



Celebrating The Sacrament of Marriage

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH
PART OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTHEAST KANSAS

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A letter to Engaged Couples

Dear Engaged Couple:

Congratulations! A time of engagement is a most exciting time as you prepare to live the rest of your lives together in marriage. Corpus Christi Community rejoices with you. We are privileged to walk with you in the preparations toward your permanent covenant of love.

This time of preparation provides an opportunity to reflect on your sacramental marriage as a living witness of God's love for all of us. Our process of marriage preparation here in our faith community is designed to plan a prayerful celebration of your vows and to initiate a life-long marriage covenant bonded in love.

We are here to help you plan a Liturgy. This is very different from a marriage ceremony. There are many popular books and magazines written to prepare the "perfect wedding." More often than not, these resources emphasize things that are not consistent with the Church's vision of prayer, sacraments, and Liturgy. The popular magazines put undue pressure on couples to have a flawless production. Yet, God has a terrific sense of humor and is a God of surprises! There will be changes and not everything will go as scripted. But at the end of the day, we will have celebrated a covenant of marriage vows. Nothing else is of greater importance for that day than the spoken vows between husband and wife.

Our gift to you will be a memorable, prayerful, joyous celebration of your vows. This faith community is committed to assisting you prepare and celebrate a very sacred occasion. We will help avoid the temptation to plan a staged production.

This booklet is designed to assist you in this process of preparation and celebration. At Corpus Christi we have many beautiful and prayerful wedding liturgies. With the opening of this Church in 2000, we are blessed with a beautifully designed space. Our Director of Music Ministry and Wedding Liaison will generously share their time and gifts with you in this preparation.

Our prayer for you during these months of preparation is that you may come to an ever deeper appreciation of your marriage vocation and come to your wedding day to celebrate this call to be living sacraments of God's love. Together may you follow the way of love as Christ loved you (Ephesians 5:2).

All graces and blessings,



Fr. Mick Mulvany
Pastor

SCHEDULING A DATE

Friends and family will immediately ask, "Have you set a date?" **Before** setting a date there are several things to consider:

- ◆ Marriage preparation takes at least six months. Occasionally, more time is needed.
- ◆ Certain days within the Church's liturgical calendar do not permit celebrating the Rite of Marriage.
- ◆ The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas does not permit Saturday evening weddings.

Couples in the Lawrence vicinity:

- ◆ At Corpus Christi couples need to attend an Engaged Couple's meeting which are scheduled every three months.
- ◆ Setting a date requires verifying **TWO schedules**:
 - Church availability to ensure the church building does not have another scheduled liturgy
 - A priest's personal calendar. The witnessing priest can be the local pastor or a priest from another parish, diocese, family member or family friend. *(Priests from outside the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas are required to have letter of good standing from their local chancery sent to Corpus Christi at least four months prior to wedding date.)*
- ◆ The date preferred will be secured when the first two items are complete, along with a **\$500 fee**. This covers the church expenses, preparation materials, and Wedding Liaison stipend. Refunds will be made should cancellations occur, at the rate of \$200.
- ◆ Couples who are not members of Corpus Christi will pay a **fee of \$1500**. Refunds will be made should cancellations occur, at the rate of \$650.

Couples outside Lawrence:

- ◆ Couples can call and talk with the Executive Assistant to the Pastor, Cristy Sullivan (785.843.6426). **Two schedules** need to be consulted:
 - Church availability to ensure the church building does not have another scheduled liturgy. Parish office personnel can verify this at the time of your call.
 - A priest's personal calendar. If you want the local pastor to be the witnessing priest, the office staff will give the date and information to the pastor. If a priest from another parish, diocese, family member or family friend is to witness the celebration, we need the name, contact information, and or written statement from the priest committing to the day and time. *(Priests from outside the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas are required to have letter of good standing from their local chancery sent to Corpus Christi at least four months prior to wedding date.)*

