



CATHEDRAL WEDDING HANDBOOK

WEDDING POLICY and GUIDE

Couples are responsible for thorough review of this guide, for adhering to all requirements, and timely completion of necessary planning documents.

Bride: _____

Groom: _____

Wedding Date: _____

Wedding Time: _____

*** Completed form must be turned into the Cathedral office six months before wedding**

General Requirements

Congratulations on your engagement! You are about to begin a very important part of your life, and the parish family of the Cathedral of St. Joseph hopes that your wedding day is only the beginning of a long and joyous vocation together lived out in the Christian Community.

*** If you're interested in a wedding in the CHAPEL, please see PAGE 13 for additional information.**

ELGIBLE WEDDING COUPLES:

To be married at St. Joseph Cathedral, one or both persons of the engaged couple must be a practicing Catholic, and registered at a parish. Both parties must be free to marry in the Catholic Church.

SCHEDULING A WEDDING:

To inquire about scheduling a wedding at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, the priest directing the engaged couple's marriage preparation must contact the Cathedral Rector to schedule the desired date.

Non-Cathedral parishioners may schedule a wedding up to one year before the desired date, and must be scheduled by the priest preparing the couple with the Rector. Parishioners may schedule a wedding more than one year out. To be recognized as a parishioner for scheduling a wedding, you must be registered for a full calendar year before beginning Marriage Preparation.

WEDDING FEES: FULL PAYMENT required one month before wedding date _____ INITIAL

- \$250 security deposit** is required to secure your wedding date and will serve as a damage deposit as well. This deposit is returned if:
 - The Cathedral is left in good order
 - The wedding party adhered to allotted time frame.
 - The couple adhered to *The Cathedral of St. Joseph Wedding Policy and Guide*.

- Wedding Stole Fee**
 - a.) \$750 for all registered and actively participating members of the Cathedral of St. Joseph for a minimum of 12-months prior to determining a wedding date. This includes the fees for wedding coordinator, organist and cantor. Registered, active parishioners are those who regularly attend liturgies, support the parish using envelopes, and are a part of parish life.
 - b.) \$1500 for those persons who are not parishioners of the Cathedral of St. Joseph or do not meet the above criteria. This includes the fees for wedding coordinator, organist and cantor.

CHECKS MUST BE MADE to the Cathedral of St. Joseph (521 N Duluth Ave Sioux Falls, SD 57104)
Wedding Fee & Damage Deposit must be on DIFFERENT CHECKS. Write names on memo.
PAYMENT RECEIVED is your agreement and acceptance of the *Wedding Policy and Guide*

WEDDING TIMES:

- Friday: Time negotiable with Rector (Thursday rehearsal will be no later than 6:00 pm)
- Saturday: 1:00 p.m. (Friday rehearsal will be no later than 6:00 pm).
 - * The Sacrament of Marriage is not celebrated during Holy Week (Lenten weddings require written permission by the bishop).

WEDDING PRESIDER (OFFICIANT):

- **Active Parishioners** a priest or deacon from the Cathedral of St. Joseph will be assigned to prepare and preside at your wedding.
 - Parishioners may request a particular Cathedral priest and are welcome to submit the request to the Rector.
 - If the couple would like a priest from another parish to preside at the wedding, the couple may submit the request to the Rector.
- **Non-parishioners** of the Cathedral of St. Joseph **you must have the priest or deacon at your registered parish do your marriage preparation and preside at the wedding.**

PRESIDER QUALIFICATIONS:

Catholic priests or deacons preside at weddings at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. To preside at the wedding at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, a priest must be in good standing with the diocese and provide proper documentation (celebrant form) to the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

GUEST PRESIDER AND THE WEDDING CELEBRATION:

A Catholic wedding Mass or ceremony must comply with the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* and must be in keeping with the Cathedral of St. Joseph wedding policies and celebration format.

If a guest presider is present, they are respectfully requested to comply with the directions of the Cathedral staff, specifically the Wedding Coordinator (under the direction of the Rector). Requests for ceremony adaptations, however minor, must be made in writing to the Rector.

