

Celebrating Marriage at St James Parish

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Congratulations to both of you!

Your engagement is a special time for each of you, for your families and friends, and for your entire parish community. This is a time of new beginnings, of love, of promise, and of hope. The Church is blessed and encouraged by your willingness to make this commitment of life and love to each other.

Your wedding celebration will be a special and grace-filled time in your lives. The Church welcomes you to celebrate and solemnize your wedding in the context of Christian prayer. Indeed, so important is marriage in Christian life that it has been instituted by Christ as a sacrament: Christian marriage makes Christ, in his love, sacramentally present. Choosing to have your wedding within the liturgy of the Church indicates that you look upon your wedding as a religious event and understand the faith that is necessary to celebrate this sacrament.

Great care is taken to see that the prayer for this special moment is reverent, graceful, beautiful, and open to the movement of God's Spirit among us. As much care should be taken in planning and preparing for the liturgy as is taken for planning all the other aspects of a wedding. Our celebrations of the sacraments, marriage included, are always rooted in listening to the scriptures so that we can be nourished and strengthened by God's Word. We always celebrate the sacraments in the context of community. We gather our brothers and sisters in faith and ask for their prayerful support. These celebrations are incomplete unless they are filled with song, with prayerful gestures, and with the silence in which we hear the voice of God in our lives.

In this spirit, the parish church of St. James provides the following guidelines. These guidelines insure that care and attention are given to the most important aspects of your marriage preparation.

May God bless you during this special time of reflection and preparation.

Who May Marry in our Parish Church?

Registered members of our parish may celebrate their weddings at St. James. Either the bride or groom or both should be registered and participating in the parish (giving of time, talent and treasure) for nine months before the wedding date. In special circumstances, couples that are not registered at St. James may be married at the parish. However, the Catholic parties must be registered and participating in a Catholic parish where they live, and have permission of their pastor to be married outside of their own parish. Usually in this case, all the marriage preparation will take place through the parish where the Catholic parties live and are registered.

The importance of your participation in the life of the parish community cannot be stressed enough. As a faith community, it is vital that we all gather on a regular basis to hear God's Word and share

in the Eucharist. It is also vital that we do all we can to offer our time, our talents and our treasure with the community of St James, thereby sharing in God's work.

We have all been blessed with unique gifts and talents. God calls us to share these gifts, so as to participate in the building of God's Kingdom here and now. Feel free to contact Kathryn Ebert, Director of Stewardship (262.512.8991) to discuss the many opportunities available to share your unique gifts and talents.

What is Involved in the Preparation Process?

In 1994, the Catholic Bishops of the State of Wisconsin amended their policy concerning the preparation of engaged couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony. St. James adheres to this policy. What follows is a summary of the steps involved.

A. Tentatively Scheduling the Wedding

You are expected to contact the parish office at least nine (9) months before the time you wish to marry and make an appointment with the parish priest. If you are not registered in the parish, you must register first before your meeting with the parish priest. After the priest has had sufficient opportunity to meet with you and determine your readiness to marry, the wedding date is finalized. We strongly suggest, therefore, that you contact the parish office prior to arranging a date with a reception hall or caterer.

A payment of \$100.00 will reserve your wedding date on the parish calendar. This is an administrative fee that helps to defray the costs to the parish of preparing for and celebrating your wedding.

Weddings may be scheduled for Friday afternoon or evening before 6:00 pm and on Saturday morning at 11:00 AM or 2:00 PM, given the availability of the presiding priest. There are times in the church liturgical year, such as Lent and Advent, when the celebration of weddings is less appropriate. No weddings will be scheduled during these times.

B. Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage

As part of your preparation, there are several opportunities for you as a couple to deepen your understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, as well as deepen your own relationship. You are invited to reflect on the beauty and richness of marriage from the perspective of our Catholic faith. This will include what the Bible has to say about marriage, as well as Catholic doctrine concerning the sacrament of marriage and the moral issues of marriage and family. The following steps are meant to assist you in this understanding and reflection.

