

The following is a planning worksheet intended to help you plan your wedding ceremony. You will need to contact the rectory at 319-234-4996 to set a date and time for the ceremony and rehearsal before you can begin planning the ceremony.

ROLES

A priest or a deacon may preside at your wedding. You can also choose to include both a priest and a deacon. If you would like to have a Mass (with the Liturgy of the Eucharist) for your ceremony, you will need to have a priest preside. If you do not wish to have a Mass for your ceremony, you can have a priest or a deacon preside.

Two altar servers are needed to help the presider during the ceremony. The wedding coordinator can find servers for you if you do not know anyone you would like to ask.

You will need 1-3 lectors (readers) to proclaim the Scripture passages you have selected (see Scripture Passages document). The Old Testament reading, New Testament reading, and prayer of the faithful can all be proclaimed by the same person or different people. The responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation are both sung by the cantor, while the Gospel is proclaimed by the presider.

Ushers play an integral part in welcoming and seating your guests. We recommend that you ask 3-4 people who are comfortable with this task.

HOW TO USE THIS PLANNING WORKSHEET

The areas below that are boldface are intended for you to fill in with your musical and Scripture selections (see Scripture Passages and Music Suggestions documents). You are asked to have at least some ideas written down before you meet with the wedding coordinator. The coordinator can assist and explain each part during the meeting to further help you make your selections.

Once a date and time has been set for your ceremony and rehearsal, please contact the wedding coordinator at dbq209s4@dbqarch.org. It is best to set up this meeting early on to ensure that your wishes can be carried out and to allow for ample preparation time for all involved in your wedding ceremony.

**ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY OUTSIDE OF MASS
COUPLE'S PLANNING WORKSHEET**

Ceremony Date & Time _____

Rehearsal Date & Time _____

Presider _____ (priest and/or deacon)

Altar Servers _____ (need 2)

Lectors/readers _____

_____ (need 1-3)

Ushers _____

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Prelude

Processional _____ (hymn or instrumental)

Gathering Song _____ (if not used in procession)

Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading _____

Proclaimed by _____

Responsorial Psalm _____

New Testament Reading _____

Proclaimed by _____

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia _____

Gospel _____
Homily _____

CELEBRATION OF MATRIMONY

Introduction
Questions Before Consent
The Consent (Vows)
Reception of the Consent
Acclamation of Praise _____
Blessing and Giving of Rings
Canticle (optional) _____
Prayer of the Faithful/Intercessions
 Proclaimed by _____

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing
Dismissal
Recessional _____ (hymn or instrumental)