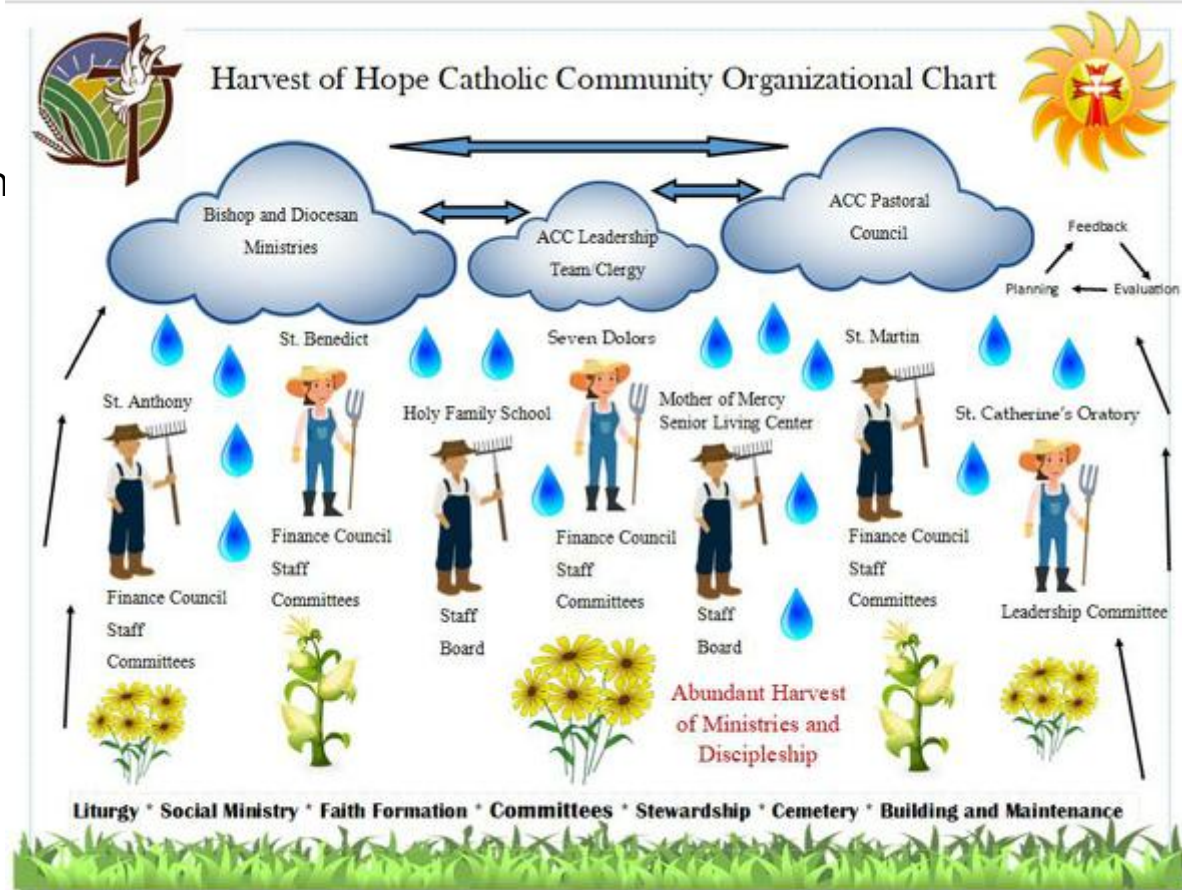
LIVING THE LITURGY

God invites each of us to work in His vineyard, but it's our choice whether we "dock in" or stay home. Let's never fail to show up. It's the most important job we will ever have.