1. **Discussions with the priest.** The priest will meet with you to discuss the meaning of the sacrament of marriage, as well as your understanding of this sacrament and why you choose to marry in the Church. He will explain the whole preparation process and what tasks need to be accomplished first. He will also assist you with the following paperwork, which is placed on permanent file here at the parish:

- a. **Pre-nuptial questionnaire**. This questionnaire contains basic personal and family information, your own sacramental history (baptism, confirmation, etc), as well as questions to determine that you are free to marry in the Catholic Church.
 - b. **Affidavits**. If the priest decides it is necessary, an affidavit for each of you must be obtained from people who know you well and can testify that you are free to marry. The priest will take this testimony. These witnesses can be parents, other family members, or friends but they must be individuals who have known you your entire adult life.
 - c. **Baptismal Certificates**. You must provide an updated copy of your baptismal certificate. Each Catholic must obtain a recently issued copy of his/her baptismal certificate (within 6 months of the wedding date). This can be done by phoning or writing the church where you were baptized and asking them to send the baptismal certificate directly to St James. The original certificate issued at the time of your Catholic baptism cannot be accepted, since only a recently issued certificate will include notations of the other sacraments you have received. Other baptized Christians who are not Catholic must present a record of their baptisms also. In their case, a copy of an original baptismal certificate is sufficient.
 - d. **Other documents**. The priest will let you know if any special circumstances related to your marriage require additional documentation. If either one of you has been married before, special paperwork must be processed. If it is determined that a church annulment is needed, this process can take up to 18 months to complete. Church marriages cannot be scheduled until the necessary annulment has been granted.
2. **Archdiocesan Enrichment Program for the Engaged**. This program is offered as a day long Saturday event or as a Friday/Saturday overnight event. A brochure will be provided to you containing a schedule and a registration form for these programs. It is your responsibility to register for and attend one of these programs. The program includes some short talks by married couples and by a priest, with the majority of time given to the two of you to talk and share around specific topics and tasks of marriage.
 3. **FOCCUS: Pre-marriage Inventory**. You will be scheduled to take the FOCCUS questionnaire and inventory and then discuss the results with one of the parish's marriage preparation couples. The questionnaire and inventory is comprised of several statements to which you are asked to agree or disagree. Your answers are scored and compared with each other's. The inventory is meant to facilitate an extended discussion between you and the married couple about the many areas of joy and challenge in married life. This process is designed to affirm the strengths of your relationship, as well as point out areas that you, as a couple, may need to explore further.

Additionally you have the obligation to obtain a **MARRIAGE LICENSE** from the county court house in the county the wedding is to take place. Each of you needs to provide a birth certificate. You must apply for the license between thirty (30) and eight (8) days before your marriage. The license expires after thirty days. You cannot get married if you do not have a marriage license. Additional information on marriage license requirements is provided in the marriage packet you will receive from the priest arranging your wedding.

The "BANNES OF MARRIAGE." The publication of the banns of marriage is a notice of your wedding in the parish bulletin (on the three successive Sundays leading up to your wedding date). This is part of a larger process of inquiry through which your freedom to enter the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Church is established. The parish office will see to the publication of these banns.

C. Preparation for the Wedding Liturgy

The priest, in your discussion with him, will provide you with a booklet that explains the various parts of the wedding liturgy. After your initial discussion with him you will need to contact Peggy Hughes, Director of Music and Liturgy (262.242.7968) to arrange a time to discuss the details of your wedding liturgy.

The following are some helpful questions/answers to get you started. Again, the priest and the Director of Music and Liturgy will guide you in your planning.

Should our wedding happen outside or within Mass?

