

What are the Fees?

Church There is a church fee of \$350 for registered members and \$500 for those not registered but have family ties here. This fee is due within 30 days of reserving the date at the church. *(Please call our accounting office if you would like to make other arrangements.)*

Music Contact our Music Director for rates. (Our music director is required to be present at the Ceremony)

Sacristan Gifts are typically given, but not required, to the sacristan at your discretion.

Notes Regarding the Ceremony:

Photographer/Videographer Pictures and videography are permitted during the liturgy provided they remain inconspicuous. Flash photography is not allowed during the liturgy. Pictures taken in church prior to your wedding should not exceed 1.5 hours before your wedding and be finished no closer than a half hour before your ceremony.

Aisle Runner Keep in mind that our church is carpeted so a "Runner" is not permitted since this is a tripping hazard.

Throwing Rice, bird seed, confetti or anything on church property is prohibited.

Decorations Please keep your decorations simple as the St. Joseph Altar area needs only accents to enhance its beauty. Two arrangements, one on each side of the altar area is sufficient. You may want one arrangement placed near the ambo. You may decorate the pew ends with bows - attaching these with masking tape is acceptable. If used, bows are typically placed every third pew. There are 26 rows of pews.

The Rehearsal The Wedding Liturgy Coordinator will arrive at the rehearsal 15 minutes early. She will show the bride to the bride's room. We also have a room for the groom and his attendants.

Parish Center We will have tables set up for your use. Food & drink must be kept in the Parish Center. Alcohol is not allowed.

Clean Up Couples must assign people to clean up after the wedding, including the Bride and Groom Rooms, Restrooms, etc. We will provide trash bags for your use. Please tie bags shut and leave outside the kitchen door.

Arrival Time On the day of your wedding you are welcome in the church two hours before the wedding liturgy.

WEDDING PREPARATION

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Congratulations on your upcoming marriage!

We ask that you read through the material provided in the Marriage Prep folder. These items were thoughtfully selected to provide you with information and insight as you plan your new life together.

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GENERAL TIMELINE FOR WEDDING PREPARATION

To Do	Timeframe	Action Needed
Secure priest/deacon.	Right away	Please call the parish office to set up a meeting with the presider.
Attend engaged retreat before wedding.	9-12 months	Sign up for: <i>Living God's Love Marriage Retreat</i> (651) 291-4553 http://www.archspm.org/departments/marriage/marriage-preparation.php OR <i>Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat</i> 651-426-9248 http://ceemn.com/index.html
Secure music ministers.	9-12 months	Meet with Music/Liturgy Director to begin selecting music and secure music ministers.
Complete Pre-marriage investigation (FORM 1) with priest/deacon and dispensation, where applicable.	9-12 months	This will be done at one of the meetings with the presider.
Complete Natural Family Planning class.	6-9 months	Please contact the Couple to Couple League (CCL) for schedule and to register at http://twincities.ccli.org or 612-721-3791
Meet with Mentor couple. Take Pre-Marriage Inventory.	6-9 months	The inventory is administered and follow up is done with a mentor couple.

GENERAL TIMELINE CONTINUED . . .

To Do	Timeframe	Action Needed
Secure baptismal Certificates.	4-6 months	Please contact the parish where you were baptized and they will be able to provide you with a copy or have it sent directly here to the parish office.
All wedding liturgy details finalized. <i>(readings/intercessions, music, ministers, etc.)</i>	2-4 months	This will be done at one of the meetings with the presider.
Obtain marriage license (bring license reduction form)	1-3 months	After completing the pre-marriage retreat and the meetings with the mentor couple and presider, you will be given a letter that will give you a discount on your marriage license fee.
All paperwork turned in to the priest/deacon. <i>(Parish registration form, Retreat & NFP completion certificates, Baptism Certificates, Freedom to Marry forms)</i>	1 month	Please be attentive to this and not wait until the last minute.
Wedding rehearsal	Thursday night before the wedding	Wedding party, lectors and other ministers participating in the wedding liturgy must attend the rehearsal.

CONGRATULATIONS!