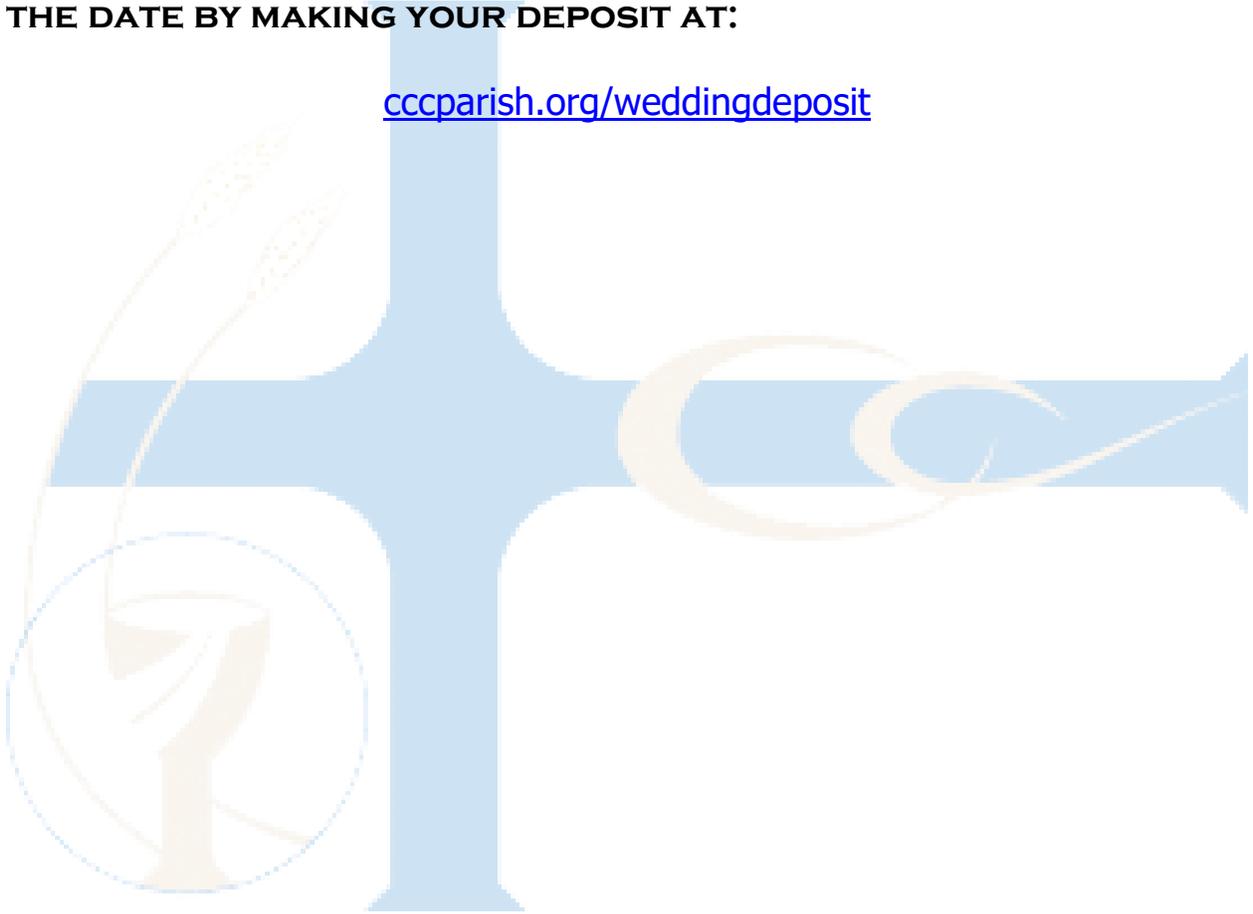
- ◆ A date will be secured when the first two items are complete, along with a **\$1200** fee. This covers church expenses, preparation process, and Wedding Liaison stipend. Refunds will be made for cancellations at the rate of \$650.

INQUIRING ABOUT A DATE TO SCHEDULE CAN BE HANDLED BY EMAILING:

marriage@cccparish.org

IF YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT THE DATE IS OPEN, YOU WILL SECURE THE DATE BY MAKING YOUR DEPOSIT AT:

cccparish.org/weddingdeposit



PAPERWORK

At the initial meeting you can expect to share your story. Our lives are a collection of lived experiences, encounters with one another and accompanied by the loving Spirit of God. We want to hear your story so that we can celebrate the story of your lives coming together in a bond of marriage. Within the web of your stories we will need the following information:

- ◆ Both parties must be legally free to marry under Church and civil law. Since marriage is a permanent bond, any previous marriage, even if it was only a civil marriage will need to be reviewed by the priest. We can help you work through these situations and are prepared to do so with love and charity.
- ◆ Catholics will need to obtain a baptismal certificate issued within the last six (6) months from the original church of baptism. If you're unsure when and where it took place, ask your parents. We will make the call and obtain the certificate on your behalf.
- ◆ Scheduling – see previous page. We will talk about scheduling options. Generally we schedule weddings at these available times:
 - Friday evenings at 5:30 PM or 6:00 PM
 - Saturdays at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM (2 weddings can be scheduled.)
- ◆ Corpus Christi's permission must be obtained before inviting a priest, deacon, or minister from outside the parish to witness the wedding. The visiting priest or deacon may be asked to prepare the pre-nuptial forms and documents. For inter-faith marriages, other Christian ministers, Jewish Rabbis, and other religious leaders are welcome to participate in the ceremony. Coordination will be made with the pastor for these arrangements. The presiding priest will secure the necessary permissions from the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas in order for the marriage to take place in such situations.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

The process of preparation generally entails three main components: Meeting with a Wedding Liaison/Priest, meeting with the Director of Music and completing the marriage preparation program.

Meeting with a Wedding Liaison

- ◆ The couple must sign up for one of the Engaged Couples Meetings. At this meeting marriage paperwork for the Archdiocese and a communication assessment tool called the FOCCUS will be taken care of.
- ◆ The couple will meet again (at least once) with the wedding liaison to go over the wedding liturgy, make sure all paperwork is complete, and to have all questions answered.

Meeting with Priest

- ◆ The pastor will make a second appointment to review the outcomes of the assessment tool.
- ◆ Another meeting may be scheduled to go over the liturgy of the sacrament.

Marriage Prep Couple

Perhaps the very best part of the marriage preparation process is the opportunity we provide to meet with other married couples. They will share with you the joy of marriage, the challenges they have faced, the techniques and the ways that they have overcome some difficult times, what has worked well, what hasn't, and how they have created a successful marriage! They're the experts. They are loving couples who are committed to helping our young couples flourish in their newfound love and commitment to one another.

Couples preparing for marriage must commit to an Engaged Encounter Weekend. It is your responsibility to ensure that this preparation is completed within 4 weeks of the date of marriage. These sessions and married couples who coordinate them help the pastor or witnessing priest assess readiness for marriage.

Engaged Encounter Weekend

Statistical studies are clear that couples who dedicate an entire weekend to an Engaged Encounter Weekend have significantly higher percentages of success in their marriage and are much more likely to stay together.