Some people seem to think that a couple is not *really* married unless the wedding takes place within a Mass. This is not true. In consultation with you, the priest who will preside at the wedding will determine if the marriage should to be celebrated outside of Mass (marriage ceremony) or within Mass (nuptial Mass). It is important first to understand the difference between the two. Every nuptial Mass consists of a Liturgy of the Word (entrance rite, readings, homily, general intercessions) and a Liturgy of the Eucharist (presentation of bread and wine, the eucharistic prayer, and holy communion). At a nuptial Mass the marriage rite takes place after the homily and before the general intercessions; the Liturgy of the Eucharist then follows. When a marriage ceremony is celebrated the rite of marriage also takes place after the homily and before the general intercessions. However, the marriage ceremony then concludes with prayers and blessings, and does not include the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Your desires in this matter should center around what form of liturgy will best enable the particular wedding assembly to celebrate with the both of you. Consider the following:

- ✓ Are both of you Catholic? If not, how does the non-Catholic feel about celebrating marriage within a nuptial Mass?
- ✓ Do you regularly attend Sunday Mass? Have you been away from the community's prayer? Have you committed yourselves to returning?
- ✓ Who will your guests be? Is the celebration of the Eucharist the best way to help them to be with you and pray with you at your wedding? For instance, if many of

your guests are from outside the Catholic community or are non-practicing Catholics, you may want to consider a marriage ceremony rather than a nuptial Mass.

In light of your answers to these questions, you will be able to determine whether the better context for your wedding would be a marriage ceremony or a nuptial Mass.

What planning for the wedding liturgy do we need to do?

In your discussions with the priest, you will be provided with a marriage planning book to assist you. You will use this book to help plan your marriage liturgy. In it you will find options for the exchange of marriage promises (vows), the general intercessions, and the scripture readings appropriate for use at weddings.

- ✓ **Readings.** Besides the suggested scriptural readings, it is also acceptable for other scripture passages to be used. However, non-scriptural passages are never used in place of the scripture. You are encouraged to select readings so that a common thread or idea connects the Liturgy of the Word. If you have difficulty finding readings that reflect the message you want to convey, you should talk to the priest or to the Director of Music and Liturgy for further suggestions. Three readings are used: the first one should be from the Old Testament, the second one from one of the epistles (New Testament letters), and the last one, of course, is from one of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John). Your readings serve as a foundation from which your music is selected with the assistance of the Director of Music and Liturgy.
- ✓ **General Intercessions.** You may use the suggested general intercessions or write your own. If you write your own, refer to the format and options given in your wedding planning book. When completed, a copy of the written petitions should be given to the presiding priest.
- ✓ **Unity Candle.** The "Unity Candle" is a recent tradition that is neither mentioned nor required by the liturgical documents of our Church. However, if you wish to light such a candle after exchanging your vows, it is understood that you will provide the candle itself. An appropriate candle-holder will be provided. **The parish will provide the two individual candles from which the unity candle is lit.** [Another option is to use the unity candle during the meal prayer at your reception.]
- ✓ **Decorations/Liturgical Environment.** Please see Appendix A for details.

Who are the ministers for the celebration?

- ✓ **You, the couple.** In the Roman Catholic tradition, you, the bride and groom, administer the sacrament of marriage to one another. For all of us who are your

guests, you become a sign of God's fidelity and love. We celebrate that sacramental reality with you at your wedding.

- ✓ **Presider.** Ordinarily, the parish priest or deacon will officiate at weddings celebrated in the parish. You may invite a priest or deacon who is a friend or relative to concelebrate with the parish priest or even to preside at your wedding by himself without the parish priest of St. James. In this latter case, you first need to obtain permission from the parish priest. He will then secure the appropriate ecclesiastical delegation for the visiting presider. In such instances when there is a visiting presider, the preparation process will still ordinarily be completed under the direction of the priest at St James. He will also communicate to the visiting priest or deacon with regard to church and parish policy on the celebration of wedding liturgies. In the case of weddings where ministers of other Christian denominations or other faiths are taking part, the appropriate adaptations will be made after the parish priest's consultation with you and the other minister.
- ✓ **Music Ministers.** The Director of Music and Liturgy at St. James always conducts the consultation and planning session with the engaged couple. The usual practice is that musicians from St; James will be the principal musicians at your wedding. In the event that they are not available, the Director will assist you in securing a guest musician.

