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Wedding Pre-Arrangements



*For Nuptials in the Roman Catholic
Church at*

**St. Joseph Parish
Shelbyville, Indiana
stjoeshelby.org**

This Pre-Arrangement Belongs to: _____



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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To whom it may concern:

Let me be among the first to congratulate you on your engagement! This is a holy time during which you grow your love for one another. It is also a sacred time during which you prepare to unite your lives together in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony.

Your decision to be married in the Catholic Church is a beautiful decision because you and your future spouse are created in the image and likeness of God and are making the decision to live your life according to God's plan. Getting married in the Church is the best way to build your married life on ROCK – the ROCK that is Jesus Christ Himself!

It is our hope that these "Wedding Guidelines" will help in your planning and preparation for making a lifelong commitment to one another within the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Although these guidelines may seem extensive, their intent is to answer many of the questions that brides and grooms often have. These guidelines are to help ensure that your wedding is authentically Catholic and done with the decorum that the Rite itself requires. We applaud and stand behind your decision to marry in the Church, and we are here to love and support you in that decision. This document may sound like a lot of "do's" and "don'ts" and it is; its purpose is to answer the many questions the couple have, not to cause anxiety or frustration. Please be honest and open about ANY concerns or problems that you might have; we are here to support you. May God continue to bless you as you and your future spouse prepare for the reception of this Sacrament of Holy Mother Church.

Fr. Mike Keucher, VF
Pastor
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Marriage Preparation Worksheet

Bride: _____ **Groom:** _____ **Folder #:** _____

As a Couple:

- Official ArchIndy forms to begin the process [attached]
- Form #1: Sacramental Preparation Contract [p. 18]
- Begin at least six months before wedding
- Date & Time of Wedding: _____
- Location of Wedding: _____
- Priests/Deacons
Doing Prep: _____ Celebrating Wedding: _____
- Meeting 1 with Fr. Mike: _____
Introduction to the Process, The Story of Your Love
- Meeting 2 with Fr. Mike: _____
Scripture & Catechism on Marriage
- Meeting 3 with Fr. Mike: _____
Some Things to Consider, Review of FOCCUS/Sponsor Couple/Retreat
- Meeting 4 with Fr. Mike: _____
Getting Ready for the Wedding Day, Sign Forms, Plans for after Wedding
- Better Together - Marriage Inventory [e-mailed to you]
- Better Together - 12 Videos <https://dynamiccatholic.com/better-together/program-view/>
Video 1 Date: _____ Video 2 Date: _____ Video 3 Date: _____ Video 4 Date: _____
Video 5 Date: _____ Video 6 Date: _____ Video 7 Date: _____ Video 8 Date: _____
Video 9 Date: _____ Video 10 Date: _____ Video 11 Date: _____ Video 12 Date: _____
- At least three meetings with sponsor couple
Name of Couple: _____ Phone Number: _____
Date of Meeting #1: _____ Date of Meeting #2: _____ Date of Meeting #3: _____
- Retreat
 - PreCana: <http://www.archindy.org/plfi/marriage-precana.html>
 - One in Christ: <http://www.oicindy.com/>
 - Tobit Weekend: <http://archindy.org/fatima/calendar/tobit.html>
- Meeting with Wedding Coordinator (*if desired*)
- Form #2: Music Selection Form [pg. 19-20]
- Form #3: Reading Selection Form [pg. 21]
- Suggested Donations [pg. 10]
- Civil Marriage License (*obtain no more than 60 days before wedding*)
- Dispensation (*if necessary*)

Bride:

- Baptism Certificate (*if baptized*)
- Annulment Decree (*if necessary*)
- Divorce Decree (*if necessary*)
- Letter of Delegation (*if necessary*)
- Permission of Proper Pastor (*if necessary*)
- Confession Made Available Before Wedding (*if Catholic*)

Groom:

- Baptism Certificate (*if baptized*)
- Annulment Decree (*if necessary*)
- Divorce Decree (*if necessary*)
- Letter of Delegation (*if necessary*)
- Permission of Proper Pastor (*if necessary*)
- Confession Made Available Before Wedding (*if Catholic*)

Prerequisites for Holy Marriage

- We ask that at least six (6) months prior to your desired wedding date you call the Parish Office to reserve your date. The secretary will pencil your date in, and once a priest has been contacted, he will permanently reserve your date.
- Six months prior to your wedding date you should contact the parish priest to set up the first of four meetings with him. These meetings help create familiarity between you and the priest; they will also allow an opportunity for open, confidential, and frank discussion about the importance of marriage and the theological and practical implications.
- You and your spouse, if it can be arranged, will also be assigned a sponsor couple to mentor you and assist you in your marriage preparation process. This will also entail some meetings.
- In addition, you and your future spouse will be asked to attend a marriage preparation day known as "Engaged Encounter" or "Pre-Cana." The dates for these events will be given to you by the priest.
- Lastly, you and your spouse will be given appropriate resources in "Natural Family Planning." The Catholic Church teaches that artificial birth control is not in line with the joy and beauty that God planned for marriage. "Natural Family Planning" is the Church's approved form of family planning and spacing of children.