Engaged Encounter Weekends are held 4-6 times a year in Kansas City (Kansas City, MO-St. Joseph diocese and Wichita diocese are also available). Information can be obtained in our office. A fee of \$225 covers the cost of the weekend. It's an investment well worth making. Our office is committed to helping subsidize any couple who would like to go and might not do so because of financial constraints. Please ask and we will help. To download a copy of the

Archdiocesan Engaged Encounter registration go to www.archkck.org/family-life/mfl-2015-marriage-prep-engaged-encounter-

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Introductory Course

The Archbishop of our archdiocese has made it a requirement for all couples married in the Church in our archdiocese to attend an introductory course (usually 90 minutes). Natural Family Planning (NFP) is not your grandma's "rhythm method"! NFP is a research-based method of spacing births that is not only effective but healthy for the woman and the couple's relationship. Since there is so much misunderstanding about NFP, the Archbishop feels it is important for each couple to become familiar with it before marriage. You can fulfill this requirement by going to either of these sites and registering (\$40 fee):

- www.archkck.org/family-life/intro-to-nfp
- www.archkck.org/family-life/mfl-find-an-nfp-class

At times, couples may be asked to enter into more extended and professional marriage counseling at the recommendation of the pastor, the lead couple, or both. Sometimes this is recommended to get a more professional opinion on a particular matter or aspect of the couple's relationship. Couples preparing for marriage who are recommended for further counseling must show a willingness to commit to counseling in order for marriage preparations and church details to continue.

THE LITURGICAL CELEBRATION

- To help our parish coordinate the wedding liturgy, we **require** our bridal couples to use the services of a Wedding Liaison.
- The Church teaches us that all liturgy should be guided by the principle of **NOBLE SIMPLICITY**. This means that when we come to pray together, our liturgical prayer focuses attention on our primary Catholic symbols with a minimum of clutter or distraction.
- In the Liturgy for the Rite of Marriage the bride and groom are the primary symbols and their most important action is the exchange of consent and their vows. Everything else is subordinate to this action.
- The Rite of Marriage asks for **TWO PRIMARY WITNESSES**. At times a couple may want to honor special friends by including them as secondary witnesses. As Catholics, the entire assembly is the witness to the primary action of the exchange of vows. When couples ask numerous friends and family to be secondary witnesses it can send the signal that all of the invited family, friends and guests—the assembly, are less important than the role of the attendants. Thus, at Corpus Christi we suggest that the wedding party be limited to 3 to 5 couples.
- **READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE:** A choice of readings from scripture can be found on the website. We encourage you to download it and spend some time thinking about what speaks to you in these readings from sacred scripture. Couples can choose three readings:
 - First Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)
 - Second Reading from the New Testament
 - Gospel Reading (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) See Blue BookFriends or family members with a good speaking voice can be selected by the couple to proclaim the first and second readings. Those chosen need not be Catholic. We are happy to have other Christian brothers and sisters be a part of the ritual and proclaim the Word of God.

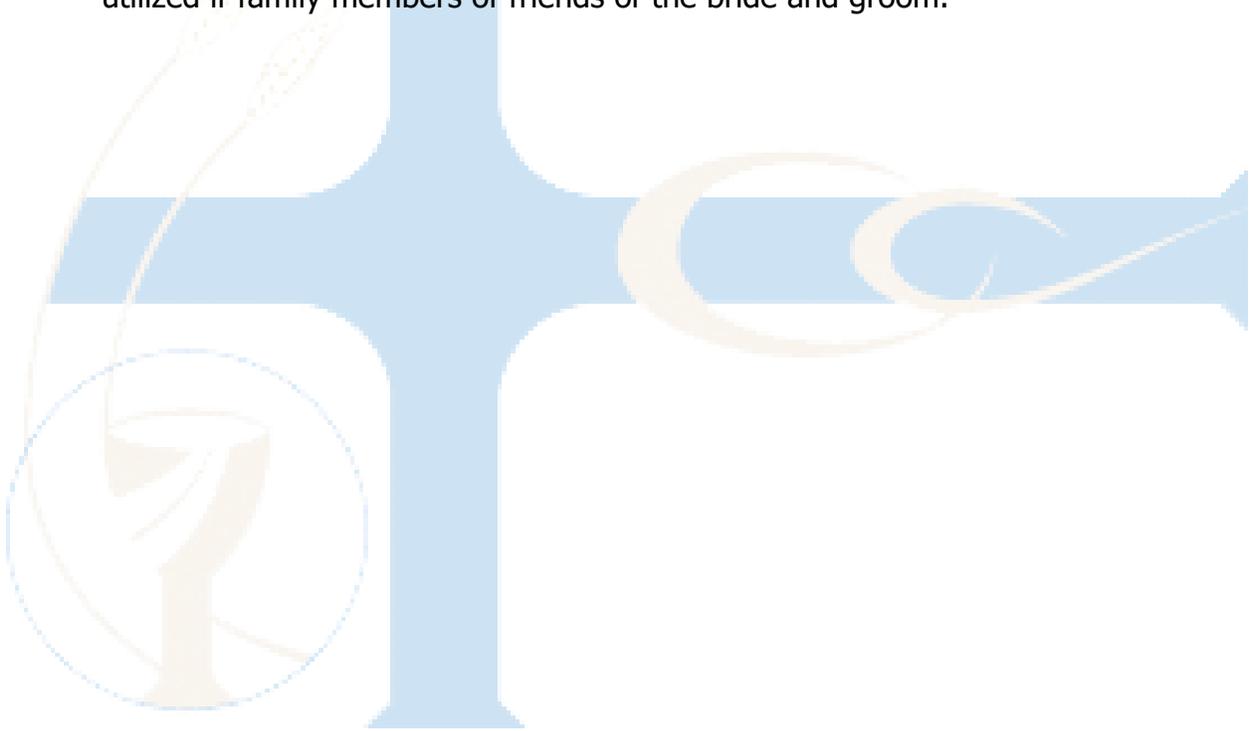
A clean copy, clearly marked and printed will be provided for the designated lectors at the time of rehearsal, and will be properly placed on the Ambo on the wedding day. Couples need not worry about this detail. Choices for the particular scriptures need to be emailed to marriage@cccparish.org at least 2-3 weeks in advance of the day of celebration.

