St. Joseph Catholic Parish

(Vanderburgh County)



WEDDING GUIDELINES

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding. The people of St. Joseph Parish join in praying with you and for you on this most special day. A wedding is the focus of many social customs, cultures, and expectations, but for the Catholic Christian it is, first and foremost, the celebration of a sacrament. It is a celebration of mutuality and ministry, a commitment of love in the context of both family and community. The focus of this celebration is far more than a one-day ceremony; it envisions a commitment by the couple to remain rooted in a Christian community and to grow spiritually within that community. Marriage preparation is meant to assist the pair to live a sacramental life together as a couple and as members of their extended family, the church.

SCHEDULING

Before a wedding will be scheduled at St. Joseph, you must contact the Pastor at St. Joseph Parish. This initial contact should be made a minimum of six months before the anticipated wedding. This will allow ample time for the marriage preparation programs that are required for all couples desiring to get married. Only after this initial contact with the Pastor will a marriage ceremony be scheduled.

Weddings are typically celebrated in the context of a Nuptial Mass. Weddings may be celebrated any day of the week and on Saturday. Because Mass is celebrated at 5pm on Saturday, weddings can be schedules anytime between 8 am and 2:00 pm. This will allow ample time for the wedding and subsequent picture taking and will ensure that the proceedings will be finished for our Saturday evening Mass at 5 pm.

If the bride and groom are of different faiths, the sacrament may be celebrated outside of the context of the Mass with the Liturgy of the Word and the Rite of Matrimony. A minister of any denomination is welcome to be present at the altar and to take part in the Marriage Ceremony.

Weddings are not permitted during Holy Week. According to Catholic Custom, weddings are also not held during the season of Lent. (This Season varies from year to year, depending on the date for Easter. Normally this involves the time from mid February through mid April.)

MARRIAGE PREPARARTION

We spend many years in school to prepare for life in society and for a lifetime of work. Life together as husband and wife also requires serious preparation. In keeping with the diocesan policy, couples desiring to be married in the community of the church are to notify the priest or deacon as soon as they have the intention to marry (formal engagement) and at least six (6) months prior to the anticipated time of their wedding. All couples marrying in the Diocese of Evansville are asked to take an active part in an assessment process and formal preparation programs for marriage.

VISITING PRIEST OR DEACON

A priest or deacon, who is a relative or friend of either party, is always welcome to preside at the marriage. In keeping with the diocesan policy "the priest or deacon, who by right or by delegation is to witness the marriage, has the responsibility of helping the couple to assess their readiness and to prepare for the sacrament of marriage." If the priest or deacon who is to witness the marriage is coming from a distance, he should arrange with the pastor to assume proper assessment and preparation for marriage. All visiting ministers are to abide by the policies and procedures of the Diocese of Evansville and St. Joseph Catholic Church

DOCUMENTATION

The couple will need to provide their baptism certificates. These must be originals (not photocopies), issued by the church of baptism within the last six (6) months. This also applies to non Catholic Christians. Some non-Catholic Christian churches do not keep permanent baptismal re-

cords. In this case, the baptismal certificates can be obtained by writing or calling the church of baptism and requesting that they send a copy to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6202 West St. Joe Rd., Evansville, IN 47720. For those baptized at St. Joe, the certificate is not required.

• A Vanderburgh County marriage license is also needed. This can be obtained at: County Clerk's Office, 216 City/County Building, Evansville, IN 47708 Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Both parties need apply in person for the license. Documentary proof of age for both must be presented. Only one person is needed when picking up the license. No waiting period is required before the license is issued. The current license fee is \$18.00. Personal checks are not accepted. If couples are from out-of state, the fee is \$60.00. The license is valid for sixty (60) days. One person needs to apply for the marriage license in the county of legal residence. Birth certificates and picture IDs with valid addresses are also required of both parties.

WEDDING CEREMONY

The actual ceremony is the culmination of months of planning and preparation for many people. It is typically a highly charged emotional day and tensions can run high. A caution for all those involved: Realize now that the effort has been expended to make everything as perfect as can be, relax and enjoy this day. All involved should also realize the ceremony is a time of prayer. This is an opportunity for the family and friends to pray with and for the bride and groom. Every person in attendance at the wedding has a responsibility to be an active witness to the commitment the bride and groom make to one another and to society. The tendency at many weddings is for people to assume they are there to "watch a performance" rather than to be active participants. In fact, many weddings are planned to encourage those present to merely watch. At St. Joseph Church, we hope the opposite is true. We want and invite all those present, whether Catholic or not, to actively take part in the ceremony. St. Joseph Church does everything possible to encourage the wedding party to be leaders in this effort.