CHECK LIST FOR GUEST PRESIDERS AND PREPARATION CHECKLIST:

- Issue a "letter of intent" to the Rector at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. This letter states that the priest or deacon will oversee the marriage preparation, will file the correct paperwork with the diocese and the state of South Dakota, and will preside at the wedding. This letter must include the date and time of your wedding.
 - For example: "This letter confirms that I, Fr. Tim Smith, will oversee the marriage preparation for Jane Jones and Jim Johnson. I will preside at their wedding at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on July 1, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. I will also file the correct documents with the diocese and the State of South Dakota. "

- Send the letter of intent to the Chancery Office (523 N Duluth Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57104) and a COPY to the Rector of the Cathedral (521 N Duluth Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57104)
- If the officiant is not a priest or deacon with the Sioux Falls Catholic Diocese, he must include a copy of his *celebret*, or other documentation that confirms that he is a priest or deacon in good standing.
- If marriage preparation is done outside the diocese, the party overseeing the preparation is required to provide the following completed documents to the Chancery Office (ADDRESS) not less than one month before the wedding date: PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR PRIEST OR DEACON OVERSEEING YOUR MARRIAGE PREPARATION:
 1. Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire
 2. Dispensation Forms (if required)
 3. Freedom to Marry (if required)
 4. Baptismal Certificates (Baptismal certificate of Catholics must be issued no more than six months prior to the wedding date.)
 5. Marriage License (Marriage license must be issued no more than 20 days before the wedding date.)
 6. Certificate of Completion from a marriage preparation program.
 7. Certificate or letter of completion from a Natural Family Planning course.
 8. Other forms as indicated by circumstance.
- Priests of the Diocese of Sioux Falls must complete and return these documents to the Cathedral of St. Joseph.
- It is the responsibility of the couple and the officiant to ensure that the Cathedral of St. Joseph receives the documents one month before the wedding.

Please be advised that NO wedding can take place at the Cathedral of St. Joseph without the above documents properly completed and submitted to the appropriate parties at the Cathedral of St. Joseph one month prior to the wedding date. _____

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MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

To begin, all engaged couples, who are free to marry and who have their wedding date scheduled with the parish priest, need to meet with him at least 10 to 12 months in advance of the anticipated date of marriage.

The marriage preparation is as follows:

1. Contact and meet with the priest who is going to witness your marriage in order to establish a rapport and begin communication with him. During this initial meeting, he will fill out the necessary paper work, and start a file for your marriage.
2. Complete the FOCCUS inventory of communication. Your answer sheets for the FOCCUS will be processed and sent to the priest with whom you met. Or it can be done online.
3. Attend the Sioux Falls Catholic Pre-marriage program, which consists of four, two-hour sessions held on the first four Thursdays in February, May, and October, held at O’Gorman Junior High School;

OR

Attend an Engaged Encounter Weekend, held in Sioux Falls (or other locations in the diocese, and outside the diocese) and scheduled periodically throughout the year. Your parish priest will be able to help you register for either program you decide upon.

4. Attend several class sessions at the parish, usually conducted by the parish priest, which may include FOCCUS inventory analysis, NFP planning sessions, sacramental preparation.

CIVIL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS:

In order for a marriage to be witnessed, it is necessary for the couple to obtain a wedding license from the Minnehaha County Register of Deeds, **NO EARLIER THAN 20 DAYS BEFORE THE WEDDING.** When applying, both the bride and groom must appear together. Proof of identity (valid photo ID, such as a driver's license) is required. You must also provide your social security number. Once you obtain your license, your wedding **MUST** take place within 20 days, or the license will expire.

CATHOLIC CHURCH REQUIREMENTS:

Couples marrying at the Cathedral of St. Joseph are required to have the following documentations on file with the priest or deacon preparing them for marriage:

1. **Baptismal Records:** Each baptized person approaching marriage is asked to supply a certificate of baptism at least one month before the wedding date.
 - Catholics: This must be a recent and current baptismal certificate (issued within the last six months and obtained from the church at which you were baptized).
 - Non-Catholics: A photocopy of your baptismal certificate from the church verifying your baptism is sufficient.
 - Recent immigrants: Baptism certificate is required, however, certain written proof is sufficient. The parish priest will visit with you about this.
2. **Freedom to Marry:** Freedom from any previous bonds or impediments is essential for a valid marriage in the Catholic Church. Outside the diocese of Sioux Falls, verification of freedom to marry is imperative. The priest or deacon preparing you for marriage can supply you with the documentation.
3. **Marriage License:** Should be at the Cathedral office one week prior to the wedding for all Cathedral marriages, non-parishioner and parishioner both. You must include the names and addresses of the two witnesses signing your license. **WITHOUT A LICENSE, THERE CAN BE NO CEREMONY.** South Dakota state law dictates that the official civil witnesses to your ceremony, the Best Man and Maid of Honor, must be at least 16 years old, and must be capable of testifying to the ceremony.
4. **Second Marriages:** If this is your second marriage, be sure to supply the necessary documents (death certificate, annulment papers).