The Gospel is proclaimed by the witnessing priest or deacon.

- **CHILDREN** under the age of five are not permitted to be a part of the wedding party or procession. This includes flower girls & ring bearers. We often find children crying when expected to walk down a long aisle of strangers staring at them and expecting them to “perform.” Our goal is a spirit of prayer. Our focus

is on God, and the covenant to be shared between bride and groom. We encourage young children to get dressed up and have lots of fun. Perhaps they can have a special and more playful role at the reception or dance.

- **RING BEARER** is not necessary. Since the rings are an essential part of the Catholic Rite of Marriage, proper care should be taken to treat them with respect and reverence. The Groom's Witness (or Best Man) is to have the rings in his pocket before the Wedding Liturgy begins. Following the exchange of vows, he presents them to the witnessing priest to bless.
- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** When two Catholics marry, we always celebrate the occasion with the nuptial Mass and Liturgy of the Eucharist. Eucharistic Ministers will be needed to help with the communion and distribution. A minimum of 2 Catholic Eucharistic Ministers will be needed.
- **ACOLYTES** are not needed, unless the witnessing priest especially asks for one. When the priest is from Corpus Christi, no servers are required, but can be utilized if family members or friends of the bride and groom.



ART, ENVIRONMENT, & FLOWERS

Church decorations are not needed for weddings. At Corpus Christi our Liturgical Commission consists of several parishioners who lovingly give of their time and most outstanding gifts to provide a beautiful and prayerful environment that enhances the worshipping space for our entire community.

Our Sunday Liturgies are the source and summit of all we do at Corpus Christi. Any other celebration at the Church is directed toward our worship on Sundays. Our seasonal environment, decorations, and plants are important to us and integral to our Sunday liturgies. **Therefore, they may not be moved or taken down.**

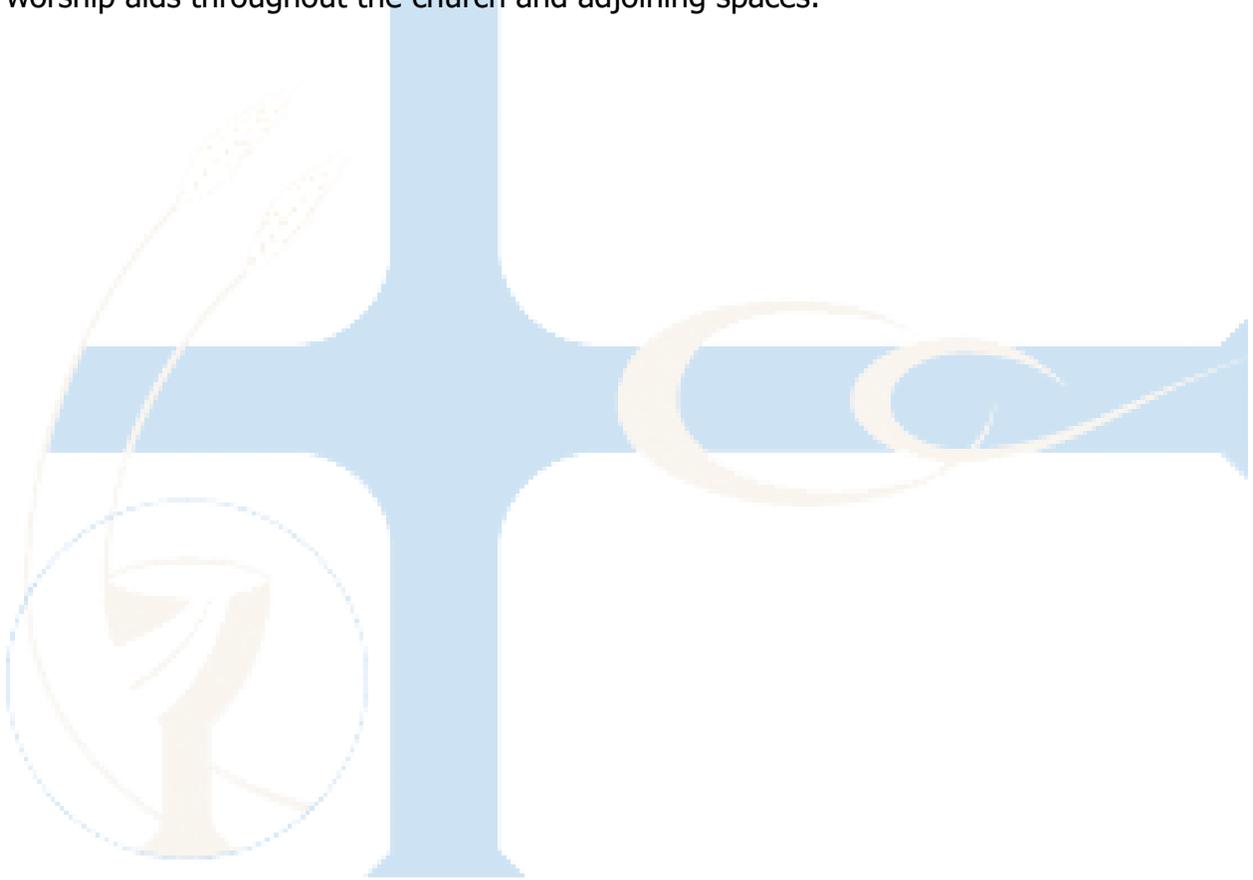
Questions regarding what seasonal colors will be in use at the time of your wedding may be referred to the Wedding Liaison. We find that most of the time, this helps the wedding couple. We have already provided couples with a beautiful space. Not only do couples receive a lovely place for the celebration of their marriage, but the added costs that florist may want to pass off to you are spared.