MUSIC

St. Joseph Parish adheres to the guidelines for music at weddings as established by the Catholic Rites for celebrating weddings. The music during the wedding ceremony is to be prayerful and of a religious nature. All couples who are planning to be married at St. Joe, must work with Kristan Gilles, our parish organist and Director of Liturgy. You will need to contact her (963-6485) to arrange a time to meet with her.

All who are present for the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony have a part in the liturgy. The music selected should enable all in attendance to participate in sung prayer. Wedding music should be not only an expression of sentiment, but also an appropriate aid to religious expression, with the lyrics expressing what is unique and distinct about Christian love. Certain pieces of music which are traditionally used at weddings, e.g. "pop" songs heard on the radio, are not to be used in the church ceremony but rather at the reception where the cultural and social prospects of marriage are celebrated. This music does not reflect the Christian nature of the gathering or the meaning of the sacrament.

The Director of Worship at St. Joseph Church will give you a list of approved musical selections from which you will be able to choose. She will also assist in arranging for an organist other musicians, or cantor/vocalist if desired. In choosing an organist and cantor, it is necessary that they be familiar with the Catholic Mass. Both a cantor and an organist are necessary for all weddings in this parish.

DECORATIONS

The church is our parish house. Couples are not permitted to remove and/or rearrange church furnishings and decorations at will. Flowers or greenery to decorate the church may be very expensive and are not necessary at the wedding. St. Joseph Catholic Church is very attractive as it is. Decorations are welcome but are not to interfere with the service. Decorations are subject to the approval of the pastor or his delegate. Seasonal (Advent, Christmas and Easter) decorations, flowers, etc. may not be altered or removed.

- Aisle Runner Aisle Runners are not necessary. Plastic or paper aisle runners are not permitted due to liability issues.
- Flowers and Greenery If you are scheduling a wedding during the season of Advent, Christmas or Easter, please be aware that there will already be flowers and decorations in place. If you are scheduling a wedding at another time during the year, there are a selection of ferns and greenery and a limited selection of silk flowers, which can be used to decorate the church for your wedding.
- Unity Candle A Unity Candle is not necessary. If a couple chooses to have a unity candle, it is not to be placed on the altar. It has a special place on the baptismal font. Lighted candles in the Catholic tradition have a connection with baptism where the baptized are given a lighted candle symbolizing the "light of Christ" they have received in baptism. If a couple chooses to use a unity candle, it is most appropriate that their baptismal candles be uses as part of this ritual. If a unity candle is used, please do not move candles until the wax solidifies to avoid spills or drips on the floor/carpet.
- Couples are not permitted to "rope off" or put any kind of decorations on any doors or pews
 that would prevent the flow of people in an out of church and/or pews. No items that cause
 damage to the altar, ambo, pews, etc (e.g. nails, tacks, tape, unpadded clamps, etc.) may be
 used.

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Photographs may be taken during the ceremony. A good rule of thumb for a photographer should be that they are able to do their job without being noticed. Professional photographers will have no problem doing this. All picture taking should be finished by 4:15 to allow for our regular Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 pm

VIDEO CAMERAS

Filming of the wedding is permitted. Again, the rule of thumb is that they not be a source of distraction to the wedding ceremony or the congregation. Placement of video cameras is subject to the approval of the presider. Cameras are usually placed in the balcony and/or on the side of the church. Videographers are not to be in the sanctuary or move around during the service.

BRIDE'S ROOM

It is most appropriate that couples come to the church dressed for the wedding. Sometimes, there is a need to freshen up or do some last minute adjustments to wedding gowns etc. School restrooms may be used for this purpose. It should be noted that these rooms are very small and not really conducive to be used as a dressing area. The wedding coordinator will make sure that such places are open and available for your use. The church may not be used for dressing. School restrooms and the church are to be cleared of all personal effects of the wedding party immediately after the ceremony.

RICE, BALLONS, PETALS, BUBBLES

- The custom of throwing rice (birdseed, etc.) at the church door is not allowed out of respect for the church as a place of worship, and because insurance regulations prohibit it.
- Balloons are not to be used at the church because they are an environmental hazard to birds and can become tangled in electrical wires and trees.
- Fresh or silk petals are not permitted to be strewn down the aisle.
- Bubbles may not be used inside or outside the church.

PROGRAMS

It is appropriate to prepare a worship aid (program) for your wedding. However it is not required. A sample copy of a worship aid is included with these guidelines. If you choose to prepare a program the following information will be of help to you. Please make the choice and size of type legible (the most common complaint heard about wedding programs is that they are not legible). A sample program is included with these guidelines.

