

## Sacred Worship Committee

Minute Summary for 16 January 2018

01. The prayer reflected Ordinal Time, Week.

03. The minutes of 7 November 2017 were reviewed and approved.

04. The article Lent and Holy Week discussed Lent with its focus as a season of preparation for those anticipating the sacraments of initiation and the Sacrament of Reconciliation to bring to awareness and heighten our appreciation for Christ's mercy and forgiveness. It is a time for us to "re-orient our lives, calling us back to the self-giving way of life to which we are called."

05. Lent is time of "repentance" vs. Advent being a time of "reflection." A different way to consider Lent is to "turn and see again". Where in our lives can we be more positive, forgiving, and caring? Suggested: a. Seek to use our gifts and talents for praise of God, as God's servants instead of "giving something up?" b. We have been given a second chance and how have we responded? c) A focus could be the crucifix. Place the house crucifix on the table to remind us to the constant call to die and rise. d) Could we place a cross in the aisle in church to be reminded and then the same cross on Good Friday?

06. Church environment for the Advent and Christmas Seasons and the parish booklet. a) The icon banner is a fine addition (the was funded by Catholic Financial Life). The trees were a good compliment. Sadly the poinsettias did not last long and could have been brighter, perhaps red and white or a deep maroon as an accent against the church flooring. b) The parish Booklet for the Christmas Season is a good concept, but can be simplified.

07. The ecumenical celebration of Thanksgiving, the music seemed disconnected from the scriptures. There were too many choral pieces during liturgy taking place of congregational singing.

08. Liturgical concepts or understandings that need to be clarified? Mary Testin will bring in short pieces that explain some concepts. Father gives us a good explanation of "this, this, this" during the Eucharistic prayer is good and noted is that the epiclesis (Laying of hands calling the Holy Spirit) is part of every sacrament.

09. Spirit and Psalm hymnals were purchased for every cantor and accompanist. They include a psalm and gospel acclamation for each weekend Liturgy. The psalm settings are either chanted freely or in metered rhythm.

10. SWC meetings are currently scheduled for March 6, and May 1, 2018.

11. Affirmed is the diocesan Project Milk as a parish project for Lent.