

# Marriage

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## WEDDING GUIDELINES FOR ST. JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1. Wedding dates must be cleared with the pastor at least six months in advance according to the diocesan Marriage Preparation Guidelines.
  2. The guidelines of the Diocesan Marriage Preparation will be followed.
  3. Priests from other parishes are allowed to perform the wedding ceremony, with permission.
  4. Many weddings in the Catholic Church are mixed marriages (two different faiths). The minister of the non-Catholic party is welcome to participate in the wedding ceremony. It is the responsibility of the non-Catholic to extend the invitation to his or her minister. Usually the priest and minister share responsibilities for the actual ceremony.
  5. A stipend is usually given to the priest performing the wedding. A couple usually gives a donation (stipend) to the priest, to show their appreciation for his help and guidance throughout the marriage preparation process and wedding ceremony.
  6. The couple is responsible for arranging their liturgical music with Father.
  
  7. All floral arrangements that are not going to be left for Sunday Mass must be removed from the sanctuary immediately after the wedding. Please let the office know if you plan on donating your flowers for the weekend Masses.
  8. St. Johns Hall is available for rent. Rental is contingent upon the area not being used for another parish function.
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