ALTAR SERVERS

Normally altar servers are not assigned to weddings. If there are friends or relatives who wish to serve, the arrangements are made with the presider during the liturgy planning meeting.

REHEARSAL

The wedding rehearsal is a time of joy, a meeting of families and friends, at the beginning of the celebration of marriage. All decisions concerning the liturgy and the whole of the ceremony are to be completed before the rehearsal night. Every effort should be made to insure that the members of the wedding party arrive on time. The marriage license and any other necessary documents are to be brought to the rehearsal, if they have not already been given to the presider. The wedding rehearsal usually lasts thirty (30) minutes. It is not necessary for the ministers of music to be at the rehearsal.

COST

For members of St. Joseph Parish who are active in the life of the parish and who are actively support the parish with their financial contributions, there is no cost for the wedding. Parishioners who have not been supporting the parish financially are asked to make a contribution of \$200 to the church. Under special circumstances, couples from outside St. Joseph Parish will be allowed to schedule weddings at St. Joe. In such cases, these couples are asked to make a \$300 donation to the parish for use of the church.

SMOKING & BEVERAGES

Smoking is prohibited in the church and school at any time. The consumption of any beverage in church (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) prior to, during or following the wedding (and rehearsal) is prohibited. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on church property except at wedding receptions in the cafeteria.

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WEDDING LITURGY
PLANNING GUIDELINES

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR WEDDINGS THAT TAKE PLACE WITHIN A MASS

Greeting and Welcome Lighting of Parent Candles and Blessing by Parents (if a Unity Candle is used) **Opening Prayer** LITURGY OF THE WORD First Reading by a friend/relative Responsorial Psalm (always sung) Second Reading by friend/relative Gospel Acclamation (always sung) Gospel Reading by the priest/deacon Homily RITE OF MATRIMONY Address and statement of Intentions Exchange of Vows and Rings **Nuptial Blessing** Lighting of the Unity Candle Prayers of the Faithful LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST Presentation of the Gifts (friends or relatives) Holy, Holy (sung) Memorial Acclamation (sung) Great Amen (sung) The Lord's Prayer (never sung as a solo) Lamb of God (sung) Communion Song (sung) **CONCLUDING RITES Closing Prayer** Announcements (optional) Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR WEDDINGS THAT TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE OF MASS

Greeting and Welcome Lighting of Parent Candles and Blessing by Parents (if a Unity Candle is used) **Opening Prayer** LITURGY OF THE WORD First Reading by a friend/relative Responsorial Psalm (always sung) Second Reading by friend/relative Gospel Acclamation (always sung) Gospel Reading by the priest/deacon Homily RITE OF MATRIMONY Address and statement of Intentions Exchange of Vows and Rings **Nuptial Blessing** Lighting of the Unity Candle and Song (optional) Prayers of the Faithful The Lord's Prayer (never sung as a solo) **CONCLUDING RITES Closing Prayer** Announcements (optional) Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH WEDDING LITURGY PLANNER

REHEARSAL DATE & TIME:		
BRIDE:	GROOM:	
ORGANIST:	CANTOR:	
PRELUDE MUSIC:		
PROCESSION OF PARENTS' MUSIC:		
PROCESSION OF WEDDING P ARTY: _		
OPENING HYMN:		
FIRST READING & READER		:
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:		
SECOND READING & READER		:
GOSPEL READING:		
PRAYERS OF THE F AITHIFUL		
GIFT BEARERS OF BREAD & WINE: (2-4	people)	
SERVICE MUSIC SELECTION		
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: (3-5 peop	le)	
COMMUNION SONG		
RECESSIONAL:		

PRELUDE

Setting the stage for your wedding is very important. One key to this is to create a sense of hospitality for all the guests who are coming to the wedding. The people you choose as ushers are a key to creating this atmosphere of hospitality. You, as the wedding couple, are also key. Often times, couples spend the time before the wedding in nervous anticipation separated from one another. How much better it would be if you take the lead in greeting the people who have come to the wedding. Not only will it give you a chance to speak to your guests, it will also create an atmosphere that says you are happy to have them celebrate this day with you.

