



THE MARRIAGE
CELEBRATION

BETWEEN A MAN
AND
A WOMAN

ST MARY OF
THE ASSUMPTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH
LAKE LEELANAU, MI





COUPLE'S INFORMATION:

BRIDE: _____

PARISH REGISTRATION: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

GROOM: _____

PARISH REGISTRATION: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

WEDDING DATE: _____

TIME: _____

The processional will have _____ couples.
(Please no more than 6 couples including the Maid of Honor & Best Man)

We are having a full Mass (with Holy Communion)

We are having a Holy Matrimony ceremony only





MARRIAGE PREP

Congratulations on entering into the **Holy Sacrament of Matrimony**. This will undoubtedly be a most memorable day of your new lives together as one in Christ. We hope to make this new vocation you are being called into, a lasting and loving relationship between husband, wife and church.

At St. Mary, our Pastor coordinates all the marriage preparation with the couple to be married. All classes and testing will take place at St. Mary Church unless other arrangements are approved by the pastor. The Diocese requires at least a 6 month time period prior to the wedding date for completion of all wedding preparation.

There are several pieces of information we must gather before entering into the sacrament of marriage:

- 1- Are you (bride or groom) registered in our parish?
- 2- Are you registered in another parish? If yes, we will require a letter from your pastor confirming this.
- 3- Are you actively practicing your faith?
- 4- If either party have had a prior marriage, has an Annulment Decree been issued?
- 5- Are you fulfilling your financial obligation to your parish?

The book, The Gift of Love, is given to couples in preparing the Mass or ceremony. Use the booklet pages to enter attendants' names, readings and ceremony options making your wedding day special and unique.

Two days prior to the wedding, the marriage license must be presented to the Pastor. At the rehearsal all attendants **MUST** be presents as well as all readers and parents involved in the ceremony. Rehearsals are scheduled the night before the wedding day at 3:00pm, 4:00pm or 5:00pm. We will start promptly on the hour. Rehearsal should not take more than one hour if all in the wedding party arrive on time.

Weddings are generally scheduled for either 5:00pm, 5:30pm or 6:00pm Friday night or Saturday afternoon no later than 1:00pm. The Mass Offering for a marriage ceremony is as follows:

Parishioner	\$500.00
Relative of a Parishioner	\$750.00
Non-Parishioner	\$1,000.00

A deposit of half-down must be offered to hold the date when the wedding date is booked. The remaining half of the Mass stipend is due 30 days prior to the wedding. If there is a cancellation, the deposit portion (1/2 of the stipend) is not refundable.





St Mary Music Director, David Schmidt

As Music Director, his services are required and must be utilized. There is a mandatory fee of \$250.00 for his services. Make your check payable to David Schmidt and mail it directly to the parish office one month prior to the wedding date. All music selections must be chosen from the suggestions included in this contract. We do not allow any secular music during the wedding ceremony. Your selections must be made at least one month prior to the wedding and submitted to David Schmidt. Guest vocalists and musicians may participate at the Wedding Mass with permission from the Music Director, prior to the beginning of the Pre-lude music. The vocalist/musician must contact David for rehearsals prior to wedding day. One of our St Mary cantors is required to lead to gathered guests in song during a Wedding Liturgy and is extremely important to enable the assembly to unite mind and heart in sung prayer and praise on this most special day. Many musical elements in the Wedding liturgy are dialogical, between cantor and the rest of the assembly. "Sing To The Lord" states that if a singer is not trained to be a psalmist or cantor, "another singer should be secured for this liturgically important role" [SL.,122] We will provide a cantor from our parish for an additional fee of \$100.00 payable directly to the cantor.

- No one is allowed in the choir loft except the music director, cantor and musicians.*
- At no time will anyone other than the pastor, Eucharistic ministers and readers be allowed on the altar, this includes photographers.*

Adornments:

Decorations and flowers must be approved by either the pastor, sacristan or the altar ladies. Flowers/candles are allowed in the sanctuary and can not exceed the height of the altar or block the main altar in any way. Nothing can be placed upon the altar table except sacred liturgical vessels used by the priest.

Food and beverages:

Food and refreshments may be brought in prior to the wedding downstairs in the Social Hall for the wedding party. Food and beverage must remain in the Gathering Space or the Social Hall. Absolutely no food or beverages are allowed in the sanctuary. All food, containers and supplies must be removed prior to the start of the wedding ceremony. Any and all items left behind will be discarded.