All music chosen must be in accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines and reflect the religious and sacramental nature of marriage. Also, at the time of the consulting session with the Director of Music and Liturgy, all the liturgical services the parish offers to you are explained. These services primarily include assistance in outlining your order of worship for the wedding and having an organist and a cantor present to enable the assembly's participation in singing. You are responsible for creating, duplicating, and distributing your orders of worship.

You may invite instrumentalists and soloists from outside our parish to be involved, but you are to discuss this possibility first with the Director of Music and Liturgy during your consulting session before making any arrangements or commitments. As a norm, all service music involving the participation of the assembly is led by a trained cantor from St. James.

Any non-parish musician you bring in is to be remunerated by you. Neither the Director of Music and Liturgy nor St James Parish has any financial responsibility toward outside musicians you arrange for.

- ✓ **Members of your family and friends should become involved in the liturgical celebration.** Some suggestions:
 - ◆ **Lector (Reader)** The lector proclaims the Old and New Testament readings and may read the petitions of the general intercessions. The priest/deacon will proclaim the gospel. It is suggested that you have at least two (2) people chosen to serve in this ministry. Ordinarily the lectors should be Roman Catholic. In choosing whom you want to read, be sensitive to the following questions:

___ Do the persons have experience as a lector?

___ Are they comfortable reading in front of a group?

___ Do they have the necessary gifts for proclaiming God's word effectively and reverently? This includes good posture, good eye contact, projection, and the ability to proclaim slowly, with meaning and good diction.

The lectors' presence at your wedding rehearsal is required. This will give them the opportunity not only to practice in the worship space with the sound system, but also to be informed of logistics.

- ◆ **Gift Bearers.** If you are having a nuptial Mass, another way for family members and/or friends to participate is by bringing up the gifts of bread and wine for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Two (2) people are sufficient for doing this. Here again, they should plan on being present at your wedding rehearsal.
- ◆ **Eucharistic Ministers.** If you are having a nuptial Mass, you or members of your wedding party, family members, and/or friends who are Eucharistic ministers in their home parishes may serve in that capacity at your wedding. They also must attend the wedding rehearsal so that they can become familiar with the worship space and logistics.
- ◆ **Ushers (Ministers of Hospitality).** In addition to seating the guests, handing out and picking up the orders of worship, and attending to other physical details, ushers help to offer a warm, welcoming atmosphere for celebration by extending a smile and greeting of some sort to those entering church. This simple gesture helps ease the stranger coming to our church for the first time. Prior to your rehearsal, each usher should be given a copy of Appendix B, which lists the ushers' responsibilities. Ushers are expected to be at your rehearsal.
- ◆ **Attendants.** Only two witnesses are actually required for the celebration of marriage. In choosing attendants, it is strongly recommended that no more than *five (5) couples, including the maid or matron of honor and the best man*, be part of the bridal party. More than this number cannot comfortably be accommodated, and detracts from you, the bride and groom, who are the most important people in the wedding. Furthermore, it is strongly recommended that only children over the age of five participate as ring bearers or flower girls.

D. Rehearsal / Wedding Day

Following are some helpful questions/answers related to your rehearsal and wedding day.

- ◆ **When is the wedding rehearsal?**

Usually the evening before your wedding.

◆ **What is needed at the wedding rehearsal?**

In addition to the members of your wedding party, readers, gift bearers, eucharistic ministers, and ushers, you will need to bring the following items:

- copies of your wedding program (orders of worship)
- your marriage license
- church stipend and any fees for musicians not already given to the Dir. of Music and Liturgy
- your General Intercessions (if you have chosen to write your own)
- your unity candle (if you have chosen to use one)
- your updated parish registration form (Appendix D).

Your rehearsal will begin promptly at the assigned time, and the rehearsal will take no more than one hour. In consideration to all concerned, please be on time.

◆ **Are photography and videotaping of the wedding allowed?**

Yes, with certain restrictions. Please see Appendix C.