During this prelude period, you can select music from the following selections:

And On This Day (English)
Covenant Hymn (Cooney)
Household of Faith (Rosasco)
In Love We Choose to Live (Cotter)
In this Very Room (R. Harris)
May God Bless You (Van Grieken)
Not For Tongues of Heavens Angels
(Dudley-Smith)
Panis Angelicus (Franck)

Prayer of ST. Francis (Tempel)
The Prayer (Sager & Foster)
Together (R. Strder)
When Love is Found (Wren)
Where Love is Found)Schutte)
Wherever You God (Haas)
Wherever You Go (Norbert)
Instrumental Selections
By My Side (Porter)

He Has Chosen You for Me (Terry) How Beautiful (Paris) Love Is (Martin) Our Wedding Day (Van Gelderne) Surely The Presence of the Lord is in this Place The Wedding Song (There is Love)

SEATING OF PARENTS

It is most appropriate that both father and mother escort their daughter as well as their son in the procession at the beginning of the service. If you choose not to do this, then as parents are being seated, you may choose from the following selections:

Ave Maria (Bach/Gounod)
Ave Maria (Schubert)
In This Very Room (Harris)
Parents Prayer (Davis)

Never Be the Same (McSpadden) Instrumental Selection Appropriate song from Prelude Selections

PROCESSION OF BRIDE AND GROOM AND WITNESSES

The most appropriate and most desirable entrance is for the presider to greet the bride and groom and their parents and the witnesses at the church door and to lead them into church as the entrance song is being sung. For this entrance song, you ma choose from the following selections:

Glory and Praise to our God Gather Us In Holy God We Praise Thy Name Joyful, Joyful We Adore You Lift Up Your Hearts
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Sing A New Song
Sing to the Mountains
Hear Us Now, Our God and Father

If it seems desirable, that the bride and groom and witnesses process into church accompanied by instrumental music, you may choose from the following selections:

Bridal March from "Rebecca" (Barnby)
Canon in D (Pachelbel)
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach)
Rondeau (Mouret)

Trumpet Tune (Purcell)
Trumpet Voluntary (J. Clarke)

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Although it is not required, if a couple chooses to use a Unity Candle, the parents of the bride and groom will be invited forward to light special candles and to have a special blessing for their son and daughter.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

You will need to choose a person to proclaim the scripture readings to the assembly. Since we are celebrating marriage, it is most desirable to choose a married couple to proclaim the scriptures. You may choose a reading from the following selections. (Please note that each scripture passage is highlighted in such a way that a married couple could share in proclaiming these readings to the assembly.)

FIRST READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES (OLD TESTAMENT)

(Choose one of the following)

1 A Reading from the Book of Genesis Genesis 1:26-28, 31a

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 divine image 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

A Reading from the Book of Genesis
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 the 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.

The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the Book of Genesis 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-lahairoi 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.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of Tobit Tobit 7:9-10, 11-15

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. She is yours according to the decree of the Book of Moses. Your marriage to her has been decided in heaven! Take your kinswomen; 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 seals.

Afterward they began to eat and drink.

The Word of the Lord

5 A Reading from the Book of Tobit Tobit 8: 5-7

On the wedding night Sarah got up, and she and Tobiah started to pray and beg that deliverance might be theirs. He began with these words:

"Blessed are you, 0 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."

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the 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 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 said 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.

The Word of the Lord

7 A Reading from the Book of Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16

Happy the husband of a good wife, twicelengthened 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 a surpassing worth. Choicest of blessings is a modest wife, priceless her chaste person. Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

The Word of the Lord.

8 A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah 31: 31-32, 33-34

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 kinsmen how to know the lord. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

RRESPONSORAL PSALM

The responsorial psalm is always sung, led by the cantor. You may choose one of the following selections:

Psalm 98: All the Ends of the Earth (Haas, Haugen)
Psalm 145: I Will Praise Your Name,
My King and My God (Haugen)

Psalm 34: Taste and See (Joncas) Psalm 25: To You O Lord (Soper) Psalm 114-115 We Praise You (Balhoff, Ducote, Daigle) Forever I Will Sing of the Goodness of the Lord (Buscelli) Psalm 98 All The Ends of the Earth (Janet Vogt) God is Love (John 15) Sammet

READING FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES (NEW TESTAMENT)

(Choose one of the following)

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

If God is for us, who can be against us? Is it possible that he who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for the sake of us all will not grant us all things besides? Who can bring a charge against God's chosen ones? God, who justifies? Who can condemn them? Christ Jesus, who died or rather was raised up, who is at the right hand of God and who intercedes for us?

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Trial, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword? Yet in all this we are more than conquerors because of him who has loved us. For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 12: 1-2, 9-18

Brothers and sisters, I beg you through the mercy of God to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this

age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you may judge what is God's will, what is good, pleasing and perfect

Your love must be sincere. Detest what is evil, cling to what is good. Love one another with the affection of brothers. Anticipate each other in showing respect Do not grow slack but be fervent in spirit; he whom you serve is the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, persevere in prayer.

