

Sacred Worship Committee

Minute Summary for 7 March 2023

01. Prayer marked the second week of Lent.
02. Regarding the article *Pedagogical Power of the Liturgy* discussed St. Francis and Pope Francis' views on the power of liturgy as the primary educator of the faithful. The ritual brings us into the present time of God. Liturgy enters you into that presence.
03. Order of the Celebration of the Triduum. a) No hand washing on Holy Thursday. As last year the period of adoration will be in the church instead of processing to the parish center. We will return to the potluck following the time of adoration and the church will remain open following the adoration for those who wish to stop. b) We will venerate the cross with a bow on Good Friday. c) Consensus was reached to return to the seven readings at the Vigil which will close with the celebration of the Resurrection/Easter. There is the possibility of the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation of a young man who is completing his initiation into the Church.
04. a) The parish is scheduled to begin a new setting of the Gloria (from Mass of Saint Ann) during Holy Week.
05. There was discussion on the condition of the organ and the feasibility of its use; we not have trained organists because of retirements and Jeanette's' illness. The instrument was installed in 1984 and it is understood that parts or technicians are not available to service the instrument.
06. Bringing the Tithe Baskets through the Pews . . . we will continue to put baskets in pews for the tithe that the people move through the assembly.
07. Liturgical Ministers (signup Genius). This is working and offers liturgical ministers to schedule themselves outside of a monthly generated schedule.
08. Regarding the Return of the Cup at the Celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist, Masks/Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion, there is no formal instruction from the Diocese. Father suggested that the Extraordinary Minister of Communion no longer use masks.
09. Status of the Expression of the Sign of Peace. Father suggested that we return to the general expression of a bow with the words, "peace be with you." The wave of a hand in our culture does not convey the directive of the Roman Missal.
10. A meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2023.