

St. Anthony Marriage Preparation

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† DOCUMENTS †

- A. ____ **Prenuptial Questionnaires** - These forms are completed at our first meeting.
- B. ____ **Baptismal Certificates** - A recent copy (no more than six months old) of both your baptismal certificates is needed. An old copy can be used to obtain the church address to which the request should be sent. The churches should send the certificates directly to Fr. Joe at the above address.
- C. ____ **Marriage License** - This may be obtained in the county of the state of Indiana in which one or both of you reside. Do not apply for this more than 60 days before your wedding (it will expire), but at least 6 days before wedding. The license should be given to Fr. Joe prior to the wedding rehearsal.

† MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMS †

- D. ____ **Catholic Engaged Encounter** - This workshop for engaged couples is offered on a variety of dates to fit your schedule. You will need to make the arrangements by visiting www.Louisvillecee.org, reviewing the schedule and mailing in the registration form and payment. These weekends are sponsored by the Archdiocese of Louisville, but held at Mount Saint Francis near Floyds Knobs, IN.

† PREPARING FOR THE WEDDING CEREMONY †

- F. ____ **Music** - you will need to contact and arrange the musicians or soloists for your wedding. You will also need to meet with them to plan the service music, preludes and postludes. It is strongly recommended that you hire musicians familiar with Catholic weddings. These are some individuals who are willing to provide music for weddings at St. Anthony's:

Dr. Tim Glasscock	Piano & Vocals	sglasscock@bellarmine.edu
Rachel Daniel	Vocalist	rdaniel01@bellarmine.edu
Jaime Miller	Vocalist	millerbcba@yahoo.com
Tim Baker	Organist	kewlpipes2@gmail.com
Mary Schultz	Vocalist	maryschulz@twc.com

- G. ____ **Final Preparations** - After the above listed items are mostly completed, and after you have planned the wedding service, call or E-mail Fr. Joe to arrange a final meeting a week or two before the wedding. At this time we will "walk" through the wedding ceremony and work out the details of the service.

Please note: the best way to contact Fr. Joe with simple questions is by the e-mail address at the top of this page.

Preparing for a Wedding Liturgy

at Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

- A. **Time** - Most weddings are held on Saturday afternoon or Friday evening. Weddings begin on Friday no later than 7 pm and on Saturdays no later than 2:30 pm or 2 pm when celebrating a Mass.
- B. **Place** - Church guidelines limit weddings to inside a Catholic church, outdoor weddings are not an option.
(Code of Canon Law #1118.1)
- C. **The Wedding Service** - A Catholic wedding may take place within **1)** a Liturgy of the Word or **2)** within a Mass.
- 1) a wedding service within a Liturgy of the Word (with a formal entrance procession and the usual music) lasts about 35 minutes and:
- is required when a Catholic marries a non-Catholic (Order of Celebrating Matrimony #36)
 - is used when a couple is living together before their marriage. (Code of Canon Law #916)
 - is used when a significant number of those attending are not Catholic. (U.S. Bishop's Guidelines)
- 2) a wedding within a Mass lasts about 55 minutes and is most appropriate when:
- Both individuals actively practice their Catholic faith,
 - and the majority of the wedding party and others attending are Catholic.
- D. **Marriage License** - The license should be brought to the priest or deacon preparing you prior to the rehearsal.
- E. **Decorations** - The church is decorated according to the various church seasons. Alterations to the sanctuary decorations may not be made. Additional items such as a unity candle, pew bows and a few flowers may be added temporarily for the wedding service.
- F. **Unity candles** - Candles have been used in Christian worship for over 1,900 years. Unity Candles at weddings have attained the status of a tradition in the United States and are allowed, though they are not a part of the Catholic ritual. The mixing of sand or other substances is not permitted in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.
- G. **Readers** - Readers proclaim the Old and New Testament readings, and the General Intercessions during the wedding. Readers should be chosen for their respect for the Sacred Scriptures and public reading ability. Readers at a Mass are to be Catholic.
- H. **Photography** - During the wedding the photographer must not enter the sanctuary (the purple carpeted area). Family and group photos must be completed by 4 p.m. on Saturdays.
- I. **Video taping** - Videotaping the wedding can best be done from the side aisles. Video equipment (even remotely operated) must not be located in the sanctuary (the purple carpeted area).
- J. **Alcohol & Tobacco** - Alcohol and tobacco products are forbidden on church property.
- K. **Cleanup** - The ushers or other helpers must cleanup the men's and women's dressing rooms, church and hallway, after the wedding; collecting programs, tissues, flower petals, etc. and disposing of them.
- L. **Rice, Bird Seed, Confetti, etc.** - Do not throw any of these items after the wedding. These make a mess when they are tracked back inside the church as the next group enters. Balloons, bubbles, noise-makers or releasing white "doves" are good alternatives.
- M. **Expenses** - The Church does not charge a fee for sacraments but it is the duty of all Catholics to support the mission of the church. Registered parishioners are asked donate \$200 to St. Anthony, those who are not registered, or do not contribute regularly, are urged to donate \$300.
- N. **Music** - You will need to contact your musicians as soon as possible to get your wedding on their calendar!
- You will then meet with them to choose the music for your wedding.
 - Payment of musicians and others is arranged directly with them.
 - All music used at weddings is to be live music appropriate to worship services.
 - Listening to recorded music, even "Christian" music, is not conducive to prayer and participation.

