



Preparing for your Christian Marriage & Wedding Day

Resurrection Parish Family Green Bay, Wisconsin

Congratulations and Welcome!

It is a great joy and privilege to be sharing your special day with you. In the Sacrament of Marriage each of you promise to love each other and demonstrate the love of Christ to each other. In living out the mystery of your love, you become a source and a sign of God's presence for each other and the community in which you live.

Many couples have told us that the time of preparation for their married life and wedding day was a time of great celebration, but also a time of great stress. The 'to do' list can expand to crazy proportions because of so many items that demand attention. You are not in this alone. We are here to help, such as with this preparation guide and providing a marriage preparation person to meet with you and to listen to your hopes and dreams while sharing guidelines of the church. Don't hesitate to contact us at any time.

We want to help prepare you for far more than a beautiful wedding; we hope and pray that this will be the beginning of a long and fruitful life together. As you grow closer to *Christ*, you will find that your love for *each other* deepens. As you grow closer to *each other*, you will find your love for *Christ* increases. May He who makes two into one flesh bless your relationship to make it faithful, fruitful and forever.

A Catholic wedding is a celebration in a Catholic Church and surrounded by a community of believers and by a community of believers. Therefore, when a couple chooses to celebrate their wedding at our parish, they choose to share the values and beliefs of the community. A Catholic wedding in the Diocese of Green Bay is always held in a church and is a sign that you are committing yourself to a sacramental marriage. In a sacramental marriage, you ask God to be present in your relationship and to take an active part in your life-long marriage. That is what Christian marriage is all about. Remember, your *wedding* is for a day, while your *marriage* is for a lifetime.

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Guidelines for Wedding Preparation through Resurrection Parish

You are going to become involved in a process of formation that will help you prepare for the permanent, life-long commitment you are about to make to each other in the presence of God and the church. A sacramental marriage reveals God's presence here among us. The following guidelines are meant to help you so that as we discuss your individual plans, you may appreciate the religious significance of your marriage.

Getting Started

Weddings are celebrated in accordance with the requirements set forth by the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay. One person must be a baptized, practicing Catholic.

To schedule your wedding ceremony, complete the following steps at least six months prior to the wedding date;

- **Review the Marriage Preparation Package**
- **Reserve church space and reception venue.**
- **Baptismal Certificates** - Bride and Groom each contact their parish of baptism and have new baptismal certificates created and signed by the parish of baptism and have them mailed to;

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(attention Marriage Prep).

- **Form A**, Pre-nuptial interview with marriage prep person. This form declares that both partners are free to enter into marriage.
- **FOCCUS** - Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study. The marriage prep person will schedule this for you.
- [Marriage as a sacrament](#) - read brief 2 pages.
- [Marriage Preparation Process Diocese of Green Bay](#)
- [Marriage Preparation Checklist](#)
- **Select one of the following options**
 - [Weekend Retreat](#)
 - [In person Seminar](#) (opportunity to learn from other couples)
 - [On-line Pre-Cana](#)

Complete the above approximately 6 months prior to the marriage. The final six months is focused on planning liturgy (music, readings, etc), writing letters of love (see below) and preparing the many details of your special day.

After your wedding date has been confirmed, you will need to:

1. Submit payment to Resurrection Parish with the signed Marriage Agreement.
2. Outline any questions from this Preparation Guide
3. Meet with your presider and schedule time for planning the liturgy with you.
4. Exception to the above; **if you have been previously married, hold on setting a wedding date and hold on the above process until you have completed the process from the diocese marriage tribunal granting an annulment (this usually takes a year). Share the documentation with your marriage prep person.**
5. If your marriage will take place outside of the Diocese of Green Bay, have your marriage prep resource submit your marriage paperwork two months prior to your wedding date, to the Diocese you will be married in.