Spiritual Preparation

It is our sincere hope and expectation that you and your future spouse attend Holy Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. If this is not the case right now, through marriage preparation you will hopefully gain an understanding of the importance of God and His Church as being a vital part of your relationship. Preparation of Marriage, a Sacrament in the Church, must be fostered by a life of prayer and regular reception of Holy Communion and Sacramental Confession. Asking to receive the sacrament of Holy Matrimony presupposes your regular participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

Cohabiting

Since marriage is sacred and holy not only in the eyes of God, but also in the eyes of the Church, living together (cohabitation) prior to marriage is extremely discouraged. Studies have shown that 78% of couples who live together prior to marriage end up getting divorced. Living together presupposes sexual activity outside of marriage, which is a mortal sin. We are willing to work with you if you are in this predicament and will strive to assist you to conform to the beauty of God's plan for you and your marriage.

The Church sees in marriage two people coming together to form a lifelong commitment **beginning** on their wedding day—a coming together of body, mind, heart, and soul. Sexual union is highly regarded by the Church, which is why it is seen as something quite holy – to be reserved for the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony. Sex is the "marital embrace" and should be avoided until the couple is married. This is because every act of sexual intercourse is intended by God to express love, commitment and openness to life in the total gift of the spouses to each other. Sexual intercourse outside of marriage cannot express what God intended. Rather, it says something false—a total commitment that the couple does not yet have. This total commitment is possible only in marriage.

Cohabiting places the couple in great temptation daily, which is why it presupposes sexual activity outside the Sacrament of Marriage. Again, this is a mortal sin (biblically referred to as fornication). A couple that waits until their wedding day for sex will be a happier and holier couple – they will have learned to come together in other ways, they will have learned control, they will have learned that neither person is to be "used" for pleasure but rather given as a gift in holy marriage.

Necessary Documentation

- Within one month of your wedding date you will need to acquire a valid Indiana Marriage License from the County Courthouse. This is to be brought with you to your wedding rehearsal and presented to the priest.
- All baptized individuals, must provide a baptismal certificate. You may obtain a certificate by contacting the Church of your Baptism. When asking for the certificate, be certain to tell them you are getting married and need all “notations” included. These are notations of the sacraments that the Catholic party has received since baptism.
- A baptism certificate for the party who was baptized in another denomination is also requested. If no certificate is available we will need a written letter from 2 witnesses.
- If there has been a previous marriage, any divorce decrees and annulment paperwork is necessary.

The Catholic Rite of Marriage

Because marriage is a Sacrament, the normal place for a Catholic wedding to be celebrated is in a Catholic Church, since the church more fully represents the ongoing sacramental life of the individual and the Catholic community. If the bride and groom are both Catholic, the wedding can be at the parish church of either party. If only one member of the couple is Catholic, the marriage is usually at the parish of the Catholic party. A couple can, for good reason, request that their wedding be at another Catholic parish. Having weddings at non-Catholic churches can be requested for a good reason; for example, if one of the individuals is not Roman Catholic and is actively engaged in the life of their own particular church community. A wedding outside of a church building is not permissible.

Between Two Baptized and Practicing Catholics

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the "Foundation and confirmation of all Christian Practice" (CCC, 2181). Therefore it is right and proper for two baptized practicing Catholics to receive their Lord in Holy Communion whom they have invited into their married lives just moments before. Great care must be taken in planning the Nuptial Mass of the couple. The priest will assist with this aspect of the planning stages. Only in extraordinary circumstances should the wedding of a Catholic couple happen outside the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Between a Catholic and a non-Catholic

In cases where one party is Catholic and the other is of a different faith (Baptized or not), the wedding takes place outside of the context of the Mass. The reception of Holy Communion by one spouse and not of the other is seen to be a sign of great disunity; and thus not a good witness on the day of one's wedding. In planning for your wedding, you as the couple must be considerate of those attending this joyous celebration. Non-Catholic families often feel awkward and unwelcome at the celebration of Mass when they are unable to participate in its fullness due to their difference in faith. The rite of marriage outside of Mass is still a lovely, sacred and reverent moment of joy!