		MASS TIMES		PASTORAL SERVICES	
Monday	October 2	--- AH	Seven Dolors	Pres. Retreat Ho Mass	
Tuesday	October 3	--- AH	Seven Dolors	Pres. Retreat Ho Mass	Reconciliation
		--- AH	Saint Benedict	Pres. Retreat Ho Mass	Saturdays 4:30 PM Seven Dolors
Wednesday	October 4	--- AH	Seven Dolors	Pres. Retreat Ho Mass	Sundays 8:00 AM Saint Anthony
		--- AH	Saint Anthony	Pres. Retreat Ho Mass	Thursdays 7:30 AM Saint Benedict
Thursday	October 5	7:30 AH	Seven Dolors †	Stephen Haged	8:00 AM Saint Martin
		8:00 AH	Saint Benedict †	John Thelman	
		8:30 AH	Saint Martin †	Kevin Blongren	Fridays 8:00 AM Seven Dolors
Friday	October 6	7:30 AH	Seven Dolors †	Anna Heier	
Saturday	October 7	5:00 PM	Seven Dolors †	Donald Altmend	Anointing of the Sick
		8:00 PM	Saint Catherine †	Multiple Intentions	Home Bound Communion
Sunday	October 8	7:30 AH	Seven Dolors	People of the MOn Catholic Community	Pastoral Visitation
		8:00 AH	Saint Anthony	Jeanne G. Smith Truitt	Prayer Requests
		8:30 AH	Saint Benedict †	Carolyn Blongren	
		8:50 AH	Saint Martin †	Doreen Schaefer	
		10:30 AH	Saint Benedict †	Joe & Marie Zwilling	
		10:50 AH	Seven Dolors	Jerry & Carol Wanning 85th Anniversary	If you have any of the above pastoral needs, please contact your Parish Office.

Leadership Structure

- Each community has their own staff and volunteers
- Common staff positions within the community
- Challenges - energy devoted to pastoral care with multiple parishes
- Joint staff meetings/yearly retreat



Early Wins

- Early Success - Rural Life Celebration
- Separate but unified Faith Formation programs: this year share a common theme
- Common Confirmation Standards
- Sacramental Preparation (Baptism, Weddings)
- Shared funeral resources



Communication, Communication, Communication

- Bulletin
- Staff meeting
- Website
- Presider Schedule
- Shared Liturgical Calendar
- Social media
- Pastoral Council

Presider Schedule July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 (8/25/23)

Weekday Rotation

Monday	Edward	7:30 Seven Dolors	9:30 Pondview		
Tuesday	Julius	7:30 Seven Dolors	9:30 Mother of Mercy	Greg	8am St. Benedict
Wednesday	Julius	8:30 St. Anthony	Edward	9am Holy Family School	
Thursday	Greg	7:30 Seven Dolors	Edward	8:30 St. Martin/St. Benedict	Julius 8am St. Benedict/St. Martin
Friday	Julius	7:30 Seven Dolors	Edward	9:30 at Mother of Mercy	

Route A	5pm Seven Dolors, 8:30am St. Benedict, 10:30am St. Benedict
Route B	3:30pm Mother of Mercy, 7:30am Seven Dolors, 9:30 St. Martin
Route C	8:30am St. Anthony, 10:30am Seven Dolors
DA-	Deacon Br. David Allen will preach and/or function as deacon
***	Denotes Deacon Steve will be assisting/preaching

	Greg	Julius	Edward
July 2	Route B (MOM, SD, SM) ***	Route C (SC, SA, SD)	Route A (SD, SB, SB)
July 9	Route C (SA, SD)	Route A (SD, SB, SB)***	Route B (MOM, SD, SM)
July 16	Route A (SD, SB, SB)	Route B (MOM, SD, SM)	Route C (SA, SD) ***
July 23	Route B (MOM, SD, SM)	Route C (SA, SD)	Route A (SD, SB, SB)

Ongoing collaboration



Holy Family School

- 122 Students (Preschool-5th grade)
- Support from all ACC parishes financially
- Parishioners attend and support events, fundraisers
- School Mass at Seven Dolors
- Clergy classroom visits
- Catholic Schools Week

Listening - Survey

- Multiple methods of distribution (email, churches, mailed paper copies)
- Focus on bringing people together, building relationships
- Leadership responded based on results (272 responses)

Bingo

- Rotating location between each parish in the ACC
- Successful events: 150-200 attendees each time from all parishes
- No cost to the parishes, thanks to the Bridge Builder grant
- Evening includes a free meal, cash prizes, and HoH logo prizes



Fruitful Events – Successful Collaboration



Father Greg's 50th
Jubilee



Corpus Christi



Totus Tuus



Living Rosary



Confirmation



Kids Fighting
Hunger

Moving forward...

- Mission Statement
- Employee Manual (in development)
- Outreach: Post-Covid challenges
- Synodal survey of parishioners and community
- Update strategic plan based on survey answers
- Latino ministry
- Sync with diocese
 - Finance
 - handbook