If additional decorations are desired these guidelines are to be strictly followed:

- No items in the church or in the sanctuary can be moved or removed. Wedding parties are not to move any of the flowers or plants around the altar, ambo, tabernacle, etc.
- If additional flowers are desired your wedding liaison will show you the where they may be placed. *(No additional flowers for the sacrament of marriage will be allowed during the seasons of advent and lent.)*
- Real flowers are called for by Catholic Liturgical guidelines. They help us to witness to God's creation and Christ's real presence among us.
- Flowers are not permitted on the altar *mensa* itself. Nothing is to be placed on the altar. It is reserved specifically for the offering of bread and wine only.
- Pew bows are discouraged but permitted. No tape, wire, tacks or staples are permitted. Bows must be fastened with ribbon, cloth.
- Garlands are prohibited down the main aisle. We cannot block access in or out of the pews.
- Candelabras are prohibited. None are to be placed in the sanctuary. If a wedding party wants to light candles, the candles to be lit are those that our community regularly has in the worship space for the particular season of the church year.
- Arches, candelabras and the like are prohibited in the church.
- Aisle runners are not allowed.
- Guest books were intended to let a couple know who has attended their reception, not who came to the church. They are highly discouraged at Corpus Christi. If a guest book is brought to the church, a podium can be used and secured by the wedding liaison. No picture frames or other items may be used here at Corpus Christi. Only standard guest books.

- Rice, birdseed, confetti, balloons, bubbles, flower petals and the like are forbidden inside and outside the church building and not permitted anywhere on church grounds. Throwing or tossing of any like materials is not permitted. This is a tradition that you may use at your reception.
- Only fresh rose petals (white) may be used by flower girls during the procession. No other flowers, or materials may be used.

Any acceptable decorating must be set up during the two (2) hours prior to the liturgy and removed during the 30 minutes following the liturgy. Someone must be appointed – outside the wedding party – to clean up all decorations and trash in the Church, gathering space, and dressing areas. Remember to gather the guest book, flowers, worship aids throughout the church and adjoining spaces.



REHEARSAL & PROCESSION

Rehearsal times are set for 3:00 PM or 4:00 PM the day before the liturgy unless there are Friday weddings scheduled. If there are weddings scheduled for both Friday and Saturday then those rehearsals will take place on Thursday afternoons

- ◆ All rehearsals will be conducted by Corpus Christi's Wedding Liaison. We do not work with outside coordinators.
- ◆ If everyone is on time, and quietly listens to the directions given, the rehearsal need not exceed 30-45 minutes. Since more than one rehearsal may be scheduled for the church, or other liturgy, it is important to be timely.
- ◆ People to include: Bride & Groom, witnesses & members of the bridal party, Lectors and Ushers.
- ◆ All guests of the rehearsal dinner should meet at the restaurant, and not at the church. By keeping the rehearsal for those who have an active role, the rehearsal is more likely to be on time.
- ◆ Guests will be oriented to our parish grounds and facilities.
- ◆ Valid Marriage License from the state of Kansas must be given to the parish office at least fourteen (14) days prior to the rehearsal date. Following the liturgy the wedding liaison will give the duplicate copy along with the church certificate to a responsible member of the family. The original will be sent by Corpus Christi Community Office to the local County Courthouse. **A wedding rehearsal cannot proceed without a marriage license on file.**
- ◆ Two aspects of the liturgy will be rehearsed: The position of the bridal couple and witness for the exchange of consent & vows, and the entrance procession.
- ◆ The **PROCESSION** may follow these options: Since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has described the Liturgy for the Rite of Marriage as a *union of families*, not just a bride and groom. Since we come from both our father and mother, we propose following three processional options:

Option 1:

- Bridesmaids and Groomsmen enter as couples
- Primary witnessing couple: (Best Man and Maid/Matron of Honor)
- Groom's parents
- Bride's parents
- Bride & Groom together

Option 2:

- Bridesmaids & Groomsmen enter as couples
- Primary witnessing couple: (Best Man and Maid/Matron of Honor)
- Groom and his parents
- Bride and her parents

Option 3:

- Groom's Parents
- Bride's Mother
- Bridesmaids enter from back of church
- Groomsmen enter from behind altar and meet bridesmaids in main aisle
- Bride enters with Father (or both Parents) and meets Groom at altar

The first two procession options reverence our Catholic Christian tradition that our parents are the first teachers for us in the ways of faith. The procession emphasizes the union of families, the very thing that you as a couple are seeking to create. It offers the parents the opportunity to offer their blessing and support as the two families are joined before the community of believers. The third procession option is a traditional option that has been part of our Catholic celebration of this sacrament for many years. While the third option may be chosen, we suggest one of the first two.