MEETINGS WITH THE MARRIAGE PREP TEAM

Your first meeting with the priest or deacon will be a time for you to get to know each other better. You will also discuss the marriage preparation program and complete the diocesan marriage form(s). After the FOCCUS inventory is completed and you have attended a Diocesan Marriage Preparation Day, “A Marriage in the Lord,” you will meet again with the priest or deacon to talk about anything you want to discuss such as the FOCCUS inventory, Marriage Prep Day, or from your discussions as a couple. This is the opportunity to discuss the faith aspects of marriage and to begin planning your wedding liturgy. You will receive a booklet, Together for Life, to help you plan the wedding liturgy. This book contains many of the options available such as scripture readings, prayers, and the words you use as you say your vows. After you, as a couple, have had the opportunity to think about these options, you will meet with the priest or deacon again. The final meeting with the priest or deacon before the wedding rehearsal will be to discuss the specifics of the wedding ceremony.

FOCCUS INVENTORY

FOCCUS stands for Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study. The FOCCUS inventory is used to raise questions and to identify areas of concern. It highlights topics important to married life. It is not a compatibility test. A married couple from the Parish that has been trained to use the FOCCUS inventory will meet with you. The first time you meet with the FOCCUS Couple, plan to spend some time getting to know each other. You will fill out an inventory and set up a time to meet again. The next meeting(s) with the FOCCUS Couple provides an opportunity to review your graph of agreement and to discuss some of your responses on the FOCCUS inventory. Information from your meeting with the FOCCUS Couple is confidential. Request a certificate of completion once you have completed the FOCCUS portion of marriage preparation and submit it to the priest/deacon preparing your wedding file. If the FOCCUS Couple feels they need to speak to the priest or the deacon about an area covered in your discussions, they will do so only with your permission.

FOCCUS TOPICS COVERED

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lifestyle Expectations ● Friends and Interests ● Personality Match ● Personal Issues ● Communication ● Problem Solving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Religion and Values ● Parenting Issues ● Extended Family Issues ● Sexuality Issues ● Financial Issues ● Readiness Issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Marriage Covenant ● Interfaith couples ● Re-marriage couples ● Cohabiting couples ● Couples with children
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Marriage Prep – Diocese

The Green Bay Diocese two-part marriage preparation program (offered monthly throughout the year) is called “A Marriage in the Lord.” Further information and how to register is available in the enclosed “A Marriage in the Lord” pamphlet, online at www.marriageinthelord.org, or you can call 920-272-8291 and ask for the Family and Married Life Office. After completing this process please bring a copy of the class completion certificate for your marriage prep file.

Previous Marriage If either of you has been married previously, it is very important that you discuss this with the priest or deacon as soon as possible. Any forms regarding annulment, dispensation or civil divorce should be presented at the initial meeting. Copies of your marriage license, annulment declaration, civil divorce or death certificate of former spouse will also need to be provided for your file.

Marriage License You will need to obtain a marriage license from a county courthouse in Wisconsin. Please call the county courthouse where you reside to find out what you need. The wedding cannot take place without the marriage license. Present the marriage license to the presider at the wedding rehearsal. The marriage license cannot be dated greater than 30 days prior to the wedding.

PLANNING THE WEDDING CEREMONY

A. Always in a Church, however determine if WITHIN OR OUTSIDE OF A MASS

When both the bride and groom are Catholic, a Mass is celebrated as part of the marriage ceremony. The priest will help the bride and groom determine if the marriage is to be celebrated outside of Mass or within a Mass. Your desires in this matter should center around what form of ceremony will best enable your particular guest assembly to celebrate with you. If one of the parties is not Catholic, Bishop Ricken strongly advises that a ceremony, rather than a Mass, be celebrated. The priest/deacon can explain some of the differences. Consider the following:

- ◆ Are both the bride and groom Catholic? If not, how does the non-Catholic feel about celebrating marriage within a Catholic Mass?
- ◆ Who will your guests be? Is the celebration of the Eucharist the best way to help them to be with you and pray with you at your wedding?

In light of your answers to these questions: Is the better context for the celebration of your marriage outside Mass or within Mass?