Visiting Catholic Clergy

When a couple requests that a visiting Catholic priest/deacon preside at their wedding, it is important that the parish be notified so arrangements can be coordinated. Requirements for weddings outlined in this booklet must be observed (*including all regulations on music, dress code etc.*). Be aware that Indiana requires all clergy officiating at weddings be authorized to do so by the state. If the Catholic clergy you choose to celebrate your wedding lives outside of Indiana, they may need to file a request with the state before being able to officiate at your wedding.

Non-Catholic Clergy

When one party of the couple being married is of another faith or denomination, their minister is welcome to participate in certain aspects of the ceremony with the priest. There are restrictions as to how the minister can participate in the ceremony. You may discuss any questions or concerns with the priest in the preparation process. Should there be special reasons to be married in a Church of another denomination, a dispensation to do so is required.

Marriage Preparation for “Out of Parish” Weddings

When a couple lives outside of the parish where they wish the wedding to occur, the preparation process should be initiated in the parish where the Catholic party or one of the Catholic parties resides. All the requirements of the parish where the preparation is taking place should be followed. The couple must leave time so that the marriage file can be prepared in time for the church where the wedding will take place to receive and review it. If you are being prepared elsewhere to be married at our parish, please have the priest overseeing the preparation contact the pastor to coordinate this process.

Start Time

For final times please discuss with the Pastor and/or the celebrating priest. Generally, weddings at St. Joseph and most other Catholic parishes take place on Saturdays at 2:00pm or 2:30pm. Friday weddings are possible as well, at 5pm or 5:30pm. Please speak with the Pastor and/or celebrating priest for exceptions.

Reverence inside of the Church

- An over-arching theme to remember is that you are getting married in a Roman Catholic Church. As Catholics we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, so out of respect for Him we ask that yelling, profanity, or loud talking not take place in the church building. We ask: Before, during, and after the rehearsal and Wedding itself that there be a reverential silence. This allows for a quick rehearsal, for preludes prior to your wedding to be heard, and for an overall prayerful atmosphere so that people (and yourselves) can focus on what is really important: your wedding.
- Cell phones are not to be used inside of a Catholic Church. Please remind your wedding party and family of this reverent custom.
- Food is not allowed in the church building. Water alone is allowed. No soda, snacks etc. Please communicate this to your wedding party.
- Along with the theme of reverence there can be no alcoholic beverages on the premises; if you are using the parish hall for your reception you must follow the hall guidelines. Also, since the free consent of the spouses makes marriage-if one or the other spouse has alcohol on their breath on the day of your wedding, the wedding will be cancelled for that day and rescheduled.
- While pictures are being taken before and after your wedding we ask that only those in the pictures be in the sanctuary. This ensures that reverence is given to the Blessed Sacrament and Sanctuary. It also ensures microphones and other furnishings are not tampered with. Modest dress is also to be worn for all pictures inside the church building before and after the wedding ceremony.
- Genuflecting to the Tabernacle, the place where the Body and Blood of our Lord is reserved, will be part of the opening procession. All are asked to show this simple form of reverence to our Lord. If one is physically unable, due to age or physical limitation, they are at least encouraged to bow out of respect and reverence.

Dress Code

On the day of your wedding, you are encouraged to wear the color white; this is due to your baptism. On the day of your baptism you were clothed in a white garment, on your first Holy Communion you wore white, altar servers and priests at Mass wear white etc. White is the color of the saints in heaven. Brides are encouraged to wear a traditional white dress and grooms are invited to dress in white as well. The groom is not required to wear “all” white but at least a white shirt is expected. A white tie, vest, jacket etc. is also a nice way to make reference to one’s baptism.

The dresses on the bride and the bridesmaids are to be modest. Dress length should be at least at knee level. Tops of shoulders should be covered with sleeves or wraps/shawls and cleavage should be appropriately covered. This is a “Church” wedding taking place in a House of God, appropriate attire should be worn. This is also true for the photography sessions before and after the wedding- immodest dress is never appropriate in church. All bridesmaids and groomsmen will be asked to genuflect during the opening procession; please keep this in mind when dresses and shoes are picked out. If you have questions, please feel free to ask.