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If the wedding is cancelled more than six months prior to the date, your deposit will be returned. If the wedding is cancelled between six months and one month, your deposit will be reviewed. Any cancellation less than one month in advance will have the full payment reviewed. _____

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND SACRAMENTS:

Consider your engagement as an opportunity to deepen your faith, and grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ. A sacrament is an encounter with God that imparts grace. Prepare your heart to receive the grace of God on your wedding day in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Come and worship with your faith community.

Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph:

- Monday-Friday: 6:45 a.m., 12 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. in the Chapel, 4 p.m. (Vigil)
- Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m. and 4p.m. (St. Josephine Bakhita Community)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- Thursday 7 p.m.
- Saturday 12 p.m. and 3-3:30 p.m.

Planning Your Wedding Celebration

A Catholic worship service is communal; a couple's choices must invite and make it possible for their families and friends to fully enter the celebration. Above all else, a Catholic wedding Mass or ceremony gives glory to God.

WEDDING MASS OR WEDDING CEREMONY

When two practicing Catholics marry, they celebrate the Rite of Marriage with a Mass. When a Catholic and a person of another faith marry, they celebrate the Rite of Marriage within a Liturgy of the Word, ensuring that their family and friends can comfortably participate; however, if the Catholic party within a mixed marriage desires a wedding Mass, it is allowed and should be discussed with the priest or deacon preparing them.

MARRIAGE LICENSE/SIGNING:

Signing the marriage license is not part of the Catholic marriage rite and is therefore not allowed to be part of the ceremony. Rather, it is done either the night before (at the rehearsal) or the day of the wedding prior to the start of the ceremony (in the sacristy).

PLANNING THE WEDDING CELEBRATION:

There are three main sections for planning your wedding. They are:

- **WEDDING POLICY:** Contained in this document
- **READINGS** for the wedding Mass and Ceremony: Available on our Weddings webpage
- **MUSIC** for the wedding Mass and Ceremony: Available on our Weddings webpage

www.stjosephcathedral.net/sacraments/weddings/

CATHEDRAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Please note that all wedding arrangements with the Cathedral of St. Joseph are to be made by the couple directly and not by parents, siblings, or any other family or friends, or a hired wedding planner. _____

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CHOOSING READINGS:

Couples are asked to prayerfully review the Old Testament, Responsorial Psalm, New Testament, and Gospel readings, in the Wedding Liturgy Preparation section on page 14, and enter them on the Wedding Planning Sheet on page 41.

Marriage is a sacrament of the Church, and a sacred event, so it is important to choose appropriate liturgy and prayer. The liturgy should speak not only of the love you and your fiancée have for each other, but also of God's love for us, and your love for Him.

CHOOSING PRAYERS:

With the selection of readings entered on the Wedding Planning Sheet on page 41 the couple then selects the prayers that compliment their readings. The Wedding Planning Sheet on page 41 presents several opportunities for couples to choose prayers.

If the couple is interested, they may also compose the Prayers of the Faithful. Please see Wedding Liturgy Preparation section on page 39.

CHOOSING MUSIC:

The Cathedral of St. Joseph upholds the Catholic Church's guidelines regarding appropriate music for all liturgical celebrations, including weddings. Please see the MUSIC link for information

ADAPTATIONS TO WEDDING CEREMONY:

Adaptations to the Cathedral of St. Joseph Wedding Planning Sheet, however minor, may not take place without the expressed consent of the Rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

Wedding Party and Ceremony Participants

WEDDING ATTIRE:

When choosing wedding attire, your choice must reflect the dignity of Christian marriage.

Some styles are more appropriate for evening wear than they are for a sacred event in a holy place. All wedding attire worn at the Cathedral of St. Joseph must be modest. As the Bishop's church, all Cathedral events are public in nature and must be conducted as such.

Suits or tuxedos worn by the groomsmen must be appropriate for a religious service as well, not detract from it. "Costume" style tuxedos or accessories are not appropriate for a sacred event in a holy place.

BRIDESMAIDS AND GROOMSMEN:

Bridal parties of more than SIX couples present logistical challenges in the Cathedral Sanctuary.