Other planning considerations;

There are some times in the church liturgical year when the celebration of a wedding is less appropriate. For example, the season of Lent, because the environment of the church is based on fasting and almsgiving - Ash Wednesday through Good Friday - is a time of penance in the life of the parish community. Also, if a major feast (Aug 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary / All Saints' Day is Nov 1) weddings should not be

scheduled on that day.

B. READINGS

Couples are encouraged to be creative and select readings so that a common thread or idea connects the Liturgy of the Word. The Responsorial Psalm will be sung by the Song Leader/Cantor. **PLEASE NOTE** that this is a Psalm set to music and not just any song.

C. MUSIC

Music must meet the requirements of the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay. CDs and MP3s are not permitted at any time. The readings serve as a foundation from which the music is coordinated with the musicians. Music during the wedding ceremony needs to be of a sacred nature and prime importance should be placed on the participation of all who gather. See Musician outline and resources below.

D. PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Couples are encouraged to write their own general intercessions. We ask you to refer to the format used in the options given in Together for Life. When completed, a copy of the written petitions should be given to the priest or deacon.

FOR YOUR REFLECTION AS YOU PREPARE FOR CELEBRATING YOUR LIFELONG SACRAMENT:

With this ring...

I will love you when times are good or bad.

I will cherish you even when I am upset with you.

I will honor you at all times.

I will never be disloyal to you.

MINISTERS FOR THE WEDDING

In the Roman Catholic tradition the bride and groom minister the Sacrament of Marriage to one another; a priest or deacon and at least two witnesses are also required to be present. As you plan your celebration, family and friends can become involved in the ceremony in a variety of ways.

A. PRESIDER

The ordinary presider for the Rite of Marriage within a Mass at Resurrection is our pastor, Fr. Tom Reynebeau. Deacon Kevin DeCleene or other Deacons may preside for the Rite of Marriage that does not have Mass (no Communion) - a Liturgy of the Word Service. Other presiders are most welcome, we simply ask that they participate in your preparation as well.

Catholics who marry should have received Confirmation and be practicing members of a parish community. The practice of the faith is the most accurate indicator of the future success of a marriage. If a couple finds joy in growing closer to Christ as they grow closer to each other, there is no better basis for hope that Christ will bless them with perseverance in their commitment. Living together before marriage has been proven to adversely affect relationships after marriage and is discouraged.

B. ASSEMBLY

Everyone in the church for your wedding is, first and foremost, a member of the assembly. Your wedding ceremony is greatly enhanced by the full and active participation of all who gather. This could be accomplished by informing the musician and presider of your wishes for community involvement.

C. MUSIC MINISTERS

The Parish will provide you with a list of parish organists and song leaders. Since these pastoral musicians are trained in the Catholic Liturgy, we would prefer that you utilize someone from this list. **(See the back of RESOURCE A).**

D. LECTOR (READER)

The lector(s) proclaims the scripture readings and the prayers of the faithful (1 to 3 lectors are needed). Proclaiming the Word of God is very sacred. Whom you choose to do this sends a message to all who gather. Therefore, please be sensitive to the following questions:

- ◆ Does he or she have experience as a lector or public speaker?
- ◆ Are they comfortable reading in front of a group?
- ◆ Do they have the necessary gifts for proclaiming God's Word effectively and reverently?

It is important that the lectors be present at the wedding rehearsal.

E. GIFT BEARERS

If your marriage takes place within a Mass, then another way for family members and/or friends to participate in the wedding liturgy is by bringing up the gifts of bread and wine for the Preparation of the Gifts. At least two people are needed and they may want to be present at the wedding rehearsal.

F. EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

If family members and/or friends are Ministers of the Eucharist in their home parishes, they may be invited

to serve in this capacity at the wedding. Inform the presider of your wish to include these people.

G. USHERS

Men and women may serve as ushers. Prior to the rehearsal, each usher should be given a copy of **RESOURCE B** which lists the ushers responsibilities. Ushers must be at the rehearsal.

