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*Celebrating the Sacrament  
of Matrimony at  
SS Peter and Paul  
Catholic Church*



**With the approval of:  
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## WEDDING PREPARATION

IF YOU WISH TO BE MARRIED IN A CATHOLIC CEREMONY AND IF YOU WANT TO CELEBRATE YOUR WEDDING AT STS. PETER AND PAUL, WE OFFER TO HELP IN WHATEVER WAYS WE CAN TO PREPARE YOU FOR MARRIAGE AND TO ENSURE THAT YOUR WEDDING WILL BE A JOYFUL AND PRAYERFUL EXPERIENCE. WE ARE HAPPY FOR YOU AS YOU BEGIN TO PLAN THE CELEBRATION OF YOUR MARRIAGE. THIS IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS IN YOUR LIFE!

YOUR MARRIAGE IS, FIRST OF ALL, A SACRAMENT; IT IS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SPIRITUAL EVENTS OF YOUR LIFE. WE ARE A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WHO BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY THAT MARRIAGE IS A SACRED COVENANT BETWEEN TWO MATURE ADULTS. BECAUSE OF THIS BELIEF, WE ARE PROVIDING YOU SOME INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES THAT ARE FOLLOWED HERE AT SS PETER AND PAUL AS PART OF OUR CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE. BECAUSE THIS INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT TO YOU AS WELL AS TO OUR COMMUNITY, WE ASK YOU TO CAREFULLY READ OVER THESE GUIDELINES AS YOU BEGIN TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT THE CELEBRATION OF YOUR WEDDING HERE AT SS PETER AND PAUL. WE ARE GIVING YOU THESE GUIDELINES TO ASSIST YOU IN MAKING YOUR WEDDING EVERYTHING IT SHOULD BE. OUR COORDINATOR IS SHIRLEY PRUNITSCH. SHE CAN BE REACHED AT 270-886-8617. AT FATHER'S REQUEST, MRS. PRUNITSCH WILL MEET WITH THE COUPLE AND INFORM THEM OF SERVICES OFFERED BY ST. PETER & PAUL.

*In the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Four*

*“Happy the husband of a good wife, twice-lengthened are his days, A worthy wife brings joy to her husband, peaceful and full in his life. A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the Lord; Be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a smile is ever on his face.”*

*Sirach 26: 1-4*

firmed with Father John Thomas.

b) For members there is generally no deposit or rental fee, however, there will be a clean up fee of \$100.00 for each night of usage (excluding decorating the night before when applicable).

c) If you are **not** a member of SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church and will be using the Parish Hall, there will be a \$125.00 usage fee in addition to the \$100.00 clean up fee. The clean-up fee will be \$100.00 per night of usage (excluding decorating the night before when applicable). Any SS Peter & Paul Church table covers used will require a cleaning fee of \$3.00 per cover.

d) Anyone using the Parish Hall will be required to sign the Diocesan/SS Peter and Paul User Agreement Contract.

f) A key may be obtained from office manager, Judy Folz, if necessary.

### **VIII. Parish Assistants**

a) SS Peter and Paul Coordinator, Mrs. Prunitsch, will contact the bride to go over final last minute details.

b) On the day of the wedding, coordinator will be present to make sure all fine points are ready for the wedding.

c) Coordinator will be available after the wedding to be sure all is in place before the wedding party departs for the reception.

### **I. Preliminary Preparations**

How is the bride planning to make decisions?

- a) A wedding planner
- b) Bride and her mother or other relative
- c) Bride and groom as a couple

### **II. When may weddings be scheduled?**

- Any weekday after 10:00 a.m. except Wednesdays.
- Wednesdays between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Saturdays between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. or after 7:00 p.m.
- Church liturgical calendar takes priority. No weddings during Holy week or on Holy Days.

### **III. Decorations**

- a) Less is more
- b) Runners are not allowed but pew decorations can define the main aisle.
- c) It is suggested that two arrangements are suitable for the main altar along with the large candlesticks already present on the altar.
- d) A unity candle may be added.
- e) Please ask your florist to confer with Mrs. Prunitsch **before** your order is finalized.

### **IV. Music**

a) All music will be coordinated with our organist, Wilson Augsburg, 885-5413. Call to make an appointment for rehearsals if you are using a vocalist or other

instrumentalists. Best appointment time is between Sunday Masses.

b) If you are using CD's or music other than with Wilson, it must be cleared with SS Peter and Paul coordinator.

## V. Ceremony

a) All rehearsals will need to be scheduled with Father in advance. The priest will direct the rehearsal. Usual rehearsal time is Friday evening anytime between 5:30 – 6:30 PM. If there is a conflict, arrangements can be made.

b) No rice, birdseed, confetti or similar missile is to be thrown on church premises during or after the wedding.

c) A dressing area will be provided for the women of the wedding party. Depending on the size of the wedding party it will be decided to use the ladies restroom in the church or the Parish hall.

d) The area is to be cleaned up and trash disposed of. No food or drink is allowed in the area. Only bottled water. It is customary for the men of the wedding party to dress before coming to the church. Upon arrival they may meet in the Bishop's Room of the church.

e) All area's to be used for dressing should be scheduled and reserved along with the church arrangements through SS Peter and Paul coordinator.

## VI. Photography

a) In order to preserve solemnity and prevent misunderstanding please ask photographer to consult when pictures may be taken during ceremony.

b) Photo's taken before the wedding should be limited to one hour before ceremony.

c) All pictures should be completed before wedding party leaves for the reception.

d) No flash photography during the ceremony. Photo's will be allowed at the entrance and exit of the wedding party. A video camera may be positioned in the choir loft.

## VII. Costs

a) The suggested offering to the church is 10% of the total cost of the wedding.

1.) Altar servers \$10.00

2.) Organist \$100.00

b) For rental of the Parish Hall there is always a \$100.00 clean up fee. ***Please see information in section VIII for complete details.***

## VIII. SS Peter and Paul Parish Hall Procedures

a) The Parish Hall and kitchen are both available. Please contact SS Peter and Paul Office Manager, Judy Folz, but only after your wedding date has been con-