Parties larger than this will not be allowed without express permission of the Rector. _____

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USHERS:

It is necessary to have ushers in addition to groomsmen. Groomsmen are often busy with photographs as the guests are arriving, and therefore unable to seat them. Ushers are also able to assist at the beginning and end of the ceremony. Our recommendation is to have one user per fifty guests.

CHILDREN IN THE WEDDING PARTY, RING BEARERS, FLOWER GIRLS:

It is highly suggested that, based on history, children in the wedding party should be at least 6 years of age. Experience shows that children under the age of 6 find it difficult to walk down the aisle. Little ones often experience the Cathedral as a large disorienting place. Often their parents are in the wedding party and not available to assist their children, or to calm them if they are nervous or frightened. If children are included in the wedding party, please be mindful of their unique needs and plan accordingly.

- Flower Girl(s): Please note that flower petals may not be thrown on the floor.
- Ring Bearer(s): Please do not put the wedding rings on the pillow carried by the ring bearer. The best man should be responsible for the rings.

* NOTE: Flower girls and ring bearers may not carry signage (Ex. "Here comes the bride")

READERS:

The wedding celebration can include up to three readers at the liturgy. The couple has the following options for readers:

- One person for the first reading, one for the second reading, and one for the Prayers of the Faithful.
- One person to read the first and second readings; one person for the Prayers of the Faithful.
- One person to read the first reading, one person to read the second reading, and the Presider to read the Prayers of the Faithful.

Readers of the Old Testament and New Testament readings must be Catholic. The reader of the Prayers of the Faithful may be Catholic or of another Christian faith.

When choosing readers, please choose people who have had experience with reading in their own parish or Church and who can proclaim the Word of God with familiarity.

Readers should plan on attending the wedding rehearsal. Engaged couples are asked to provide readers with a copy of “their” reading.

ADDITIONAL CATHOLIC CLERGY:

Should the engaged couple have Catholic priests or deacons among their family and friends, the couple is most welcome to invite the clergyman to participate in the ceremony. The priest or deacon must contact the Cathedral Rector to make arrangements.

WEDDING CONSULTANTS AND PERSONAL ATTENDANTS:

If you are utilizing the services of a wedding consultant, please advise him or her that the wedding rehearsal and wedding ceremony are the responsibility of the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Wedding consultants and personal attendants are expected to follow the directives of the Cathedral of St. Joseph. They must confer with the Cathedral Wedding Coordinator beforehand.

REHEARSAL:

Those who attend the rehearsal are those who have a role in the wedding celebration. They are:

- Bride and Groom
- Maid of Honor and Best Man
- Bridesmaids
- Groomsmen
- Ring Bearer and Flower Girl
- Parents (those who are in the procession or wedding ceremony)
- Ushers
- Readers
- Gift Bearers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

All others (spouses, significant others, family members who do not have a role in the ceremony, out of town guests, etc.) should meet the couple at the rehearsal dinner site rather than attend the rehearsal.

WEDDING COORDINATOR:

The Wedding Coordinator will contact you one month prior to your wedding. The Cathedral Wedding Coordinator will be present at the rehearsal as well as on the day of the ceremony. Due to the nature of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, you are required to make use of our Wedding Coordinator in your planning. In general, the Wedding Coordinator serves as liaison between the Cathedral and your wedding party for all details.

On Your Wedding Day

YOUR SCHEDULE ON YOUR WEDDING DAY:

- Friday Wedding: Time negotiable with Rector
 - 2 Hrs. Prior: Cathedral is open and photographer may begin set up
 - ~ Ceremony begins per negotiated time
 - 30 Min. After Ceremony: Photos conclude – Cathedral will be locked
- 1 pm Saturday Wedding:
 - 11:00 a.m. Cathedral is open, photographer may begin set up
 - 1:00 p.m. Ceremony Begins
 - 2:45 p.m. Photos conclude – Cathedral reopens for general public for confessions and Mass.

Please note the following:

- If there is a morning funeral in the Cathedral, the times for your photographs may need to be adjusted.
- Please do not bring wedding and bridesmaid gowns to the Cathedral the evening before the wedding. The Cathedral of St. Joseph cannot assume responsibility for them.

BRIDE'S ROOM

A room is available to the bride and bridesmaids to put on their dresses; it is not for preparation or doing their hair and make-up. The wedding coordinator can show you this area prior to the rehearsal.