H. ALTAR SERVER

The ministry of the altar server is another way to involve family members and/or friends. If you wish to involve someone, ask the priest or deacon during the preparation meeting. The parish can provide an altar server. The altar server may attend the rehearsal.

I. WITNESSES

Two witnesses are required for the celebration of your marriage (they must be 18 years of age). The two witnesses need not be Catholic or even baptized: their primary duty is to attest to the fact that the marriage took place. While it is customary to have one male (the “best man”) and one female (the “maid of honor”), it is possible to have either two males or two females.

J. FLOWER GIRL/RING BEARER

Young people are welcome to participate, but they must be old enough to understand the role they are to play and the importance of the event. Generally we recommend that no one under the age of five be in the wedding party.

DETAILS FOR THE WEDDING DAY

- A. CHURCH ENVIRONMENT & DECORATIONS** -Please refer to **RESOURCE C**
- B. WEDDING ATTIRE is expected to be modest and appropriate for church.**
Liability does not allow us to invite you to leave your dress at the church the night before the wedding.
- C. WEDDING REHEARSAL:**
Because several rehearsals may be scheduled on the same evening, it is important that you and your rehearsal party be on time. It is difficult to begin the rehearsal if one or more members of the rehearsal party are not present. In consideration for all concerned please be on time. Please ask everyone in attendance to refrain from alcohol consumption until after the rehearsal is finished. It is necessary for the rehearsal party which includes the bridal party, readers, ushers, and parents to be present at the wedding rehearsal. The following people may wish to attend the rehearsal: Eucharistic Ministers, Gift Bearers, and Altar Servers. Musicians are not necessary but may wish to attend.
- D. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOTAPING** - Please refer to **RESOURCE D**
- E. DRESSING ROOMS**
The church is a public building and is accessible to many people. To protect your valuables from theft, please do not leave purses or items of value in the dressing rooms. Please remove any of the flower boxes, wrappings, trash, etc. Your ushers can assist you. There may be other events following your wedding so your assistance is vital. Please leave the room as orderly as you found it. A room will be provided for the groomsmen if needed.
- F. RECEIVING LINE**
Receiving lines seem to be more appropriate at the reception hall following the wedding. However, there may be a brief receiving line either outside or in the gathering space of the church. It is difficult to have a receiving line and take pictures and still respect the schedule, especially on Saturdays.
- G. ALCOHOL/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**
A church wedding is a sacramental celebration.
We ask that you come prepared both physically and spiritually for the celebration. This means that **under no circumstances** should there be any alcohol/controlled substances on the church grounds, including the parking lot. **Inform all attendees of your wedding that they will not be allowed to have any alcohol/controlled substances anywhere on church grounds during the ceremony.**
- H. FOOD**
Please do not bring food into the church during the day of the rehearsal or the wedding.

RESOURCE A - MUSIC

Music will be a very important element of the wedding ceremony. It will unite and uplift the spirits of those gathered to celebrate with you and it will set the tone for the sacramental worship we will be celebrating. This music is not meant to “entertain” or to “fill in” every rite of the ceremony. It should reflect the sacredness of the Sacrament of Marriage as it speaks of God’s love made present in the Church and in the life of the couple to be wed.

Music used at your wedding ceremony should stress God's love. In choosing a sacramental marriage, you should also choose music that reflects the dignity of the sacrament. Not all music is appropriate for use at a wedding. Because of the ritual and traditional nature of the Catholic Wedding Ceremony, music should be carefully selected to reflect what is happening at each part of the ceremony. You may find some music more fitting as part of your wedding reception. However, if popular music is used and approved by the Director of Music, it should be done during the prelude section of your wedding.

What Musicians Are Available?

The musicians you choose must be able to lead the congregation in the songs usually sung at Mass (psalm response, Alleluia, Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen and Lamb of God). Popular contemporary music may be presented during the time guests are seated. Once the bride enters the church, all music takes on the sacred tone recognizing the solemnity of the occasion.