◆ **Is there a bride's room available?**

There is small room available as a bride's room. It is strongly recommended, however, that bride and bridesmaids come dressed to the church. If this is not possible then only the bride should get dressed at the church. The bride's room offers few amenities for more than the bride to get dressed there. Whatever the case, all personal items must be collected after the wedding, any trash disposed of, and the room left in a clean condition.

◆ **Should we have a receiving line at church?**

Receiving lines seem to be more appropriate at the reception following the wedding. Your time to use the church is limited. One hour and forty-five minutes is allowed for your wedding liturgy and pictures afterwards. Because of this, it is suggested that there be no receiving line at the church.

◆ **May our guests throw rice, birdseed, confetti, flower petals, etc. as we depart?**

No. To avoid any hazard to safety and to minimize custodial work, the throwing of any substance is not allowed.

◆ **May the wedding party consume alcohol at church?**

No. There will be no drinking of alcohol at the church for either the rehearsal or the wedding. Furthermore, any evidence of intoxication in any member of the wedding party after their arrival at the church for the wedding will result in that person not being able to participate in the wedding ceremony. If either of you, the bride or the groom, have been drinking, it will be

necessary to cancel the entire wedding ceremony. There will be no use of alcohol or drugs on the church grounds at any time.

◆ **What address for the church should we include on our invitations?**

The location of St. James Parish for wedding invitations purposes is:

St. James Parish
 Corner of Mequon and Range Line Roads
 Mequon, Wisconsin

RESPECT FOR SACRED SPACE

We ask the couple to remind their family and friends involved in the rehearsal and in the wedding that they are in a place of worship and should always conduct themselves in a way that shows reverence for this sacred space. This includes proper attire for the rehearsal as well. No shorts or tank-tops, please.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Prepare to receive the fullness of God's blessings by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in advance of your wedding. This is a time of very special grace in your life and the life of your families. It would be a fine idea to ask your family and friends to also receive this sacrament as preparation for your wedding.

FEES / OFFERING TO THE PARISH

- \$100.00 payment payable to St. James Parish at the time of scheduling the wedding on the parish calendar.
- \$75.00 sacramental stipend payable to St. James Parish at time of wedding.
- If you or one of your immediate families are not registered members of St. James, an additional offering of \$400.00 to the parish will be asked at the time of the wedding.
- Information on fees for musicians will be provided by the Director of Music and Liturgy.

AFTER YOUR WEDDING

If you are planning to live in the Mequon area after your wedding, we hope you will be part of our parish community. Please feel free to call on us to help you in any way we can.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

As mentioned earlier, as much care should be taken in planning and preparing your liturgy as is taken for planning all the other aspects of your wedding. If you have any questions along the way, feel free to ask any of the parish ministers involved in your preparation.

May your celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage truly be a joyous occasion, reflecting God's love for you, as well as your love for God and the community which celebrates with you.

Parish Church of St. James
Wedding Policy — revised 11/02

SUMMARY CHECKLIST

- _____ Meet with the parish priest and schedule the tentative wedding date. The priest will schedule subsequent meetings with you.
- _____ Await a call from a married couple of the parish to schedule, and eventually complete, discussions using the FOCCUS inventory.
- _____ Schedule, and eventually complete, the Archdiocesan Enrichment Program at your earliest convenience.
- _____ Obtain recent copies of your baptismal certificates.
- _____ Choose the scripture readings for your wedding liturgy.
- _____ Call the Director of Liturgy and Music to plan your wedding music.
- _____ Finalize scripture readers and other liturgical ministers for your wedding liturgy.
- _____ Create and duplicate your orders of worship
- _____ Obtain your marriage license thirty (30) to eight (8) days before your wedding.
- _____ Distribute copies of the information attached to the florist, photographer, and ushers (Appendix A, B and C).
- _____ Ensure that everyone will be at your rehearsal on time. Bring the items listed on page 8 of this booklet.
- _____ Wedding Day! Take a deep breath. In a simple prayer, offer yourselves to God who brings you to this day and loves you more deeply than you can even imagine.
- _____ Continue to grow in your faith as a married couple by being an active member of either St. James Parish or another Catholic parish near where you will be living.

