

Fees and Stipends

Although the sacraments are gifts of the church provided at no cost to the faithful, continued maintenance of the church is significant and ongoing. As an active member of this generous faith community, the fees and stipends listed below represent only the smallest portion of the actual cost of celebrating your marriage in our church.

Parish Priest/Deacon: The stipend for the clergy is a free-will gift made in view of the time and service the priest has provided in the preparation process. It is customary to offer the priest at least **\$100.00** for his assistance.

Music: The Director of Music assists in planning the music selections, serves as the organist/pianist and works with the cantor/singer(s) and any instrumentalists for the wedding. The fees for these services are **\$200.00** for the Director of Music and **\$75.00** for a Parish Cantor. Friends or relatives may serve as musicians, with approval of the Director of Music. All music selections made with guest musicians must also be approved by the Director of Music.

Wedding Rehearsal Coordinator: The Wedding Rehearsal Coordinator runs the wedding rehearsal, sets up for your wedding, and assists in the celebration of your wedding. One will be assigned to you when your wedding date is set. A **\$150.00** fee is required for their service.

Altar Server: Every wedding requires altar servers. If it's a Mass, three (3) servers are required; no Mass requires at least one (1) server. Servers may be a friend of the family or a family member, as long as they can fulfill the tasks of serving at the altar. The parish is also able to provide altar servers. If a parish server is needed, contact the parish office. It is customary to offer the server at least **\$10.00** for his/her service.

Custodian: The custodian will clean the rooms after the wedding and helps set up for the wedding. A **\$30** fee is required for their service.

Live Stream: This will provide a live stream of your wedding on our parish youtube channel. A **\$100** fee is required for this service.

Fees and stipends are due one month prior to a planned wedding. A fee will be collected to cover the customary stipends for clergy, altar servers and wedding rehearsal coordinators. This amount also includes fees incurred for services provided by the Director of Music and the cantor you select. The total amount due is \$585 for a wedding with a Mass and \$565 for a wedding outside of Mass. If you are requesting a livestream of your wedding please add an additional \$100 to your total. Thank you!

Deposit

In addition, a \$100 deposit fee must be paid at the time the wedding date is set with the Wedding Coordinator. The deposit is to ensure that all wedding policies are followed and the facility is left in proper condition after the ceremony. Additionally, all media materials borrowed from the Marriage Preparation class must be returned within a month after the date of the class. If a couple is compliant with these mentioned policies, the deposit will be returned after the wedding ceremony. **The deposit will be forfeited if rehearsal is delayed more than 10 minutes past the agreed upon start time.** Please be sure to provide an updated address, so we can return the deposit.

Non-parishioner Facility Usage Fee

Non-parishioners may be married at St. Matthew the Apostle Church. They are required to complete St. Matthew's marriage preparation process. The facility usage fee for non-parishioners is an additional \$1000. This fee, along with the \$100 deposit, is due at the time of scheduling.