The role of the musician is to encourage the full and active participation of the congregation. Therefore, careful selection of your musicians is important. Choose pastoral musicians. If you choose musicians other than pastoral musicians (Songleader/Organist/Pianist), you must have your music selection approved by the priest or deacon. Note: If you hire a String Quartet or a musical ensemble to provide solely instrumental music, you will still need an Organist and Songleader to sing the Parts of the Mass, Responsorial Psalm, and Communion Hymn/Song.

Musicians’ Fees and Recorded Music

Each pastoral musician has his/her own fee*. Please consult them for this information. Because your ceremony is a live celebration, music should be live. Recorded music is not appropriate.

**Musician (plays instrument such as piano) and cantor (the singer) fees are determined by many factors including level of training of musician and cantor and years of experience. Therefore fees vary greatly. For anyone who has minimum qualifications expect to pay \$100 for musician and \$100 for cantor and if a person is both musician and cantor around \$200. For someone who is highly qualified, fees can be double or even more. We have a list below, contact each individual for their fee.*

Music

The best way to select songs for the wedding liturgy is to open up a Catholic hymnal and pick songs/hymns that you like and that fit the liturgical moment. For instance, select a song for Communion from the group of

songs listed as Communion songs. Select a Gathering Song from those listed as Gathering Songs. Choose other songs listed as music for Marriage or listed under the topic of Love. For the responsorial psalm, remember that it is a sung reading in which the people are to participate, therefore pick a musical setting of a psalm that has a refrain for the people. Use the "Together for LIfe" book to see a list of recommended psalms for weddings and a hymnal to find the musical settings.

A list of songs for Catholic weddings published by GIA can be found [here](#):

A list of songs for Catholic weddings published by OCP can be found [here](#):

These are two of the most popular Catholic music publishers, but there are others as well. Each will have a list of songs and hymns for weddings. Some music that may be needed from outside of the hymnal includes instrumental music for entrance and recession. The list is literally endless. Here is a sample of how this could work:

PRELUDE - 10-15 minutes of vocal or instrumental music of your choosing.

PROCESSIONAL - Canon in D

GATHERING HYMN - Love Divine All Loves Excelling (this happens immediately at the end of the procession). Other ideas: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

For the Beauty of the Earth

All Are Welcome

Gather Us In

Rain Down

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Let Us Come to Be One Body

The Eyes and Hands of Christ

etc.

GLORIA - (if you are having a Mass, this is sung.)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps. 34 - Taste and See

Other Ideas: Ps. 128 - Blest Are Those

Ps. 103 - Loving and Forgiving

Ps. 145 - I Will Lift Up Your Name

etc.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Choose any favorite Alleluia.

Celtic Alleluia

Mass of a Joyful Heart

Easter Alleluia

etc.

SONG/ACCLAMATION AFTER THE VOWS (Sometimes during the lighting of a Unity Candle)

Celtic Alleluia

May God Bless You
Where Love Is Found
Where There Is Love
etc.

If a Mass continue here... (If not Mass, skip to recessional)

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS - a short instrumental piece or
The Servant Song
Ubi Caritas
You Are Near
Endless Is Your Love
Center of My Life
etc.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS - choose a Mass setting (Mass of Creation, Mass of Renewal, Mass of Glory, etc.)

SIGN OF PEACE - some instrumental music is needed during this extended exchange of peace.

COMMUNION - One Bread, One Body
Other ideas: This Bread that We Share
Song of the Body of Christ
The Supper of the Lord
One Love Released
We Are One Body
Bread of Life
Taste and See
etc.

RECESSIONAL - Trumpet Voluntary (usually instrumental selection)

- [Additional Song Suggestions](#)
- [Potential Music Ministers](#)

PLEASE CONTACT RESURRECTION DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & LITURGY

RESOURCE B
USHERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Please make sure each usher receives a copy of this.