Look on the needs of the saints as your own; be generous in offering hospitality. Bless your persecutors; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same attitude toward all. Put away ambitious thoughts and associate with those who are lowly.

Do not be wise in your own estimation. Never repay injury with injury. See that your conduct is honorable in the eyes of all. If possible live peaceably with everyone.

The Word of the Lord

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20

The body is not for immorality, it is for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. God, who raised up the Lord, will raise us also by his

power. Do you not see that you are members of the Body of Christ?

But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun lewd conduct. Every other sin a person commits is outside his body, but the fornicator sins against his own body you must know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is within - the Spirit you have received from God. You are not your own. You have been purchased, and at what a price! So glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 12"31, 13:8a

Set your hearts on the greater gifts. I will show you the way which surpasses all the others. If I speak with human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and, with full knowledge, comprehend all mysteries, if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give everything I have to feed the poor and hand over my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger; neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33

Follow the way of love, even as Christ loved you. He gave himself for us. Defer to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives should be submissive to their husbands as if to the Lord because the husband is head of his wife as Christ is head of his body the church, as well as its savior. As the church submits to Christ, so wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church. He gave himself up for her to make her holy, purifying her in the bath of water by the power of the word, to present to himself a glorious church, holy and immaculate, without stain or wrinkle or anything of that sort. Husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. Observe that no one ever hates his own flesh; no, he nourishes it and takes care of it as Christ cares for the church - for we are members of his body.

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cling to his wife, and the two shall be made into one." This is a great foreshadowing; I mean that it refers to Christ and the church.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians 3:12-17

Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourself with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another, forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you.

Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect. Christ's peace must reign in your hearts, since as members of the one body you have been called to that peace. Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness. Let the word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you. In wisdom made perfect, instruct and admonish one another. Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns, and inspired songs.

Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.

7 A Reading from the First Letter of Peter 3:1-9

You married women must obey your husbands, so that any of them who do not believe in the word of the gospel may be won over apart from preaching, through their wives' conduct. They have only to observe the reverent purity of your way of life.

The affectation of an elaborate hairdress, the wearing of golden jewelry, or the donning of rich robes is not for you. Your adornment is rather the hidden character of the heart, expressed in the unfading beauty of a calm and gentle disposition. This is precious in God's eyes. The holy women of past ages used to adorn themselves in this way, reliant on God and obedient to their husbands - for example, Sarah, who was subject to Abraham and called him her master. You are her children when you do what is right and let no fears alarm you.

You husbands, too, must show consideration for those who share your lives. Treat women with respect, heirs just as much as you to the gracious gift of life. If you do so, nothing will keep your prayers from being answered.

In summary, then, all of you should be likeminded, sympathetic, loving toward one another, kindly disposed, and humble. Do not return evil for evil or insult for insult. Return a blessing instead. This you have been called to do, that you may receive a blessing as your inheritance.

The Word of the Lord

8 A Reading from the First Letter of John 3: 18-24

Little children, let us love in deed and in truth, and not merely talk about it. This is our way of knowing we are committed to the truth and at peace before him no matter what our consciences may charge us with; for God is greater than our hearts and all is known to him.

Beloved, if our consciences have nothing to charge us with, we can be sure that God is with us and that we will receive at his hands whatever we ask. Why? Because we are keeping his commandments and doing what is pleasing in his sight. His commandment is this: we are to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and are to love one another as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him and he in them. And this is how we know that he remains in us: from the Spirit that he gave us.

The Word of the Lord.

9 A Reading from the First Letter of John 1John 4: 7-12

Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten of God and has knowledge of God. The person without love has known nothing of God, for God is love. God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: he sent his only Son to the world that we might have life through him.

Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that he has loved us and has sent his Son as an offering for our sins. Beloved, if God has loved us so, we must have the same love for one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another God dwells in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

The Word of the Lord.

10 A Reading from the Book of Revelation 19: 5-9

I, John, heard what sounded like the loud song of a great assembly in heaven. They were singing: "Alleluia! Salvation, glory and might belong to our God."

A voice coming from the throne cried out "Praise our God, all you his servants. the small and the great. who revere him!" Then I heard what sounded like the shouts of a great crowd, or the roaring of the deep, or mighty peals of thunder. as they cried:

"Alleluia! The Lord is king, our God, the Almighty! Let us rejoice and be glad, and give him glory! For this is the wedding day of the Lamb. His bride has prepared herself for the

wedding. She has been given a dress to wear made of finest linen, brilliant white." (The linen dress is the virtuous deeds of God's saints.)

The angel then said to me: "Write this down. Happy are they who have been invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb."

