



WEDDING GUIDELINES

Arrangements for all marriages must be made at least 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date. This is to allow time for the proper preparation of the couple in accord with the Common Policy for Marriage Preparation required by all Wisconsin Dioceses.

At least one of the engaged persons must be a registered member of the Parish (*those registered under their parents are to register as an adult*). Contact the Parish Office (634-5526) to schedule an initial meeting with the pastor, as well as to inquire on the availability of the proposed wedding date. The parish secretary will enter the date into the parish calendar as "tentative." A wedding date can only be confirmed by the pastor. This confirmation will occur following the couples initial meeting with the pastor.

Pre-marital Requirements:

- Completion of a pre-marital inventory (FOCCUS) to be filled out by the couple and reviewed with them.
- The engaged couple will attend a large group enrichment retreat day/program conducted by the Archdiocesan Office for Adult and Family Ministry. Pre-registration through the Office of Adult and Family Ministry in Milwaukee is required. A fee is charged. (*A schedule of retreat days and times is available through the pastor*).
- Liturgical and canonical preparation for the wedding itself.

These steps or their equivalents apply even if the wedding is to be celebrated in another parish, diocese, Christian or other church.

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- To Reserve the Use of the Church: A fee of \$100.00 is required to reserve the use of Sacred Heart Church for a wedding. It is refunded if, for some reason, the wedding does not take place.
- Confirmation of the Wedding Date: After meeting with the parish priest, and after all required documentation has been gathered, payment of the Stole Fee of \$85.00 is to be made and the wedding date is confirmed in the parish calendar by the priest and the wedding couple.
- Music Fees: \$125.00 for the day of the wedding; this includes meeting with the couple to select music.
- \$50.00 per hour to rehearse with a soloist or cantor.
- \$30.00 to meet with the couple to plan music if the Couple is using their own musicians.