People Needed for Your Wedding Liturgy

- *Readers:* You may ask two or three people to do readings at your wedding: One (1) person for the First Reading, One (1) person for the Second Reading, and One (1) person for the Intercessions (Prayers of the Faithful). These people need to be able to read well, clearly, and loudly enough to be understood. The proclamation of the Word of God is of utmost importance in the Celebration of Marriage. Please be careful in deciding who is going to read God’s very Word. This position should not be given out of “kindness” or trying to honor a friend; but first and foremost honoring God’s Word. Think and pray about whom would read God’s Word the best. If you do not have a family member or friend to read the Church can provide a reader or the priest may proclaim the readings himself.
- Practicing Catholics are required for the readings and preferred for the Prayers of the Faithful. The Prayers of the Faithful can be read by a non-Catholic. One person could fulfill all of these readings; it is not *required* to be split up into three (3) parts.
- *Gift Bearers:* You may select individuals to bring the gifts forward during the preparation of the altar. They must be practicing Roman Catholics.
- *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:* If the amount of people attending your wedding requires, individuals who assist with the distribution of Holy Communion may be called upon. Please speak with the priest about this before asking individuals. The norm is that the priest is not in need of assistance.
- *Altar Servers:* Three (3) altar servers are required for the celebration of Holy Mass and two (2) for the marriage rite outside of Mass. If they are visiting servers, from another parish, they must be well trained. The parish can provide well trained servers for you; if you do not have any in your family.

Scripture Readings for Your Wedding

Readings for your wedding will be discussed with you by the priest. He will give you a booklet with several choices for each reading. The two of you are encouraged to read them together, pray about them and decide which readings are best for your celebration. The texts that are given to you are official texts that the Church approves for Weddings; please do not manipulate the wording.

Attendants/Bridal Party and Groomsmen

Canon Law (The Catholic Church's Law) states that only two witnesses need to be present (The Maid of Honor and the Best Man), Canon 1108 S., 1. When choosing attendants keep in mind this is a special and important day for you as a couple, so only those people who hold pride of place in your life should be asked to be attendants. Less is more! Typically, children four years of age and under are too young to participate in the wedding.

Flowers and Decorations

These are general guidelines, should you have a special request, please contact the priest if there are questions. We are more than willing to work with you. The liturgical color for weddings is either white or gold. The Church's life follows a Liturgical Year, therefore, each part of that year carries with itself a specific character, and decorations help convey that special character:

- *Weddings during the **Easter and Christmas Season**: The flowers placed in the sanctuary and the nave of the church are not to be moved.*
- *Weddings during **Ordinary Time**: Flowers and decorations may be placed in the sanctuary and the nave of the church, as long as they do not impede the wedding.*
- *Weddings during **Advent and Lent**: Due to the penitential character of these two seasons, we ask that you respect the Church's liturgical life, therefore, no flowers or decorations may be put in the sanctuary or the nave of the church. Ladies are allowed to carry flowers and men are permitted to have boutonnieres.*

We ask that **nothing** be affixed to the pews with wire or tape, this is harmful to the longevity of our beautiful historic church building. Clips for pew-bows can be obtained by a local florist or at a craft store. The preference is that flowers be real and not artificial.

Rehearsal

The rehearsal date and time for your wedding will be arranged during one of the meetings you have with the priest. It is typically the evening (the night) before your wedding; but it can be days or the weekend in advance if that works best for your schedule. The rehearsal takes approximately 45 minutes.

It is **necessary** that the Catholic spouse(s) receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (go to Confession) before the wedding ceremony. The rationale is that as you prepare to enter into a lifelong commitment that you do so with a clear conscience and in a state of grace. Therefore, couples may receive the sacrament on their own or from the priest celebrating the wedding before or after the rehearsal or prior to the ceremony. The priest will also make the sacrament available to the wedding party and guests; normally prior to the wedding during the taking of pictures. Please encourage your attendants to receive this wonderful sacrament.

Preparation Rooms

There are adequate rooms for both the bridal party and the groomsmen. It is your responsibility to reserve these rooms, if you plan on needing them, with the parish secretary. The payment for these rooms will be included in your wedding fees. These rooms should be clean and in good order when you arrive. It is your responsibility to clean up once the room is done being used. It is best to delegate this task, cleaning up, to someone not in your wedding party to be sure it is taken care of.