Wedding Liturgy Planner

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Rehearsal Date _____ Time _____ Wedding Date _____ Time _____

Groom _____ Bride _____

Groom's Parents _____ Bride's Parents _____

Best Man _____ Maid/Matron of Honor _____

Wedding within Mass _____ (about 55 Minutes) or Wedding Service _____ (about 35 minutes)

Entrance Procession

(Optional) Mother's procession / lighting of unity candles? _____

(Options: yes/no)

Aisle Runner? (discouraged) _____ Ring Bearer? _____ Flower Girl? _____

Liturgy of the Word

*(Choose Scripture Readings & General Intercessions from the pages provided and write in your selections below, then give only the selected readings to your readers so they can practice before the wedding.)
(Readers at a Mass need to be Catholic)

*Old Testament Reading _____ Reader _____

Responsorial Psalm – usually sung by the music director

*New Testament Reading _____ Reader _____

*Gospel Reading _____ Read by the priest or deacon followed by a brief homily.

Exchange of Marriage Vows

Exchange of vows (choose one option by circling only one letter: A, B, C or D)

Vows
recited
by the bride
and groom

- A) "I _____ take you _____ to be my wife / husband.
I promise to be faithful to you, in good times and in bad,
in sickness and in health,
to love you and to honor you all the days of my life."
- B) "I _____ take you _____ for my lawful wife / husband,
to have and to hold, from this day forward,
for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish until death do us part."

Vows
with couple
responding
"I do."

- C) " _____ do you take _____ to be your wife / husband.
Do you promise to be faithful to her/him, in good times and in bad,
in sickness and in health,
to love her/him and to honor her/him all the days of your life?"
- D) " _____ do you take _____ for your lawful wife / husband,
to have and to hold, from this day forward,
for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish until death do you part."

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

(Optional) Lighting of unity candle (Yes/No) _____

*General Intercessions (Select #1 or #2 from the pages provided) # _____ Reader _____

Wedding Service

"Our Father..."
Nuptial Blessing
Closing Prayer

Wedding Mass

Offertory of Bread and Wine:
1) _____ Bread and wine brought up by family or friends.
Names: _____
2) _____ brought by priest or servers to the altar.

Prayer over the Gifts
Preface for Weddings (pg. 1024, 1033, 1039)
Eucharistic Prayer
"Our Father..."
Nuptial Blessing
Sign of Peace
Holy Communion
Prayer after Communion

Conclusion

Introduction of couple _____

Recessional _____

Dismissal / Reception line _____

The Order of Procession

(This is not a seating chart)

Altar