Please make sure all purses and valuables are secured during the ceremony and removed after the ceremony. The Cathedral of St. Joseph is not responsible for loss of any personal belongings.

WEDDING PARTY

The Cathedral of St. Joseph may provide the Parish Hall as a space for the remaining members of the wedding party. We are unable to provide a room for groomsmen to dress - if necessary, they may use the men's restroom in the Parish Hall.

PEW DECORATIONS, AISLE DECORATIONS, AND AISLE RUNNER:

The use of any pew or aisle decorations is not permitted.

The use of any aisle runner is not permitted.

RICE, BUBBLES, BIRDSEED, CONFETTI, ETC.:

Throwing rice, birdseed, confetti, flower petals (real or artificial), or any other similar object is prohibited both inside and outside the Cathedral. No sparklers or bubbles are allowed. Use of any of these will result in a forfeiture of the cleaning deposit.

FLOWER POLICY:

Your florist may deliver your wedding flowers no more than two hours before the start of your wedding. The flowers must be delivered directly to the Cathedral building, and not the parish office. Please schedule someone to receive delivery of your flowers - the Wedding Coordinator will give instruction on placement of flowers.

The florist must clear away all floral boxes, paper, and debris.

Please note:

- It is not permissible to hang decorations of any kind.
- It is not permissible to drop any flower petals (real or artificial) on the floor of the Church.
- Only two flower stands allowed, and must be on the main floor of the sanctuary.
 - * Pedestal and flowers may not be higher than the height of the altar.
- A flower arrangement is permitted for the Marian arrangement

UNITY CANDLES:

The Unity Candle is not a part of the Catholic marriage rite. It is an “add-on” that is not practiced at the Cathedral. Any other additional candles, in any format, are not allowed.

GUEST BOOK/CARDS AND GIFTS:

A table will be available in the foyer of the Cathedral upon request. You must provide the tablecloth. The guestbook must be closed 10 minutes before the start of the wedding.

Any container for cards or gifts is your responsibility.

RECEIVING LINE:

Due to the size of our narthex, receiving lines are not allowed at the Cathedral. Please have your receiving line at your reception location.

WEDDING PROGRAM:

The wedding program is the responsibility of the bride and groom. The wedding coordinator can help with the structural outline of program.

- **Wedding Ushers must collect leftover programs after the ceremony concludes.**

FOOD AND DRINK:

FOOD, DRINK, AND GUM IS NOT PERMITTED in the worship area or vestibule. Please be mindful that those who will be receiving Holy Communion at the Wedding Mass are required to fast for one hour prior to doing so.

PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

Please give a copy of this to your wedding photographer and videographer.

Photographers and videographers may begin set up two hours prior to the start of the wedding. Any and all photography or videotaping plans must be discussed with the Cathedral Wedding Coordinator on the day of the wedding.

The sanctuary is a sacred place.

- Cameras are not permitted in the sanctuary - NO exceptions.
- During the ceremony, photographers are not permitted in the sanctuary - NO exceptions.
- Photographers may pose the wedding party and families on the sanctuary stairs in front of the altar, and nowhere else in the sanctuary.
- When taking posed photographs, please remember that you are in a house of prayer and worship. Conduct yourself appropriately.

Before the Wedding Ceremony:

- Photographers and videographers may set up in the church two hours prior to the ceremony. Set up may not begin before this time.
- Photos must be completed within 30 minutes prior to the ceremony. This includes photos on the Cathedral grounds.

During the Ceremony:

- The entire wedding ceremony may be photographed provided that it is done in a tasteful manner in consultation with the Priest or the Presider.
- Flash photography may be used during the processional and recessional only.
- Flash during the ceremony is prohibited.
- We prefer videographers to remain stationary and tape from the balcony/choir loft.

After the Ceremony:

- All photography must be completed within your allotted time per Cathedral policies noted on page 11.
- Saturday afternoon wedding it is necessary for everyone to be out of the Cathedral by 2:45 due to our Mass and confession schedule.

The Cathedral St. Joseph respectfully requests that the photographer:

- Cooperate with the spiritual nature of the wedding celebration.
- Remain respectful of the sacred environment that is the Cathedral of St. Joseph.
- Work within the guidelines presented here.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Drones/aerial photography

MOBILE DEVICES:

Use of cell phones, tablets, and other mobile devices in The Cathedral of St. Joseph is not permitted.

NO SMOKING POLICY:

Smoking is NOT permitted in the Cathedral of St. Joseph or on the premises.