Specifics of the Rite of Marriage

- *The Procession:* The Church teaches that the bride and groom are the proper ministers of the Sacrament of Matrimony. As such, both parties *should* participate in the opening procession.
 - Grandparents → Groom's Parents → Bride's Parents → Servers & Priests → Wedding Party → Bride & Groom
 - Grandparents → Groom's Father → Bride's Mother → Servers & Priests → Wedding Party → Groom & Groom's Mother → Bride & Bride's Father
 - Grandparents → Parents → Wedding Party → Bride and Bride's Father MEET Groom and Priest up front
 - Other:
- *Aisle runners :* Aisle runners are **not allowed** during a wedding. They are flimsy and tear easily. Often during the communion procession at Holy Mass they become a hazard for people who walk upon them. Individuals falling, tripping or getting hurt is a liability.
- *Flower Petals:* A flower girl may not sprinkle petals **unless** they are artificial petals. Real flower petals, once stepped upon, stain the church carpet.
- *Unity Candle:* The "unity candle" is not traditionally or authentically Catholic and is not permitted. The symbol of unity within a Catholic Marriage is seen in the exchange of vows, rings, reception of Holy Communion and the consummation of the wedding itself.
- *Post Wedding:* Throwing rice, confetti, flower petals, or birdseed is a maintenance issue. Use of these items is extremely discouraged. Bubbles, butterflies, balloons, and bell ringing are permissible, provided someone is present to clean up any messes immediately after it is done.

Arrangements- Types of Music

Being married in the Church is a sacred and solemn event. We want your celebration to be consistent with this reality. Thus, all music played in the church must be approved and considered to be sacred~ based on scripture and or Christian tradition. There can be no secular music played instrumentally or sung at a Church wedding; there will be no exceptions to this guideline. There will be plenty of time for secular music at the wedding reception. Playing secular music during a Catholic Wedding ceremony would be like a bride and her father dancing to *Ave Maria* at the wedding reception. There is a time and place for everything. Please see Appendix 3.

Musicians

Our regular parish music director is to be the principal musician for your wedding. If there is someone close to you who would like to play or sing during your wedding, this is welcomed, but must be discussed with the Pastor. The guest musician/cantor must meet with the priest/music director prior to the wedding and all songs must be approved.

Cantors

By definition, a cantor within a liturgical celebration helps to animate the congregation's own singing. It is appropriate that they chant the Psalm in the wedding, as well as, any acclamations that may arise based on the Liturgy you as a couple have decided upon. It is our preference that a parish cantor is used. However, if you know someone who is a competent singer/cantor, in another Catholic parish, he or she may sing at your wedding, or if they are not Catholic they may not act as a cantor, they will need assistance because they will not know the normal routine of a Catholic Mass and its specific settings.

Wedding Program

All weddings are to have a worship aid or program. You may create one yourself or ask the secretary or priest for sample copies that you can mimic. It must be approved by the Priest before going to print. This is to ensure that the order of Mass is correct and the phrasing of liturgical or theological statements is free of typographical error. Please see Appendix 4 for the proper order of the ceremony.

Photographs and Videotaping

We understand that capturing this tremendous moment in your life is important to you and your family. However, photographers and videographers should not be an intrusion to the wedding itself. Pictures may be taken during the wedding. Pictures should be taken from behind or beside the congregation. Photographers and videographers (this includes family and friends) are not permitted to enter the sanctuary at any time during the wedding.

Pictures may be taken before or after the wedding, however we ask that pictures last only a half hour after the wedding is over. Please communicate with the parish office about the amount of time you will need prior to the wedding for photos. This will allow for the church to be unlocked and the thermostat to be set so that the church is at a comfortable setting.

Remunerations-stipends and gifts

- Marriage Preparation Resources (FOCUS test etc.)- \$15
- Servers (*three (3) for Holy Mass and two (2) for a celebration outside of Mass*)-\$20 each
- Organist-\$100
- Cantor- \$50- \$100
- Parish Wedding Site Coordinator- \$50
- Priest- \$100
- Church-\$200 (if you are a member of the parish) \$300 (if you are not a member of the parish)
- ***A bill will be presented to you one month prior to the wedding.***
- ***We will distribute the monies to the individuals listed above.***

APENDIX 1: Contact Information

- Pastor: Fr. Mike Keucher, frmike@sjsshelbyville.org, (812) 391-0047 (cell)
- Secretary: Jan Lux, jan@sjsshelbyville.org, (317) 398-8227
- Music Director: Richard Gray, (317) 392-3387
- Wedding Site Coordinator (optional): Judy Hill, (317) 398-8227

APENDIX 2: Pews and Measurements

Campus	# of Pews	Aisle Length*	Seating Capacity
St. Joseph	17+17=34	69	275
St. Vincent de Paul	19+19=38	74	300

*Measurement is from the front door to the 1st step into the Sanctuary.