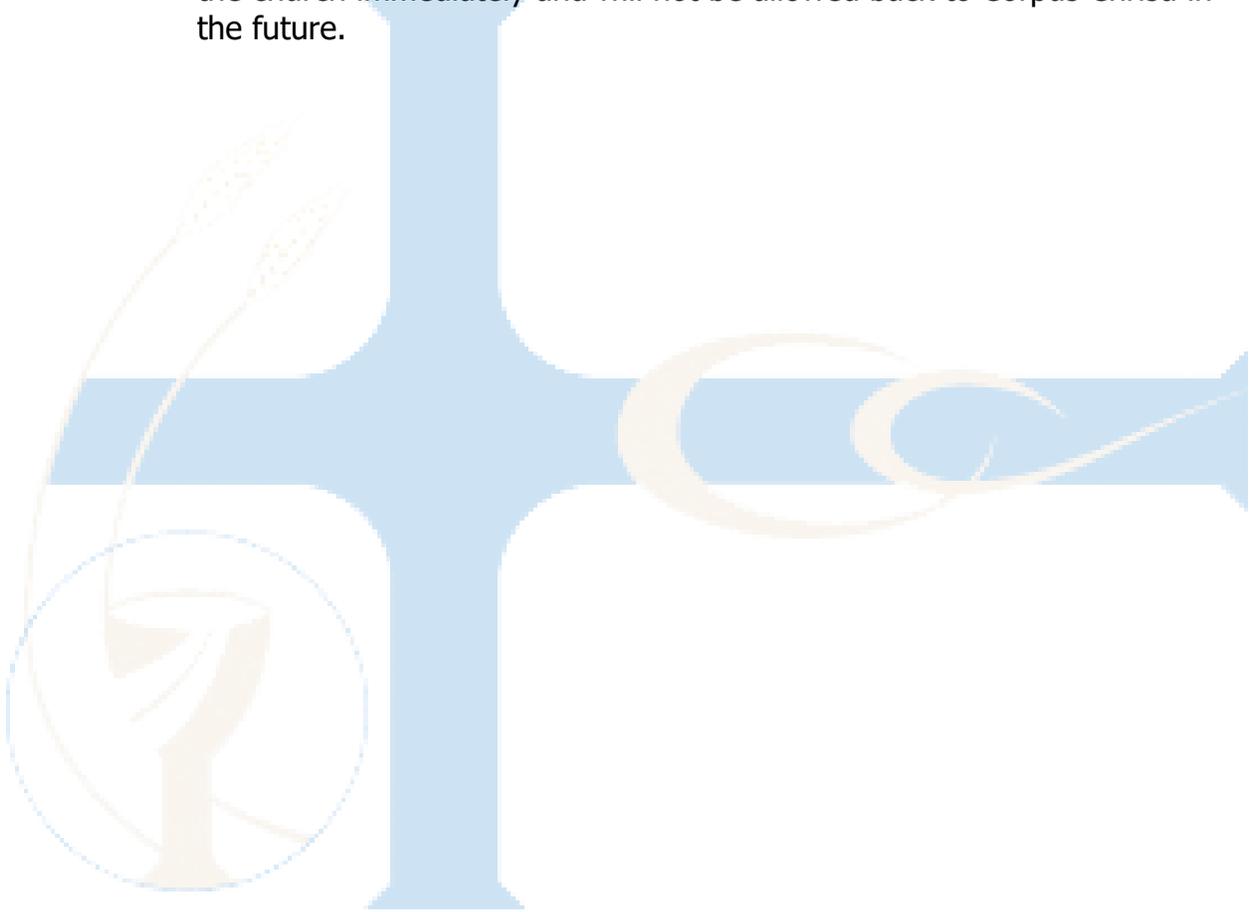
These are the three options we offer at Corpus Christi. When extenuating circumstances such as disability, blended families, step-parents, etc. are involved, we are happy to make accommodations and other pastorally appropriate means can be discussed with us. We're happy to talk with you about variations on these options.

PHOTOGRAPHER & VIDEOGRAPHER

- ◆ All photography inside the church is strongly recommended to be completed **before** the liturgy. Wedding party and guests must be cleared out of the church within 30 minutes after the liturgy.
- ◆ The church will be available for pictures no more than two (2) hours prior to the start of the liturgy.
- ◆ Backdrops may not be set up in the sanctuary of the church.
- ◆ All photography must be handled as unobtrusively as possible during the liturgy. There should be a minimum of movement throughout the church during the wedding ceremony. Photographers may not stand in the center aisle, kneel in front of the first pew, or hinder/pause the processional in any way.
- ◆ As the Wedding Liturgy begins, no photographer may move in front of the first pillar in the nave of the church. (The liaison will point this out to you.) And no movement up or down the aisle may take place while the congregation is seated.
- ◆ No equipment, flashes, lights, decorations, etc. may be placed on the altar *mensa*. It is a consecrated item of the church and is reserved for the Eucharistic ritual only.
- ◆ All photography must cease, and equipment taken out of the sanctuary and main aisle, gathering space, etc, 30 minutes before the start of the liturgy.
- ◆ Since the liturgy is a prayer and sacred celebration, all photo & video personnel are required to reverence the ceremony and place. During the liturgy, photo & video persons are asked to remain outside the sanctuary and remain completely unobtrusive.
- ◆ The photographer is asked not to come close to the cantors or any other liturgical minister while they are carrying out their ministry.
- ◆ Once the entrance procession is completed, the photographer may not be in the main aisle. S/He may stand in the main aisle at the very back by the baptismal font.
- ◆ Video recording is permitted only from behind the congregation, and on the opposite side of the music area. The camera(s) is/are to be

stationary. These areas will be shown to the videographer by the wedding liaison.

- ◆ No bride or groom may be wired with a microphone during the wedding liturgy. This is a sacred celebration, and a solemn moment between the wedding couple and their God. The introduction of a microphone interferes with this private moment.
- ◆ If any of these rules are broken, ignored or disregarded by the photography team or the videography team, they will be asked to leave the church immediately and will not be allowed back to Corpus Christi in the future.