In addition to seating guests, handing out and picking up the wedding programs, and attending to other details, ushers help to offer a warm, welcoming atmosphere for the celebration by extending a smile and greeting to those entering church. This simple gesture helps ease the stranger coming to our church for the first time.

1. Learn the locations of the sacristy, bride's room and the restrooms.
2. Arrive at the church forty-five minutes before the wedding.
3. If there are wedding programs, place copies where the wedding party will be seated. See to it that the remaining programs are distributed to the guests.
4. Begin seating guests no later than 15 minutes before the ceremony is to begin. Be alert for people with disabilities who may need assistance.
5. During the ceremony, position yourself so that you can keep an eye on the entire assembly, including the wedding party. If anyone becomes dizzy or ill, help them with as little commotion as possible.
6. After the ceremony, the ushers should:
 - Pick up any empty flower boxes and wrappings and take them with you for disposal. We have no large waste receptacles and other weddings and masses will follow yours so it is important you take any trash, flowers or items left behind with you.
 - Pick up any wedding programs left in the pews and check for forgotten photographic equipment and any other items.
 - See to it that the unity candle (if there is one), pew decorations, flowers, and all personal belongings from the bride's room and groom's area are taken.
 - **Please note:** When extinguishing candles please make sure the wax is dry before removing them from the church.
7. You are expected to be at the rehearsal. If you have any questions about your responsibilities, ask the presider.

RESOURCE C
THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE WORSHIP SPACE
PLEASE MAKE SURE THE FLORIST RECEIVES A COPY OF THIS

Church environment is very important. Please understand that there will be seasonal decorations such as banners, plants, etc. that cannot be significantly changed or altered for your wedding. To anticipate what decorations will occupy the space, please consult the priest/deacon. Whatever you bring to church must also be removed at the end of the celebration (flowers, bows, trash, etc.). Please be mindful of the church as a worship space used before, during and after your wedding and do not move any part of the Church environment (altar, chairs, ambo, etc.). The use of tape and tacks is not permitted on any surfaces (walls, floor or furnishings).

FLOWERS

Many couples desire to place floral arrangements in the church. Please observe the following when making arrangements with your florists:

1. Care should be taken in decorating the church environment. Any flowers, plants, and trees should enhance (not distract from) the ceremony.
2. Flowers, plants and candles should not be placed where they would impede the action of the ceremony or the movement of the participants. **Floral arrangements should not be placed on the altar.**
3. If you are planning to decorate the ends of the pews, care should be given as to how the decorations are attached to them. To prevent damage we recommend that you use ribbons to attach your decorations.

CANDLES

If you plan to use candles in your decorations, such as Unity Candles or candelabras, please provide a holder for the Unity Candles and dripless candles in the candelabras.

UNITY CANDLE

The “Unity Candle” has only been used during the wedding ceremony since 1975. Since the wedding rings are the symbol of marriage, the Unity Candle is permitted but is not an official part of the Marriage Rite. The couple is responsible for supplying their own candles and holders. A table is available for use.

AISLE RUNNER & OTHER MISC

Aisle runners, wagons, pets, doves, petals, birdseed, rice, bubbles, lanterns, sand, etc. are not permitted inside the church.

RESOURCE D
PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

Please make sure each photographer/videographer receives a copy of this RESOURCE.

Weddings are a time to capture the beauty and the sacredness of this celebration with photography and videography. Professional photographers who have had the opportunity to work in a Catholic ceremony will understand that pictures are welcome as long as he/she is as inconspicuous as possible. This means that walking in front of worshipers or standing in the sanctuary is prohibited. Photographers are asked to keep a respectful and unobtrusive distance during the ceremony. To honor the sacred nature of the worship space, photographers are not permitted in the loft, near/on the altar, in the main aisle or on chairs or blocking doorways. If the photographer is not familiar with the church, they may wish to attend the rehearsal so they may get an idea about where to set-up.