APENDIX 3: Music Options

Please visit <https://stpaulcatholicchurch.org/weddings-and-baptisms/wedding-music-selections/>
This page lists popular choices and allows you to listen to clips of them.

APENDIX 4: The Order of the Ceremony

*Normal Order of Ceremony- The Rite of Marriage
IN the context of Holy Mass*

Procession

- Procession of Wedding Party
- Entrance of the Bride

Introduction and Greeting

- Sign of the Cross
- Gloria
- Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

- 1st Reading
- Response
- 2nd Reading
- Gospel
- Homily

Marriage Rite

- Statement of Intentions and Exchange of Consent
- Blessing and Exchange of Rings
- Prayers of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

- Gift Procession
- Eucharistic Prayer
- Our Father
- Nuptial Blessing
- Sign of Peace
- Reception of Holy Communion
- Prayer After Communion

Concluding Rites

- Marian Devotion
- Final Blessing
- Introduction of the Couple Dismissal

*Normal Order of Ceremony- The Rite of Marriage
OUTSIDE the context of Holy Mass*

Procession

- Procession of Wedding Party
- Entrance of the Bride

Introduction and Greeting

- Sign of the Cross
- Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

- 1st Reading
- Response
- 2nd Reading
- Gospel
- Homily

Marriage Rite

- Statement of Intentions and Exchange of Consent
- Blessing and Exchange of Rings
- Prayers of the Faithful
- Nuptial Blessing
- Final Blessing
- Introduction of the Couple Dismissal

FIRST READING-

The first reading is drawn from the books of the Old Testament. Readings you may select include:

1. Genesis 1:26-28, 31a

Then God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground." God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth." God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. The word of the Lord.

2. Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the Lord God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man. So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; This one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.

3. Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67

The servant of Abraham said to Laban: "I bowed down in worship to the Lord, blessing the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. If, therefore, you have in mind to show true loyalty to my master, let me know; but if not, let me know that, too. I can then proceed accordingly." Laban and his household said in reply: "This thing comes from the Lord; we can say nothing to you either for or against it. Here is Rebekah, ready for you; take her with you, that she may become the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has said." So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Do you wish to go with this man?" She answered, "I do." At this they allowed their sister Rebekah and her nurse to take leave, along with Abraham's servant and his men. Invoking a blessing on Rebekah, they said: "Sister, may you grow into thousands of myriads; And may your descendants gain possession of the gates of their enemies!" Then Rebekah and her maids started out; they mounted their camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and went on his way. Meanwhile Isaac had gone from Beer-lahai-roi and was living in the region of the Negeb. One day toward evening he went out . . . in the field, and as he looked around, he noticed that camels were approaching. Rebekah, too, was looking about, and when she saw him, she alighted from her camel and asked the servant, "Who is the man out there, walking through the fields toward us?" "That is my master," replied the servant. Then she covered herself with her veil. The servant recounted to Isaac all the things he had done. Then Isaac took Rebekah into his tent; he married her, and thus she became his wife. In his love for her Isaac found solace after the death of his mother Sarah.

4. Tobit 7:6-14

Raphael and Tobiah entered the house of Raguel and greeted him. Raguel sprang up and kissed Tobiah, shedding tears of joy. But when he heard that Tobit had lost his eyesight, he was grieved and wept aloud. He said to Tobiah: "My child, God bless you! You are the son of a noble and good father. But what a terrible misfortune that such a righteous and charitable man should be afflicted with blindness!" He continued to weep in the arms of his kinsman Tobiah. His wife Edna also wept for Tobit; and even their daughter Sarah began to weep. Afterward, Raguel slaughtered a ram from the flock and gave them a cordial reception. When they had bathed and reclined to eat, Tobiah said to Raphael, "Brother Azariah, ask Raguel to let me marry my kinswoman Sarah." Raguel overheard the words; so he said to the boy: "Eat and drink and be merry tonight, for no man is more entitled to marry my daughter Sarah than you, brother. Besides, not even I have the right to give her to anyone but you, because you are my closest relative. But I will explain the situation to you very frankly. I have given her in marriage to seven men, all of whom were kinsmen of ours, and all died on the very night they approached her. But now, son, eat and drink. I am sure the Lord will look after you both." Tobiah answered, "I will eat or drink nothing until you set aside what belongs