APPENDIX A: MAKE SURE THE FLORIST RECEIVES A COPY OF THIS!

THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE WORSHIP SPACE

Flowers

Many desire to place floral arrangements in the church. Please observe the following when making arrangements with your florist:

1) *"Flowers ... are particularly apt for the decoration of the liturgical space, since they are of nature, always discreet in their message, never cheap or tawdry or ill-made."* (Environment and Art in Catholic Worship, #102)

2) Floral *"decoration should never impede the approach to or the encircling of the altar or any of the ritual movement and action, but there are places in most liturgical spaces where it is appropriate and where it can be enhancing"* (EACW, #102).

Floral arrangements may be placed at either side of the altar on pedestals provided by the florist or ones that the parish furnishes. Floral arrangements are not to be placed on the altar or attached to the unity candle stand. Floral arrangements may be placed in front of the ambo (lectern) or on pedestals against the back wall of the sanctuary.

3) *"The whole space is to be considered the arena of decoration, not merely the sanctuary."* (EAWC, #102)

Floral arrangements may be placed in the back of church at either side of the main aisle. These flowers, especially if they are fragrant, would be a gracious sign of welcome. If flowers are to be used to decorate the ends of pews, they should be used at regular intervals along the entire length of the aisles. Flowers or bows may not be attached with tape to any of the pews or any of the church furniture.

4) We welcome any floral arrangements you may wish to leave in the church after the celebration of the wedding. Your flowers would continue to enhance parish worship and be a fine gift to St James Parish. We also respect your plans to bring these arrangements to your reception hall.

5) Finally, in all instances, we remind you that there may be no alteration of any of the seasonal church decorations, especially that of the Christmas and Easter seasons.

Aisle Runner

It is not necessary to have an aisle runner. However, if a couple chooses to have an aisle runner for personal reasons, arrangements are made through the florist. The length of the aisle at St James is 75 feet. The ushers are responsible for removing the runner and disposing of it.

Candles

St. James provides the altar and sanctuary candles for weddings. The couple is responsible for providing the unity candle if they have chosen to have one. The individual candles to accompany the unity candle are also provided by St. James. No other wax candles besides the unity candle are permitted in the church.

APPENDIX B: PLEASE MAKE SURE EACH USHER RECEIVES A COPY OF THIS!

USHERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) Be present at the rehearsal and learn the locations of the sacristy, bride's room, and the restrooms.
- 2) Arrive at the church 45 minutes before the wedding.
- 3) Be available to assist the Priest with the moving of and placement of any sanctuary furniture.
- 4) Obtain the orders of worship from the sacristy. Place enough copies at the places where the bride and groom and attendants will be seated. Distribute the orders of worship to the other guests when you usher them into their pews.
- 5) If there is to be an aisle runner, be sure that it is securely attached to the carpet at the sanctuary entrance ready for you to pull down the aisle after all the guests are seated.
- 6) **Start to seat the guests no later than 20 minutes before the ceremony is to begin.** Please seat the guests by filling pews from front to back, leaving only the necessary pews for the parents and families of the wedding couple and the wedding party in the front.
- 7) Close all doors into church once the wedding party is down the aisle, unless the Priest/Deacon instructs otherwise. Be alert to seat any latecomers down the side aisles.
- 8) During the ceremony, position yourself so that you can keep an eye on the entire assembly, including the wedding party. If anyone becomes dizzy or ill, immediately help them out of church with as little commotion as possible.
- 9) At the end of the ceremony, before the wedding couple comes down the aisle, open the center aisle doors.
- 10) After the ceremony, the ushers should:
 - help move back the sanctuary furniture to its original position.
 - pick up the aisle runner and, if disposable, bring it to the trash containers located at the lower parking lot by the parish school
 - check the vestibule, rest room and bride's room for any empty flower boxes and wrappings, and dispose of them.
 - pick up any orders of worship left in the pews and check for forgotten photographic equipment and clothing.
 - see to it that the unity candle, the aisle runner, pew decorations, flower boxes, flowers (if they are going to the reception), and all personal belongings are taken.
- 11) If you have any questions about your responsibilities, ask the priest at the rehearsal.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOTAPING

