

Sacred Worship Committee

Minute Summary for 7 March 2017

01. Prayer of the Day was from the First Week of Lent.
02. Liturgical ministers are reminded to sign-up on-line for the up-coming schedule. If you have not received the link contact the parish secretary.
03. The article "Our Journey to Remember" noted that we are constantly called to conversion. This, the reminder of Lent and as one draws a conclusion at the end of 40 days, how do we expand upon that and continue it through-out the year. The sacrament of reconciliation should be part of the story.
04. Liturgical Season of Lent, preparations: 1) The cross with fingerprints reveals our community in faith, 2) We are offering the Lenten practice slips again this year, 3) Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 4:30, 4) Communal Acknowledgement of Our Sinfulness will be offered at St. Mark on April 2, 2017 at 6:30.
05. An insert with an explanation of Triduum will be in the bulletin and there was discussion about using the candles at Vigil during the renewal of the baptismal promises.
06. Liturgical Season of Easter: 1) We will invited children to decorate the letters for the "ALLELUIA" to be used on the backdrop in church. 2) Flowers: we should compare between Krueger's floral or Evolutions and check with St. Agnes to see where they get their flowers.
07. The Feast of Saint Mark is celebrated on 25 April. We will schedule evening prayer at 6:30.
08. The prayer for World day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and Prayer in the Presence of the Eucharist- Sanctity of Human Life were reviewed and will be used next year.
09. Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (2 November). The boards with the pictures of the parish members who died during the years was appreciated as the list of all parish members who died since the parish opened. The celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist in the evening is a good choice.
10. Liturgical Season of Christmas. The tree in the back of church with the smaller trees in the wings works well and isn't overbearing. The advent wreath looks nice hanging.
11. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We have four candidates who are choosing to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church and one parish member to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. On March 19, they will celebrate the Rite, Call to Continuing Conversion.
12. The Ritual for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage has been revised. Added is an acclamation after the vows and Laying on of hands (Invoking the Holy Spirit) is now officially part of the ritual.
13. The Budget Committee of the Parish Finance Council reports that the tithe is currently running \$18,000 above what was budgeted. There are a number of items to care for: 1) Roof on west wing of school needs to be replaced, 2) The waste tile from the Parish Center to the street needs to be replaced, 3) We are looking into a larger model lawn tractor for mowing and snow removal.
14. The donation of *Spirit and Song* hymnals that were purchased for the musicians was in memory of Grace Aldrich.
15. From the Membership: 1) The photo shoot for the parish directory went smoothly, 2) The walls in the wings of church need to be cleaned; possibly K-Tech or Northstar Cleaning and Restoration
17. Future meeting: May 2, 2017.