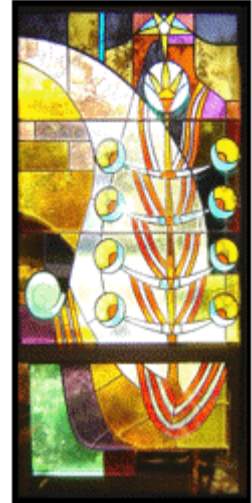


Art and Environment: Revised on June 7, 2009

Mission: To enhance worship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in accord with the liturgical theme of the season, our artistic environment encourages active participation in the Liturgy, and a desire to joyfully praise God in the Sacred Mysteries.

The Art and Environment Committee designs, executes, and maintains a reverently artistic visual environment in the church, chapel, and the narthex throughout the liturgical year.

Organization: The Art and Environment Committee plans and prepares a visual environment in the church, the narthex, and the chapel that is in accord with the liturgical theme of the season and/or the theme of the individual feast day.



The artistic atmosphere surrounding the liturgical celebrations encourages parishioners to be active, fully-involved participants in the sacred mysteries being celebrated during the Liturgy.

Routine church decorating throughout the year, planned and prepared by members of the Art and Environment Committee, is coordinated through the Liturgy Coordinator, especially in regard to memorial flowers, special feast days, sacramental celebrations, and other parish liturgical celebrations.

Plans for Christmas decorations are presented to the Liturgy Coordinator by All Saints' Day for final approval. Plans for Easter decorations are presented to the Liturgy Coordinator by Ash Wednesday for final approval. After consultation with the Pastor, the Liturgy Coordinator approves these special decorating plans, and helps recruit members of the Worship Commission to assist in their implementation.

For Christmas and Easter decorating, the assistance of other parishioners is welcomed, first from among the liturgical and music ministers, and then from among other interested parishioners at large. Church decorating for the holidays is a special social and service opportunity for Worship Commission members to work together as a team under the direction of, and assisting the Art and Environment Committee.

Outdoor Christmas lights across the parish campus are coordinated through the Art and Environment Committee, with the work being accomplished by other parishioners and other parish organizations. The Knights of Columbus, for example, set up a Nativity Scene in the Parish Center Courtyard each year. At this time, a special parish volunteer is taking care of the Christmas lights outside the church. The overall design of the complete church decorations is carefully considered by the Art and Environment Committee.

Membership: A representative from the Art and Environment Committee serves on the Worship Commission, and assists the Liturgy Coordinator in the recruitment, training, and updating of the participants in this ministry. This person works closely with the Liturgy Coordinator in the fulfillment of all these duties. Each year, the Liturgy Coordinator asks those engaged in this ministry to propose the names of individuals for consideration as their representative. After consulting with the Pastor, the Liturgy Coordinator selects the representative from this ministry to the Commission.