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Our Director of Worship will help you choose a Gospel Acclamation that is familiar to the congregation

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel is proclaimed by the Presider (Priest) or the Deacon) You may choose one of the following Gospel passages

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds he went up on the mountainside. After he had sat down his disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them: "How blest are the poor in spirit; the reign of God is theirs. Blest too are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled. (Blest are the lowly; they shall inherit the land.) Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; they shall have their fill. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are the single-hearted for they shall see God. Blest too the peacemakers; they shall be called sons of God. Blest are those persecuted for holiness' sake; the reign of God is Blest are you when they insult you theirs. and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice, for you reward in heaven is great"

The Gospel of the Lord.

2 A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But what if salt goes flat? How can you restore its flavor? Then it is good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket. They set it on a stand where it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before men so that they may see goodness in your acts and give praise to your heavenly Father.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Jesus said to his disciples: "None of those who cry out, 'Lord, Lord will enter the kingdom of God but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

"Anyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like the wise person who built his house on rock. When the rainy season set in, the torrents came and the winds blew and buffeted his house. It did not collapse; it had been solidly set on rock. Anyone who hears my words but does not put them into practice is like the foolish man who built his house on sandy ground. The rains fell, the torrents came, the winds blew and lashed against his house. It collapsed under all this and was completely ruined."

Jesus finished this discourse and left the crowds spellbound at his teaching. The rea-

son was that he taught with authority and not like the scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew 19:3-6

Some Pharisees came up to Jesus and said, to test him, "May a man divorce his wife for any reason whatever?" He replied, "Have you not read that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female and declared, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and cling to his wife, and the two shall become as one?' Thus they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, let no one separate what God has joined."

The Gospel of the Lord.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew 22:35-40

One of the Pharisees, a lawyer, in an attempt to trip up Jesus, asked him, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?"

Jesus said to him: "'You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments the whole law is based, and the prophets as well"

The Gospel of the Lord.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Mark 10:6-9

Jesus said: "At the beginning of creation God made them male and female; for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and the two shall become as one. They are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore let no man separate what God has joined."

The Gospel of the Lord.

7 A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had likewise been invited to the celebration. At a certain point the wine ran out, and Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine." Jesus replied, "Woman, how does this concern of yours involve me? My hour has not yet come." His mother instructed those waiting on tables, "Do whatever he tells you."

As prescribed for Jewish ceremonial washings, there were at hand six stone water jars, each one holding fifteen to twenty-five gallons. "Fill those jars with water," Jesus ordered, at which they filled them to the brim. "Now," he said, "draw some out and take it to the waiter in charge." They did as he instructed them. The waiter in charge tasted the water made wine, without knowing where it had come from; the waiter in charge called the groom over and remarked to him:

"People usually serve the choice wine first; then when the guests have been drinking a while, a lesser vintage. What you have done is keep the choice wine until now. Jesus performed this first of his signs at Cana in Galilee. Thus did he reveal his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John 15:-9-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love. You will live in my love if you keep my commandments, even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and live in his love. All this I tell you that my joy may be yours and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you."

The Gospel of the Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's live for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer speak of you as slaves, for a slave does not know what his master is about. Instead, I call you friends, since I have made known to you all that I heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so that all you ask the Father in my name he will give you."

The Gospel of the Lord

A Reading from the Gospel
According to John
17:20-23

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: "Holy Father, I do not pray for my disciples alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their word. That they may be one as you, Father, are in me, and I in you; I pray that they may be (one) in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me that they may be one as we are one - I living in them you living in me -that their unity may be complete. So shall the world know that you sent me, and that you loved them as you loved me."

HOMILY

RITE OF MARRIAGE

Address and statement of Intentions—The Bride and Groom are asked to publicly state their intentions by answering the following questions:

Have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage? I have.

Will you love and honor each other as husband and wife for the rest of your lives I will

Will you accept children as a gift from God and share your faith with them? I will

Exchange of Vows

I (N) take you (N) to be my wife (husband) I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad times, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.

Blessing of Rings

Exchange of Rings (N), take this ring as a sing of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

NUPTIAL BLESSING

Background "Enter the Journey..."

Presider: Dear friends, let us turn to our God and pray for N. and N. who have come before us pledging their love for each other. As they begin their journey as husband and wife, we ask that you bless them with love.

Enter the Journey

Give them a love that draws them ever closer together in friendship and fidelity, to greater depths of kind kindness and compassion. A love that calls them to new vision and growth. May they put their trust in each other and recognize each other as true partners in life.

Enter the Journey

Give them a love that soothes their heartaches and eases their pain, a love that enable them to believe in each other, a love that enables them to forgive again and again. A love that urges them to take risks and to have courage; a love that helps them embrace in each other the part that is hardest to love.