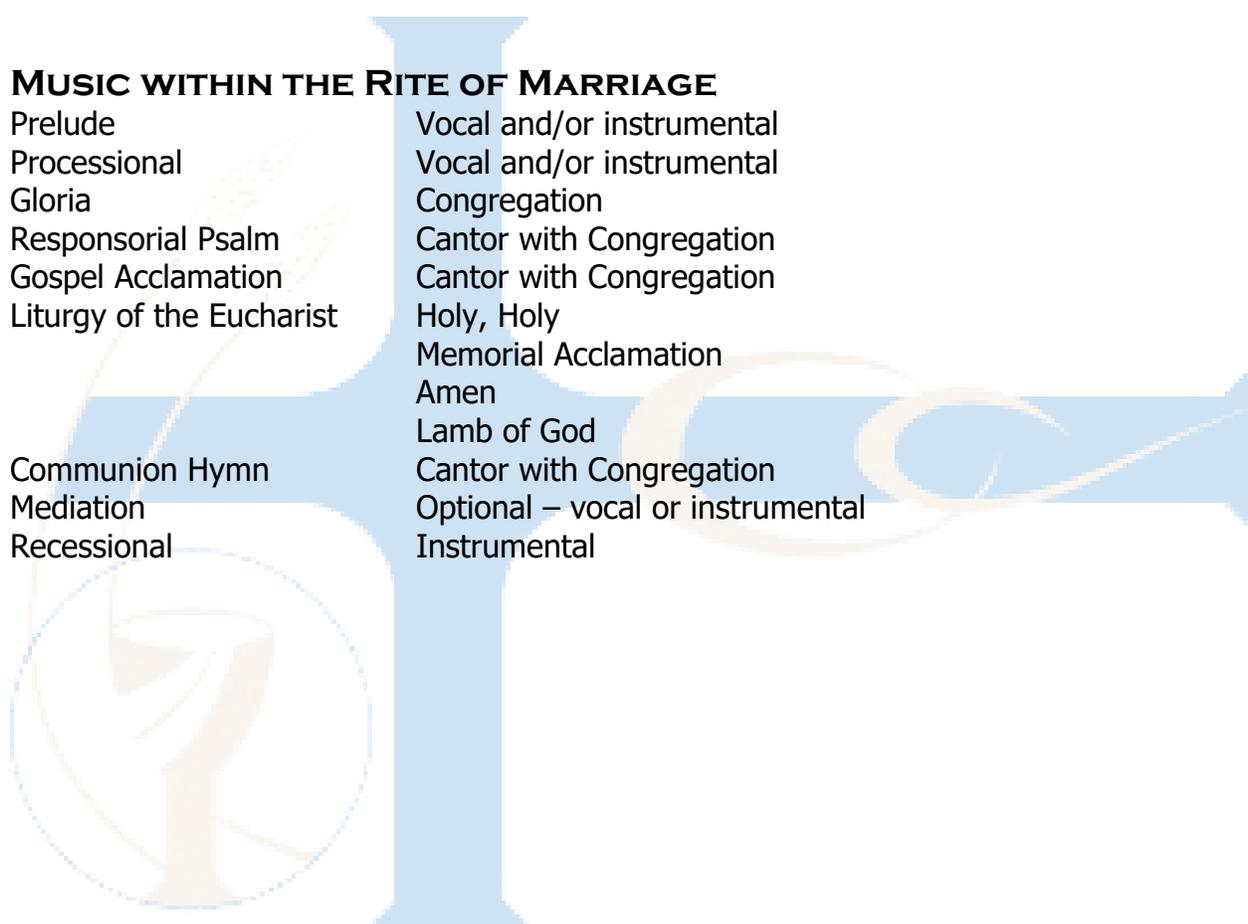
MUSIC

- ◆ Music is an important part of any celebration. It is one way that the gathering community prays. This prayer must reflect the solemnity of the sacrament and the grace that is extended to not only the couple, but the entire believing community that is present. We should strive for perfection.
- ◆ Our Director of Music, Shaun Whisler is prepared to help you plan beautiful and prayerful music that is appropriate for a liturgical celebration. He can be reached at shaunw@cccparish.org.
- ◆ Every couple is required to attend a music planning session for your wedding with the Director of Music. He will email every couple with a list of available dates, and publish it online. The couple must attend one of those dates. With the couple, the Director of Music will complete a *Music Planning Guide* for the wedding. These guides must be completed two months prior to the wedding date.
- ◆ Since we encourage everyone in the community to actively participate and we want all to joyfully sing out with glory and jubilation for your wedding, we ask that trained cantors serve as cantors and soloists for the wedding liturgies. The Director of Music and the Corpus Christi's accompanist are the preferred music ministers for all weddings at Corpus Christi. If you have a friend or relative who would like to sing one or two pieces during the wedding, arrangements can be made with permission from the Director of Music Ministry. They must be Catholic and/or have a working knowledge and experience with Catholic liturgy. All music must meet the approval of the Director of Music Ministry.
- ◆ A program should be part of any wedding that takes place at Corpus Christi Church. It enhances the liturgical celebration and allows for full participation by all present. A program must include the liturgical music and not just a listing of those are part of the wedding party.
- ◆ The Director of Music Ministry can provide a list of other instrumentalists that can add a very lovely and celebratory nature to the wedding ritual such as Flutists, Violinists, String Quartet members, Trumpeter, Brass Ensemble, etc.
- ◆ Friends or family members who are unfamiliar with Catholic liturgy can share their gift of music as a prelude to the ritual.
- ◆ From the Entrance Procession to the Recessional, all music must be liturgical music found in our hymnal, music with sacred texts, or classical music. The Director of Music Ministry in consultation with the local pastor has the authority to approve musical selections. Care should be taken to ensure selections

encourage prayer and reflect the nature of the scriptures and the liturgy.

