



All Things New Plan Template

Each ACC is expected to create a plan or two to submit to the Planning Office by December 31, 2025. Each of these plans will be reviewed and will be brought to the bishop for approval.

Area Catholic Community Name: Parishes on the Prairie

Date: December 1st, 2025

Goal 2: Close three parishes (NOT THE PREFERRED PLAN)

Specific: Close St. Alexius, St. Donatus, and Our Lady of the Angels.

Achievable:

- In addition to the reasoning in the first plan, closing St. Alexius parishioners would have options to have their sacramental and ministries needs served in Sauk Centre, which is only eight miles away.
- Parishioners would still have access to a weekend Mass within a 20-minute drive.
- Faith Formation students at St. Alexius would be welcomed at the Centre For Christ formation center in Sauk Centre.

Relevant:

- In Sauk Centre, two Catholic churches less than six blocks away may not be the best use of finances.
- St. Donatus currently does not have a weekend liturgy.
- St. Alexius is eight miles away from Sauk Centre and with the shortage of priests it would help serve the needs of the parishioners to have liturgies at one parish which can accommodate the largest amount of parishioners.
- This will allow for continued healthy liturgies and foster closer faith communities, be better stewards of finances and allow for increase pastoral ministry.

Action steps

Jan 4th, 2027

- As of Jan 4th, 2027, the new weekend Mass Schedule would be Saturday, St. Paul's 4pm and 6pm. Sunday, St. Peter and Paul, 8am, St. Paul's 8am, St. Paul's 10am, and St. Francis de Sales 10am. (These Mass times are an ongoing conversation).

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- All Masses will cease at St. Alexius, St. Donatus and Our Lady of the Angels.
- List St. Alexius, St. Donatus and Our Lady of the Angels properties (rectories, churches, lots) for sale. Selling is the first option. The committee will gauge

interests in the properties and look to demolish buildings if not sold in a timely manner to be good stewards of finances.

Effective July 1st, 2026

- In both plans the number of corporations would reduce from six to one.
- The new finance council would consist of six members. This council would consist of a parishioner from each current parish to be pastorally considerate.
- Two trustees would be chosen by the pastor.
- We will adjust insurance coverage for all our structures to a 50% variable replacement cost. Then, allocate 75% of the resulting savings into an investment account to help us become more self-insured over time.
- One main parish office in Sauk Centre.
- One satellite office in Belgrade is allowed to be open Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am-3pm to serve the needs of parishioners in southern part of the ACC.
- Holy Family School's subsidy will not exceed 40%

Approval & Sign-Off

Date: 11-10-2025

Pastor: Fr. Kevin Soenneker

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Mark Botzet

Other Committee Members:

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Other Committee Members:

St. Paul's- Sally Ross, Jen Gruber, Our Lady of the Angels- Merle Felling, St. Donatus- Carol Sanders, Aaron Radermacher. Sts. Peter & Paul- Joe Borgerding, Harry Zenzen, St. Alexius- Joe Borgerding, Jane Jenc, St. Francis de Sales- Roy Lensing, Paul Rooney.