SECURITY:

Please do not leave any unsupervised valuables anywhere in the Church, including the Bride’s Room. The Cathedral is not responsible for the loss or theft of any personal belongings. _____

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THIS SECTION IS FOR CHAPEL WEDDINGS ONLY

CHAPEL WEDDINGS:

With permission by the Rector, a wedding couple may choose to have their wedding in the Sacred Heart Chapel. This location requires extra consideration for the following restrictions:

- **FEE:** The Chapel wedding fee is \$550. This includes stipends for the organist and cantor.
- **GUESTS:** Because of limited seating, chapel weddings are limited to 25 guests or less.
- **PHOTOS:** Photos are permitted only in the Chapel and Cathedral exterior.

We will adhere to these rules and any other ceremonial restrictions from the Rector. _____

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I have received and reviewed the Cathedral of St. Joseph wedding policies and agree to abide by them. I understand that due to the unique character of St. Joseph Cathedral, there may be the need to alter the schedule as currently foreseen to accommodate a special liturgy.

Bride

Date

Groom

Date

Cathedral of St. Joseph Representative

Date

*Please send entire, completed Wedding Planning Sheet to Cathedral@sfcatholic.org
This must be completed no later than six months before the wedding.*

Wedding Planning Sheet

(to be submitted to Wedding Coordinator)

Bride: _____ Parish: _____

Groom: _____ Parish: _____

Bride's phone number:

Home/Cell: _____

Groom's phone number:

Home/Cell: _____

BRIDE or GROOM EMAIL:

General Information

Wedding Date: _____

Presider: _____

*Rehearsal date is scheduled with Rector of the Cathedral.

Altar Server ? _____

* If you need an altar server, please contact the office.

Wedding Party

Maid/Matron of Honor:

Best Man:

Flower Girl (optional):

Ring Bearer (optional):

Bridesmaids:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Groomsmen:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Ushers:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Guests: Anticipated number of guests. _____

Liturgy of the Word

(You may choose a lector for each Reading, or one lector can read both.)

Old Testament Reading

Reading number: ___ Book/Chapter/Verse: _____ Lector: _____

Responsorial Psalm- *The cantor will sing the verse of the Psalm; everyone is invited to join in the refrain.*

Reading number: ___ Psalm Number: _____

New Testament Reading

Reading number: ___ Book/Chapter/Verse: _____ Lector: _____

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading- *The Gospel is read by the Presider.*

Reading number: ___ Book/Chapter/Verse: _____

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful read by:

_____ Presider

_____ Lector (name): _____

PLEASE NOTE: NON-PARISHIONER WEDDINGS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN COPIES OF READINGS IN A MANNER TO BE READ ON THE ALTAR.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

(Only for a Wedding Mass)

Preparation of Gifts- *If you would like, you may invite family or friends to bring the gifts to the altar; otherwise, the servers will bring the gifts.*

If you choose to do so, please list their names (a third may be used if desired):

1. _____ 2. _____

Concluding Rite

Introduction of the Couple – *at the conclusion of the Blessing, the Presider will introduce the newly married couple to the assembly.*

How would you like to be introduced? A few suggestions:

Joe & Jane Smith ~ Jane & Joe Smith ~ Mr. & Mrs. Joe & Jane Smith ~ Mr. & Mrs. Joe Smith

Please write your preference here

The Order of Service for the Wedding Ceremony
For use in wedding planning and creation of wedding programs

Prelude

Entrance Procession

[Note: May be one continuous procession listed as above, or may be listed as two parts: “Wedding Party Procession” and then “Bridal Procession”]

Greeting and Opening Prayer

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading

Homily

THE WEDDING CEREMONY

The Exchange of Vows

The Blessing and Exchange of Rings

The Prayers of the Faithful

The Lord’s Prayer

The Nuptial Blessing

The Final Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional

The Order of Service for the Wedding Mass
For use in wedding planning and creation of wedding programs

Prelude

Entrance Procession

[Note: May be one continuous procession listed as above, or may be listed as two parts: “Wedding Party Procession” and then “Bridal Procession”]

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Gloria

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading

Homily

THE WEDDING CEREMONY

The Exchange of Vows

The Blessing and Exchange of Rings

The Prayers of the Faithful

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Nuptial Blessing

The Sign of Peace

The Lamb of God

Communion

Prayer at the Mary Altar (Optional)

The Final Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional