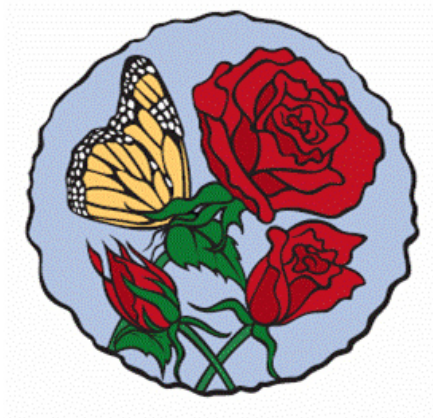


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Marriage Preparation Program

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Congratulations on your decision to marry in the Catholic Church and welcome to Saint Mary's.

As you begin your preparation process for this important sacrament, please remember that you are not alone in your preparations. There are many of us praying for you as a couple not only for the day of the wedding, but for the many days after, as you live the vocation of marriage.

During the preparation phase, the deacons, priests and wedding coordinator will work together to help you go through these stages.

THE INQUIRY STAGE This is where you meet as a couple usually with the deacon, to discuss all the issues involved in getting married in the Church and any questions you or we may have. We will also look into anything which may cause an unexpected delay in your planned date for marriage; i.e. previous marriages, conflicts in dates or times, no parish or church affiliation, etc. Once your date and time have been confirmed, you will have the assistance of the Wedding Coordinator.

PLANNING THE WEDDING LITURGY/CEREMONY STAGE This final stage is completed with the assistance of the parish Wedding Coordinator. The Catholic Wedding Liturgy is a beautiful opportunity to express your faith and love in your relationship. It is also a time of deepening your relationship with God. It is our intention that your wedding ceremony be a beautiful, memorable and grace-filled event that expresses your commitment to one another. Again, we welcome you and congratulate you on this beautiful journey of love.

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There are other Deacons and Priests who are available in the parish and their names can be provided by the Coordinator, Roxanne or Alejandra.

Other Marriage Preparation Contacts:

Catholic Engaged Encounter of Boise, www.boise-cee.org





DONATIONS AND DEPOSITS

As our pastoral ministry, we offer sacramental preparation and services on a donation basis. The donations and deposits listed below are to help defray the cost of the maintenance fees charged to the parish.

Reservation/Cleaning

Members and non-members cleaning deposit: \$200 (non refundable)
This deposit needs to be brought in before we can “lock in” your reservation on our calendar.

Church Facility

Available from for 11am or 2pm services on Saturdays. Other days of the week can be scheduled depending on availability.

Cost of church: \$150 (parishioners)
\$300 (non-parishioners)

Priest/Deacon gift (stipend)

Traditionally, you can give the celebrant (priest or deacon) a stipend. The suggested donation is \$200.

Candelabras (candle holder + candles) optional \$30

Musicians

Music must be approved through our Music Director

Wedding Preparation

It is a privilege to serve you in your preparations for celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony in our parish. We desire to help you prepare, not only for your wedding ceremony, but more importantly, your long life together as a couple. The program of preparation we have established is designed to help you successfully live out your commitment to one another in mutual and lasting fidelity.

These guidelines seek to fulfill the teachings of the universal church, the requirements of our diocese and parish, and your needs concerning your marriage.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Weddings are normally celebrated in the parish where at least one of the persons is registered and actively involved. If neither of you are members of Saint Mary's, you will need to have a good reason to seek marriage at Saint Mary's Church.

PREPARATION TIME

Saint Mary's Parish asks for six months preparation for your marriage. It will be important for you to attend the Marriage Preparation Program or another approved program as well as an Engaged Encounter Weekend to meet this requirement. One of the deacons will begin helping you and your fiancé by administering a pre-marital inventory (FOCCUS) which will help you assess areas of strength and areas of weakness in your relationship. With this knowledge, it is our hope that you will come to understand and relate to one another even better as you begin your lives together.

SETTING THE DATE AND TIME

All wedding and rehearsal arrangements need to be made in consultation with the priest/deacon who is officiating at your wedding. Do not set a firm date or time without consulting with the priest/deacon first. We will do our best to give you the date and time you prefer, but that will not always be possible. Weddings may be celebrated any day of the week, but are discouraged on Sundays. Weddings on Sunday, major feasts and during Lent involve certain restrictions. Saturday wedding times are 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. Friday evening Masses are recommended as another option for couples. Rehearsals are generally held on the evening before the wedding and ***must be scheduled on the parish calendar to assure availability of the facility.***

*Peace and Prayers,
Saint Mary's Parish Community*

THE WEDDING COORDINATOR

It is important to contact the parish Wedding Coordinator as you begin planning the ceremony since she will direct many of the details. She will help you focus on the Sacrament of Marriage, whether your wedding is simple or somewhat elaborate, formal or informal. She will be available to take care of any logistical or liturgical questions or concerns you may have, and will be the person who will coordinate the following areas of your wedding with you and the minister officiating at your wedding: liturgy, music and flowers.

Note: If you are hiring a Wedding Planner, it is suggested that they are someone who respects and appreciates the Roman Catholic Liturgy and that our Wedding Coordinator is in charge of everything that happens inside the church.

THE LITURGY

According to diocesan guidelines, if both persons are Catholic, they are encouraged to be married with a Mass. In the case of an interfaith marriage, a Mass is optional. We will supply you with written material to aid in planning your ceremony. We will be available for any other help you might need in this area. You will need to meet with the officiating minister (priest or deacon) to confirm the plan for the actual wedding ceremony. Family and friends who are ministers from other faith denominations are welcome to participate in the liturgy as is appropriate.

THE MUSIC

It is important to have appropriate liturgical music at your wedding. Regardless of who is doing your music, arrangements need to be made through, and approved by the Parish Music Director. If you wish to use one of our talented Saint Mary's musicians, please tell the Wedding Coordinator at least 60 days prior to your wedding.



THE REHEARSAL

The Wedding Coordinator will help facilitate your wedding rehearsal. The rehearsal is a time for all of those involved in the ceremony to become comfortable with all they need to do. It should be a time of prayer and enjoyment. Because so many things happen in the church building, it is important that everyone involved be on time. Rehearsals usually take between thirty minutes and an hour.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Wedding Coordinator will work with you and your photographer in selecting the most appropriate times and places for photographs or videotaping.

WEDDING SUPPLIES

If you wish to use our candelabras, we will supply the candles (five votives for each holder) for a fee of \$30. If you need other items, please consult our Wedding Coordinator.

BRIDE'S ROOM

Saint Anne's Room (the "Cry Room") in the church is available to the bride and her bridesmaids on the day of the wedding. The windows in St. Anne's Room have blinds that can be lowered for privacy. The men use Sacristy #1 for their preparation.

SORRY, NO RICE OR BIRDSEED!

Insurance, liability and other concerns prohibit the throwing of rice or birdseed on church property.

ENVIRONMENT

We are always mindful that our environment is a "prayer" setting for the entire community worshipping at Saint Mary's. Therefore, you may not remove or move anything in the Sanctuary. If you plan to have your own flowers, it is optional and appreciated if you choose to leave some floral arrangements for the beauty of the church.