to me.” Raguel said to him: “I will do it. She is yours according to the decree of the Book of Moses. Your marriage to her has been decided in heaven! Take your kinswoman from now on you are her love, and she is your beloved. She is yours today and ever after. And tonight, son, may the Lord of heaven prosper you both. May he grant you mercy and peace.” Then Raguel called his daughter Sarah, and she came to him. He took her by the hand and gave her to Tobiah with the words: “Take her according to the law. According to the decree written in the Book of Moses she is your wife. Take her and bring her back safely to your father. And may the God of heaven grant both of you peace and prosperity.” He then called her mother and told her to bring a scroll, so that he might draw up a marriage contract stating that he gave Sarah to Tobiah as his wife according to the decree of the Mosaic law. Her mother brought the scroll, and he drew up the contract, to which they affixed their seal. Afterward they began to eat and drink.

5. Tobit 8:4b-8

On their wedding night Tobiah arose from bed and said to his wife, “Sister, get up. Let us pray and beg our Lord to have mercy on us and to grant us deliverance.” Sarah got up, and they started to pray and beg that deliverance might be theirs. They began with these words: “Blessed are you, O God of our fathers; praised be your name forever and ever. Let the heavens and all your creation praise you forever. You made Adam and you gave him his wife Eve to be his help and support; and from these two the human race descended. You said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone; let us make him a partner like himself.’ Now, Lord, you know that I take this wife of mine not because of lust, but for a noble purpose. Call down your mercy on me and on her, and allow us to live together to a happy old age.” They said together, “Amen, amen.”

6. Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and makes cloth with skillful hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

7. Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7a

Hark! my lover—here he comes springing across the mountains, leaping across the hills. My lover is like a gazelle or a young stag. Here he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattices. My lover speaks; he says to me, “Arise, my beloved, my dove, my beautiful one, and come! “O my dove in the clefts of the rock, in the secret recesses of the cliff, Let me see you, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and you are lovely.” My lover belongs to me and I to him. He says to me: “Set me as a seal on your heart, as a seal on your arm; For stern as death is love, relentless as the nether world is devotion; its flames are a blazing fire. Deep waters cannot quench love, nor floods sweep it away.”

8. Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16

Blessed the husband of a good wife, twice-lengthened are his days; A worthy wife brings joy to her husband, peaceful and full is his life. A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the Lord; Be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a smile is ever on his face. A gracious wife delights her husband, her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones; A gift from the Lord is her governed speech, and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth. Choicest of blessings is a modest wife, priceless her chaste soul. A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace; indeed, no price is worthy of her temperate soul. Like the sun rising in the Lord’s heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

9. Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers: the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the Lord. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord.

SECOND READING-

The Second Reading is drawn from the letters in the New Testament. Readings you may select include:

1. Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. Romans 12:1-2, 9-18

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation. Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all. The word of the Lord.

3. Romans 15:1b-3a, 5-7, 13

Brothers and sisters: We ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves; let each of us please our neighbor for the good, for building up. For Christ did not please himself. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

4. 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, And the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

5. 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a

Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

6. Ephesians 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace: one Body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

7. Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33

Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us. Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the Church, he himself the savior of the body. As the Church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the Church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the Church, because we are members of his Body. For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church. In any case, each one of you should love his wife as himself, and the wife should respect her husband.

8. Philippians 4:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

9. Colossians 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one Body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

10. Hebrews 13:1-4a, 5-6b

Brothers and sisters: Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels. Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment, and of the ill-treated as of yourselves, for you also are in the body. Let marriage be honored among all and the marriage bed be kept undefiled. Let your life be free from love of money but be content with what you have, for he has said, I will never forsake you or abandon you. Thus we may say with confidence: The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid.

11. 1 Peter 3:1-9

Beloved: Your wives should be subordinate to your husbands so that, even if some disobey the word, they may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct when they observe your reverent and chaste behavior. Your adornment should not be an external one: braiding the hair, wearing gold jewelry, or dressing in fine clothes, but rather the hidden character of the heart, expressed in the imperishable beauty of a gentle and calm disposition, which is precious in the sight of God. For this is also how the holy women who hoped in God once used to adorn themselves and were subordinate to their husbands; thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him "lord." You are her children when you do what is good and fear no intimidation. Likewise, you husbands should live with your wives in understanding, showing honor to the weaker female sex, since we are joint heirs of the gift of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble. Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult; but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing.

12. 1 John 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this:

we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit that he gave us.

13. 1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

GOSPEL-

1. Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

2. Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

3. Matthew 7:21, 24-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. "Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined." When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

4. Matthew 19:3-6

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?" He said in reply, "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator made them male and female and said, For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate."