- ◆ Secular songs, pop songs, music off the radio, etc, are not appropriate for the liturgy.
- ◆ Recorded music is never permitted. Our Liturgical directives for the Universal Catholic Church are clear that music is to be live. Recorded music and pop songs are best reserved for the reception, dinner, or dance.

MUSIC WITHIN THE RITE OF MARRIAGE



Prelude	Vocal and/or instrumental
Processional	Vocal and/or instrumental
Gloria	Congregation
Responsorial Psalm	Cantor with Congregation
Gospel Acclamation	Cantor with Congregation
Liturgy of the Eucharist	Holy, Holy
	Memorial Acclamation
	Amen
Communion Hymn	Lamb of God
Mediation	Cantor with Congregation
Recessional	Optional – vocal or instrumental
	Instrumental

MISCELLANEOUS

- ◆ Groomsmen or ushers are requested to assist the wedding liaison in cleaning the pews, taking down decorations, etc. for a brief period after the ceremony.
- ◆ If you are interested in reserving a parish facility for your wedding reception or rehearsal dinner, please contact Karen Zimmerschied at the parish office for a list of fees and available dates.
- ◆ The use of unity candles is not a tradition of the Catholic rite or service, and is not permitted at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. The rings that are exchanged are the symbols of unity that are part of the Catholic rite.
- ◆ Dressing areas should be checked for personal items and left in a tidy fashion.
- ◆ Flowers and plants are gladly accepted for church use following the wedding.
- ◆ No alcoholic beverages of any kind are allowed inside the church or in the parking lot. All food must remain in the areas designated by the wedding liaisons.
- ◆ Smoking is not allowed on the campus of Corpus Christi.
- ◆ Please remember there is a good chance that the day of your rehearsal and/or wedding there may be other things happening around the parish. Please be kind to others using the facility.
- ◆ Boisterous behavior such as running and yelling are not allowed in the church. Please remember to keep a sense of reverence for the worship space of the church. Please attend to all children so that they will not be placed in harms way.

WEDDING LITURGY SAMPLE OUTLINE

MARRIAGE RITUAL WITHOUT EUCHARIST

Gathering Rites

- Entrance procession
- Greeting
- Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

The proclamation of the Word of God and the homily are integral to the celebration of marriage. Three readings (during the Rite of Marriage within the context of Eucharist, or two may be used during the Rite of Marriage outside mass) are chosen from the Scriptures. One reading should be chosen from the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Gospels. These selections may be chosen from, but are not limited to, those found in the book given to you by the church. The Psalm response is chosen with the Director of Music. The Liturgy of the Word is always to be a part of the wedding ceremony.

- First Reading – Old Testament
- Responsorial Psalm
- Second Reading – New Testament
- Gospel Acclamation
- Gospel (done by the priest or deacon)
- Homily
- Rite of Marriage
 - Consent
 - Exchange of Vows
 - Exchange of Rings
- Intercessions

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- Nuptial Blessing
- Our Father
- The Nuptial Blessing

Sending Rites

- Closing Blessing
- Introduction of Couple
- Recessional

WEDDING LITURGY SAMPLE OUTLINE

MARRIAGE RITUAL WITH EUCHARIST - MASS

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

- Preparation of the Gifts
- Holy Holy
- Memorial Acclamation
- Amen
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Nuptial Blessing
- Exchange of Peace
- Lamb of God
- Communion procession
- Prayer After Communion

Sending Rites

- Nuptial Blessing
- Introduction of Couple
- Recessional

FEES ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR WEDDING LITURGY

PARISH MEMBER \$500
THIS INCLUDES DEPOSIT, WEDDING LIAISON FEE AND CHURCH FEES

NON-PARISH MEMBER \$2000
THIS INCLUDES DEPOSIT, AND CHURCH FEES

NON-PARISH MEMBER \$250
WEDDING LIAISON FEE

MARRIAGE PAPERWORK ONLY \$200
FOR A WEDDING TAKING PLACE SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN CORPUS

THESE FEES ARE DUE IN ORDER TO SET WEDDING DATE AT CCCPARISH.ORG/WEDDINGDEPOSIT.

CANTOR(S) AND ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST \$200 EACH
THIS FEE IS DUE IN THE PARISH OFFICE SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO WEDDING DATE

OTHER MUSICIANS
THESE FEES ARE SET BY EACH MUSICIAN

PRIEST STIPEND \$350
THIS IS A SUGGESTED STIPEND ONLY, IT IS NOT A FEE THAT IS REQUIRED.
ANY STIPEND YOU OFFER IS STRICTLY A GIFT FROM YOU TO YOUR PRIEST.
HOWEVER, IF YOUR PRIEST IS COMING FROM OUT OF TOWN AND MUST TRAVEL,
PLEASE INCLUDE A MILEAGE EXPENSE IF DRIVING, OR COVER ALL TRAVEL
EXPENSES (AIR, RENTAL CAR, HOTEL) FOR THEM TO BE HERE FOR YOUR WEDDING.

ALL OTHER PAYMENTS ARE DUE SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO THE WEDDING DATE.

MAKE FINAL PAYMENTS TO CCCPARISH.ORG/WEDDINGFINAL.

IF YOU WISH TO WRITE A CHECK FOR THE FINAL PAYMENT,

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS OUT TO CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH.

INCLUDE A BREAKDOWN OF THE FUNDS AND CHECKS WILL BE WRITTEN ON YOUR BEHALF.