Enter the Journey

Bless them with a love that is open to the possibility of new life. A love that enables them to see you face in all the people that come into their lives, a love that offers the hand of welcome to others and stirs up in them a genuine spirit of hospitality

Enter the Journey

Bless them with many happy years on earth, children to nurture and care for, and friends to walk with them through all the joys and sorrows of their life. Give them a love that ripens their souls for their final journey home. Hold them tenderly in your hands, O God, and guide them all the days of their life.

The congregation is invited to join in this blessing. The cantor will lead a sung response: "Bless them on their Journey"

Lighting of the Unity Candle (Optional)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

You will need to choose a person to lead the congregation in the prayers of the faithful Again it is most desirable to choose a married couple to do this.

PRESIDER: We have listened to the word of God. Let us now ask God to listen to us, to bless our words of prayer Which we offer for the people of the world.

READER: The response is "Lord, hear our prayer."

For leaders of Church and state, for heads of institutions. for heads of homes and households. May they will lead us and guide us as we seek to do the will of God in our lives. We pray.

For all married people especially N. and N., who are married today. May they have the courage to walk confidently with God all the days of their life. We pray

For all young single people who look forward to a vocation full of life and full of love. We pray

For the lonely old and the lonely young, for the hungry rich and the hungry poor. For the sick in body, mind, and spirit. We pray......

For our relatives and friends who walk with us on life's journey and for those who have gone before us to the other side of life. We pray.

PRESIDER: These are our words of prayer today. For ourselves and all human beings. Tomorrow there will be others. Lord God the beloved of humankind who has first loved us, give our words by your listening the power of your word so that all things may be accomplished for the happiness of all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: You will need to select 2 people to bring the gifts of bread and wine from the assembly to the Presider **MUSIC:** Our Director of Liturgy will help you choose an Instrumental Selection or an appropriate congregational song.

SERVICE MUSIC (HOLY, MEMORIAL ACCLMATIONS, AMEN, LAMB OF GOD) Our Director of Liturgy will help you choose a setting that is familiar to the congregation.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (This is NEVER sung as a solo, but recited together.

COMMUNION RITE: Communion is always shared with the assembly under the forms of bread and wine. Depending on the number of people in attendance, you will need to arrange for 3-5 people to serve as Ministers of Communion. It is most appropriate for the bride and groom to be Ministers of Communion.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION: You may choose from the following selections:

Eat This Bread (Berthier)
Eye Has Not Seen (Haugen)
Here I am Lord (Schutte)
I Have Loved You (Joncas)

On Eagles Wings (Joncas)
One Bread One Body (Foly)
Taste and See (Moore)
We are Many Parts (Haugen)

CONCLUDING RITES

CLOSING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Optional)

RECESSIONAL You may choose from the following selections

Hornpipe (Handel) Ode to Joy (Beethoven) Psalm XVIII (Marcello) Prelude in Classic Style (Young)
Trumpet Tune (Purcell)

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE OUTSIDE OF MASS

When the marriage is celebrated outside of Mass, the same format is followed, except that the Liturgy of the Eucharist is not celebrated. After the Prayers of the Faithful are offered, the assembly joins together in praying the Our Father. The Marriage Ceremony concludes with the Concluding Rite as it does with a marriage celebrated within a Mass.

SPECIAL NOTES

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Scripture readings other than those presented here can be used.

MUSIC: Other repertoire may be allowed pending the approval of the pastor and Director of Music. The music must be sacred, liturgical, religious in nature. Other classical selections may be allowed as well.

THIS PAGE CAN BE USED TO LIST THE WEDDING ATTENDANTS AND OTHER SPECIAL PEOPLE

(If you are going to put the name of the priest who is presiding at the wedding, the correct way to do this is to list him as follws:

PRESIDER: Rev. Gene Schroeder

Celebrating the Marriage of Pat Young and Mary Jo Southern



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PREKUDE

In Love We choose to Live Prayer of St. Francis Where Love is Found Panis Angelics

SEATING OF PARENTS: Ave Mariea

ENTRANCE OF BIRDE AND GROOM AND WITNESSES: Trumpet Voluntary

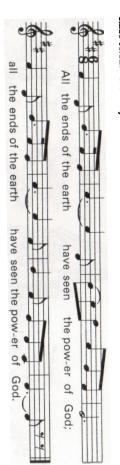
ORDER OF WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF PARENT CANDLES AND OPENING PRAYER:

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING: From the Book of Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16 Don and Carolyn Hutchinson