We ask that the photographers/videographers follow these guidelines:

1. Pictures and videotaping in the church can be taken before and/or after the mass. If the weather is favorable, you may wish to take pictures outside.
2. There is to be no flash photography during the ceremony.
3. Photographers/videographers are asked to keep their movement to a minimum during the ceremony.
4. Photographers/videographers are asked not to interfere with the movement of the wedding party or liturgical ministers during any part of the ceremony.
5. Video cameras need to remain stationary and should not obstruct the guest's view of the ceremony.
6. Cameras/equipment are not allowed in the altar area (sanctuary) unless they are approved by the presider.
7. Please check in with the wedding hostess and presider 1 hour prior to ceremony
8. If you have any questions before the day of the wedding, please call the priest or deacon.
9. **PLEASE NOTE** - We ask that you are mindful of the worship space and not move any part of the Church environment (Includes all furniture).

<p><u>Prelude</u></p>	<p>Presider: _____ name</p>
<p>“Where There Is Love”</p>	
<p>“Gift of Love”</p>	<p>Parents of the Bride: _____</p>
<p>“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”</p>	<p>Parents of the Groom: _____</p>
<p><u>Introductory Rite</u></p>	
<p>Processional: “Canon in D”</p>	<p>Maid of Honor: _____ – Sister of the Bride</p>
<p>Gathering Hymn: “Hear Us Now, O God and Father” - # 670 hymnal</p>	<p>Bridesmaid: _____ – Sister of the Bride</p>
<p>Glory to God - # 871 hymnal</p>	<p>Best Man: _____ – Brother of the Groom</p>
<p></p>	<p>Groomsmen: _____ – Brother of the Groom</p>
<p><u>Liturgy of the Word</u></p>	
<p>First Reading: Genesis 1: 26 - 28, 31a</p>	<p>Flower Girls: _____ – Daughter of</p>
<p>Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 33</p>	
<p>“Lord, Let Your Mercy” - #759 hymnal</p>	<p>Ring Bearer: _____ – Nephew of the Bride</p>
<p>Second Reading: Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13</p>	
<p>Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” - #939 hymnal</p>	<p>Ushers: _____ – Friend</p>
<p>Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:35 – 40</p>	<p>of Couple</p>
<p>Homily</p>	<p>_____ – Friend of</p>
<p></p>	<p>Couple</p>
<p><u>Rite of Marriage</u></p>	
<p>Exchange of Vows</p>	<p>Readers: _____ – Cousin of the Groom</p>
<p>Blessing and Exchange of Rings</p>	<p>_____ Godfather of the Bride</p>
<p>Acclamation: “Alleluia” - #939 hymnal</p>	<p>_____ – Cousin of the Groom</p>
<p>Prayer of the Faithful - Lord, hear our prayer</p>	
<p></p>	<p>Gift Bearers _____ – Godparents of the</p>
<p><u>*Liturgy of the Eucharist</u></p>	<p>Bride</p>
<p>*Presentation of Gifts – (<i>if Mass</i>)</p>	
<p>*Song -) “I Have Loved You” - #603 hymnal</p>	<p>Cantor: _____</p>

<p>*Eucharistic Acclamations - Mass of Creation (# 872 - 919 hymnal)</p> <p>Our Father</p> <p>Nuptial Blessing</p> <p>Sign of Peace: instrumental music</p> <p>*Communion – “One Love Released” - #359 hymnal</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Concluding Rite</u></p> <p>Final Blessing</p> <p>Recessional: “Rondeau”</p>	<p>Accompanist: _____</p> <p>Flute: _____</p> <p>To Our Family and Friends,</p> <p>We would like to thank you all for celebrating with us on the special day. We are grateful to our family and friends for your endless love and support. We are so happy to share our joy with all of you today. We would like to also remember our loved ones who are celebrating with us in spirit on this day. Many thanks to everyone for celebrating this day with us! We love you all!</p> <p>Love, Bride and Groom’s names here</p> <p>* - only if Mass</p>
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