Pictures and videos:

- Photography and videography may be taken prior to, during & after the ceremony.*
- Flash photography is prohibited as it distracts from the ceremony.*
- Video tape recorders may be set up prior to the beginning of the ceremony and must remain stationary until the ceremony has ended. Certain locations are off-limits.*
- Discretion must be used by the photographer so as not to interfere with the sanctity of the sacrament. At no time should the photographer interrupt the liturgy or become a distraction. Photographers are not allowed in the sanctuary or choir loft at anytime.*





THE WEDDING MASS READING SELECTIONS:

THE FIRST READING

Name and relationship of reader:

THE SECOND READING

Name and relationship of reader:

THE GOSPEL READING

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Name and relationship of reader:

OFFERTORY THE GIFTS:

Name and relationship:

Name and relationship:





MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

PRELUDE MUSIC: The Director of music/Organist will play instrumental selections while the guests are being seated for the ceremony. The cantor may also sing a vocal solo during this time. If additional musicians are hired, they may also be included in the prelude music. The music selections must be approved by the Music Director.

PROCESSIONAL: Options for the processional are listed below. Selections that may feature the additional optional trumpet(s) are marked with an asterisk. Since our main aisle is relatively short, it is suggested that you choose *one* piece for the entire processional. Please indicate your choice here:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 919 - I Come With Joy | <input type="checkbox"/> 687 - A Mighty Fortress is Our God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 614 - Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You | <input type="checkbox"/> 688 - O God, Our Help is Ages Past |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 633 - For The Beauty of The Earth | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Gather Hymnal</u> Selection |

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : The responsorial psalm is sung. The cantor will approach the altar and lead the congregation with the psalm. This follows the first reading. Please mark one:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm # 15 They Who Do Justice pg 28 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm #118 This Is The Day pg 82 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm #89 Forever I Will Sing pg 64 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm #122 Let Us Go Rejoicing pg84 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm #103 The Lord is Kind and Merciful pg 72 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Gather Hymnal</u> Selection |

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: The priest will set the altar and meet the family members who will be bringing up the gifts to the altar.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 691 - On Eagle's Wings | <input type="checkbox"/> 828 - Make Me A Channel of Your Peace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 658 - Seek Ye First | <input type="checkbox"/> 680 - We Walk By Faith |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 777 - Here I Am Lord | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Gather Hymnal</u> Selection |

COMMUNION: (skip this selection if not requesting a full Mass) - A congregational hymn is very appropriate here. A vocal solo or instrumental selection is an alternative. Please choose *one* of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 945 - I Am The Bread of Life | <input type="checkbox"/> 940 - Gift of Finest Wheat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 932 - One Bread, One Body | <input type="checkbox"/> 938 - We Come To Your Feast |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 930 - Taste and See | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Gather Hymnal</u> Selection |





MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

RECESSIONAL MUSIC: This is usually the wedding liturgy's most festive and joyous of musical expressions. Pieces that may feature the addition of optional trumpet (s) are marked with an asterisk. Please choose one of the following selections. If you already chose one of these of pieces for your processional at the beginning of the wedding liturgy, you will need to choose a different piece here for the end of the liturgy:

The Wedding March
Composer: Mendelssohn

Trumpet Voluntary
Composer: Clarke

Rondo
Composer: Mouret

Ode To Joy
Composer: Beethoven

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Composer: Bach

Other Gather Hymnal Selection

POSTLUDE: As guests are exiting the sanctuary, the Music Director/ Organist will play instrumental selections. If additional musicians are hired for the ceremony, they may also be included in the postlude music.

Selecting Music for the Liturgy: Couples are welcome to select other liturgically correct hymns from "The Gather Hymnal, third edition". Books may be borrowed from the church in order to prepare for the liturgy.





This area is reserved for additional music requests.

Title 1 _____

Title 2 _____

Title 3 _____

Title 4 _____

Title 5 _____

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Title 2 _____

Title 3 _____

Title 4 _____

Title 5 _____





We agree to the wedding procedures and guidelines of St Mary Church, Lake Leelanau, MI and will abide these rules prior to and during our wedding preparation and ceremony. If, at any time, our requirements are not met or are in violation of our house rules, the pastor or the music director has the right to cancel the wedding.

Signature of Groom

Signature of Bride

Date

Date





The little church
on
the narrows



Celebrating over 150 years
of sharing the Word of God
to those Leelanau County
families as well as offering
over 125 years of Catholic
education on the
peninsula.



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