5. Matthew 22:35-40

One of the Pharisees, a scholar of the law, tested Jesus by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

6. Mark 10:6-9

Jesus said: "From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

7. John 2:1-11

There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

8. John 15:9-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."

9. John 15:12-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you."

10. John 17:20-26

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: "I pray not only for my disciples, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."



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Form #1: Marriage Preparation Contract

Bride: _____ **Groom:** _____ **Folder #:** _____

I promise, to the best of my ability, to do the following:

- Attend Holy Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as needed and especially close to the wedding day.
- Refrain from all sexual activity and impurity- seek absolution (confession) if/when necessary
- Refrain from cohabitation until AFTER your wedding day. Sex is called the “marital embrace” for a reason – it is reserved for Marriage!
- Develop a daily prayer life:
 - Personal – Pray vows, pray scriptures*
 - With my future spouse – think Adoration Chapel!*
- Further my knowledge about the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony:
 - FORMED.org – Parish Access Code: K37RPD – Go to STUDY → SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION → Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage button*
 - The Good News About Sex and Marriage*
 - West - For Better & For Ever*
 - Various audio CDs about Catholic Marriage*
- Become educated about Natural Family Planning:
 - Listen to the Audio CD- Janet Smith*
 - Contact a Teaching Couple*
- Attend 4 sessions with the priest for theological education and formation
- Attend at least 3 sessions with a sponsor couple for marital formation
- Attend a Pre-Cana Conference/Retreat
- Fulfill all requirements of Better Together – the inventory, the videos, the books
- Follow all liturgical norms for St. Joseph Parish

This is a sacrament where God offers grace to me and my fiancé for a life of grace and fruitfulness. I commit to the above requirements in order better serve God and my future spouse.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____



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Form #2: Wedding Music Selection Form

Bride: _____ **Groom:** _____ **Folder #:** _____

Samples of your options are available here:

<http://stpaulcatholicchurch.org/weddings-and-baptisms/wedding-music-selections/>

The Prelude Music

Played 20 minutes prior to the ceremony, the Prelude Music is selected by the organist.

Entrance of the Mothers

This song is sung as a solo as the mothers are being seated. Or simple organ music.

Your Choice: _____

Processional

Typically, two songs are selected for the Processional. One song accompanies the Bridal Party. One song accompanies the Bride.

Bridal Party Procession

Your Choice: _____

Bride's Procession

Your Choice: _____

Responsorial Psalm

The Responsorial Psalm is meant to be a sung response to the first or Old Testament Reading. It should be one of these: Ps 33, Ps 34, Ps 103, Ps 112, Ps 128, Ps 145, Ps 148. Please pick your favorite of those psalms and the musicians can pick a setting for it. If you have preferences, please speak with the musician.

Your Choice: _____

If your wedding is not celebrated in the context of the Mass, skip to the Recessional. If your wedding is celebrated in the context of the Mass, continue:

Offertory Song

This song is sung as a solo after the Bride and Groom have exchanged their vows and returned to their seats. As this song is sung, the bread and wine are brought forward to the Altar for the Celebration of the Eucharist. Remember to include the hymnal number of the song in your program.

Your Choice: _____

Communion Song

The Communion Song is sung as the assembly receives Communion. If you choose, the assembly may join the Cantor in this song. Remember to include the hymnal number of the song in your program.

Your Choice: _____

Recessional

This song accompanies the recessional of the newly married couple.

Your Choice: _____

Marian Devotion

The Marian Devotion is not part of the Rite of Marriage and therefore need not be observed. However, many couples who have a devotion to Mary often bring a flower to the statue of Mary and offer a prayer asking for her intercession. If you choose to do this, the Ave Maria is sung. If you have a specific version of the Ave Maria you prefer, please indicate here.

Do You Want This?: _____

Organist and Cantor

Our regular parish music director is to be the principal musician for your wedding. If there is someone close to you who would like to play or sing during your wedding, this is welcomed, but must be discussed with the Pastor. The guest musician/cantor must meet with the priest/music director prior to the wedding and all songs must be approved.

Organist: _____

Cantor: _____



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Form #3: Wedding Reading Selection Form

Bride: _____ **Groom:** _____ **Folder #:** _____

Acceptable readings are listed in the Wedding Pre-Arrangement booklet.

First Reading: _____ **Reader:** _____

Second Reading: _____ **Reader:** _____

Gospel Reading: _____ **Reader:** Priest or Deacon _____

Petitions: _____ **Reader:** _____