



Getting Married at St. Michael

Congratulations on your engagement!

SNAPSHOT OF INFORMATION

RESERVING YOUR WEDDING DATE

- Weddings are scheduled for 11 am and 2 pm on Saturdays.
- Rehearsals are held the Friday night before, at 5 pm, with the presider.
- Weddings are scheduled 6-12 months in advance by calling Sue Miyashita, at
 - 804.527.1037 x 114 | admin@saint-mikes.org.
- Your first meeting with a priest or deacon should occur 6 months prior to the wedding date.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

- As Roman Catholics, we believe when a man and woman promise each other to enter a permanent relationship, only dissolved by death, to be faithful in all ways every day of their lives, then the marriage is a sacrament.
- The community of St. Michael Catholic Church wants to join with you, your family, and friends in this sacred proclamation of marriage.
- Marriage is celebrated by the bride and groom and presided over by a priest or deacon.
- The liturgical celebration includes the proclamation of God's word and the exchange of vows, in the presence of two witnesses and a priest or deacon.
- If the bride and groom are both Catholic, the liturgical celebration may include the Eucharist.

LITURGICAL ROLES WITHIN THE WEDDING

- The *bride and groom* are the ministers of the Sacrament of Marriage.
- The *presider* welcomes the congregation, witnesses the couple's commitment, preaches, celebrates the Eucharist (*priest* only), and blesses the marriage.
- *Music Ministers* of St. Michael play and sing at the wedding. The *cantor* assists in planning the music and produces the Order of Worship.
- The *head minister* assists the priest, when Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated.
- The *Wedding Coordinator* assists the bride and groom at the rehearsal and wedding celebration (procession, bride room, timing, etc.).

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED

- Both the bride and groom (Catholic or Baptized Christian) must provide a baptism certificate, updated and provided from the church, within 6 months of the wedding date.
- The bride and groom each need to provide Freedom to Marry Affidavits, signed by parents or sibling.
- Pre-Cana formation certificate must be provided, as verification of marriage prep completion.
- If either the bride or groom has been previously married, proof of annulment must be completed. This process needs to be done far in advance, to allow enough time to complete the annulment, before beginning marriage preparation.