RESPONSE: Please join the cantor in the following refrain



SECOND READING: Colossian 3:12-17 Marty and Len Herrel

ALLELUIA: Please join the cantor in singing the Alleluia

GOSPEL: John 15: 9-12 Fr. Gene Schroeder

HOMILY Fr. Gene Schroeder

RITE OF MARRIAGE

ADRESS TO BRIDE AND GROOM AND DECLEARTION OF CONCENT

EXCHANGE OF VOWS AND RINGS

LIGHTING OF UNITY CANDLE

(Please join the Cantor in singing the singing the refrain:

Bless Them on Their Journey

Prayers of the Faithful: RESPONSE: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER Eloise and Charlie Berg
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF BREAD AND WINE: John and Mary Beth Barthel

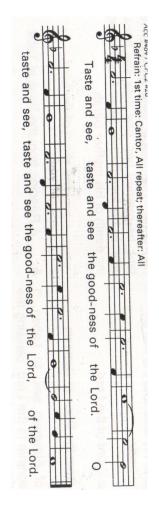
EUCHARISTIC PRAFYR: Please join the cantor in singing the refrains

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

COMMUNION MINISTERS: Jim and Renee Wolf, Josh and Kim Vaal, Jodi Lutz

COMMUNION SONG: Taste and See



DISMISSAL RITE

CLOSING PRAYER

BLESSING OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

FINAL BLESSING

INTRODUCTION OF NEWLYWEDS

RECESSIONAL Prelude in Classic Style

You are invited to join Pat and Mary Jo at the reception immediately following the ceremony

NUPTIAL BLESSING

Enter the Journey

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PSALM RESPONSE FOR WEDDINGS

RESPONSE: We will walk in the presence of the Lord.

May he bless and keep us on our journey.

How I feel like singing, announcing to <u>the</u> world Your faithful <u>love</u>, O Lord.

You have shown the greatness <u>of</u> your love;
By covenant you chose us <u>as</u> your own

We will walk in the presence of the Lord. May he bless and keep us on our journey.

How bless are they who know the joy<u>ous</u> grace
That comes from <u>prais</u>ing you.
At your very name how <u>they</u> rejoice,
Their hearts re<u>flect</u> your love.

We will walk in the presence of the Lord. May he bless and keep us on our journey.

For you are <u>our</u> splendor,
The reason <u>for</u> our strength;
The casue of all our <u>hopes</u> and dreams,
Only by your love do we exist.

We will walk in the presence of the Lord. May he bless and keep us on our journey.

NUPTIAL BLESSING

Dear friends, lets us pray for God's blessings upon N. and N. that he may pour out his blessing upon them, as we sing

RESPONSE: We will walk in the presence of the Lord.

May he bless and keep us on our journey.

Creator God, maker of the whole world
who created women and men in your own image
and willed that their union be crowned with your blessing,
we prayer for N. and N.
May your abundant blessing
come down upon (bride) and upon (groom) her companion for life.
May the power of the Holy Spirit set their hearts aflame
so that, living our together the gift of Matrimony
they may bless and enrich your people
with the gift of their lives and the gift of their children.

RESPONSE: We will walk in the presence of the Lord.

May he bless and keep us on our journey.

May they praise you in happiness.
In sorrow, may they seek you out.
May they have the joy of your presence
to assist them in their journey
and know that you are near
to comfort them in their need.
Let they pray to you in the holy assembly
and bear witness to you in the world.
And, after a happy old age,
together with the circle of family and friends that surround them
may they come to the Kingdom of heaven

RESPONSE: We will walk in the presence of the Lord.

May he bless and keep us on our journey.

OPENING PRAYER

Be attentive to our prayers, O Lord.
In your kindness pour out your grace upon (N. and N.)
May they be confirmed in love for one another
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son
who lives and reigns with you
in the uity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for evr and ever. Amen

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

In your kindness, Lord, receive the offerings we bring in gladness before you.

In your love for us

Watch over (N. and N.) whom you have joined in a sacramental covenant.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

PREFACE

It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give your thanks, Lord. holy Father, almighty and eternal God. In Jesus Christ you have made a new covenant with your people, so that having redeemed us by the mystery of Chrit's Death and Resurrection, you might make them partakers of divine mystery and heirs with him of heavenly glory. In the union of husband and wife, you give a sing of Christ's loving gift of grace so that the Sacrament we celebrate might draws us back more deeply into the wonderous design of your love. And so, with the Angles and all the Saints, we praise you and without end, we sing together

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

You have made us partakers at your table, O Lord.
We prayer that N. and N. who are united in the Sacrament of Marriage may always hold fast to you and proclaim your name to the world.

Through Christ our Lord.