The celebration of marriage is a sacred moment of rejoicing in prayer, song, and gesture. We understand the desire to record this moment, and so we have studied carefully the different locations from which pictures might be taken without disrupting the assembly's prayer. We ask you to observe the following so that the sacred joy of this day will not be marred by photo and taping equipment and those who operate it:

- 1) Flash photography is not allowed during the liturgy.
- 2) Videotapers are not permitted to roam about the church during the liturgy.
- 3) Photographers and videotapers are not permitted to interfere with the processional and recessional.
- 4) No additional mics may be placed in the sanctuary.
- 5) Only the lighting already available in the church may be used. No additional lighting may be brought into the church for the ceremony.
- 6) Before and after the wedding, the church will be open for the taking of pictures (flash allowed). If group photographs are to be taken before the wedding, arrangements should be made with the priest to ensure that there are no conflicts with other scheduled liturgies.
- 7) Photography may be taken during the ceremony from the perimeter of the seating area only. Video cameras must be stationary during the entire ceremony and set up either in the back of church or along the sides of the church.
- 8) Pictures after the wedding should be limited to 30 minutes to avoid conflict with other services. Respect should always be given to the presence of the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the Tabernacle in the sanctuary.
- 9) If there are any questions, please check with the priest prior to the service.

APPENDIX D: PLEASE BRING THIS COPY TO YOUR WEDDING REHEARSAL!

**POST-WEDDING
PARISH REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Please help us with our record-keeping by clearly printing all of the following information:

SELF :

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____ Jr/Sr _____

Pre-married Name (if different): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Birth Date: _____ Gender: _____

Place of Employment/School: _____

Occupation: _____

Date of marriage _____

Religious Affiliation:

Catholic: Yes _____ No _____

Other (please specify) _____

Sacramental Information:

Baptized: Yes _____ No _____

Other Sacraments received (Catholics only - please include dates if known):

First Communion _____ Confirmation _____

Previous Parish (include city & state): _____

SPOUSE :

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____ Jr/Sr _____

Pre-married Name (if different): _____

E-Mail: _____ Birth Date: _____ Gender: _____

Place of Employment/School: _____

Occupation: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Religious Affiliation:

Catholic: Yes _____ No _____

Other (please specify) _____

Sacramental Information:

Baptized: Yes _____ No _____

Other Sacraments received (Catholics only - please include dates if known):

First Communion _____ Confirmation _____

Previous Parish (include city & state): _____

IMPORTANT: If, before your wedding, either of you were individually contributing financially to the parish, would you like the record of those individual contributions to now be part of your married record of contributions?

Yes _____ No _____

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE TO LIST ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD!

DEPENDENT CHILDREN / OTHERS LIVING AT HOME:

- 1) First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____
 Last Name: _____ Jr/Sr _____
 Relationship to you: _____
 Birth Date: _____ Gender: _____
 School: _____ Grade: _____
 Place of Employment: _____ Occupation: _____
Catholic Sacraments received *(Please include dates, if known):*
 Baptism _____ Eucharist _____ Confirmation _____
- 2) First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____
 Last Name: _____ Jr/Sr _____
 Relationship to you: _____
 Birth Date: _____ Gender: _____
 School: _____ Grade: _____
 Place of Employment: _____ Occupation: _____
Catholic Sacraments received *(Please include dates, if known):*
 Baptism _____ Eucharist _____ Confirmation _____
- 3) First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____
 Last Name: _____ Jr/Sr _____
 Relationship to you: _____
 Birth Date: _____ Gender: _____
 School: _____ Grade: _____
 Place of Employment: _____ Occupation: _____
Catholic Sacraments received *(Please include dates, if known):*
 Baptism _____ Eucharist _____ Confirmation _____