

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.

If you are choosing to have a Mass, you will need 3 Eucharistic Ministers to help the priest distribute the precious Body and Blood of Christ. Eucharistic Ministers do not have to be Sacred Heart parishioners, but they do need to be already commissioned and serving in this role at their home parish prior to your wedding. The wedding coordinator can help you find enough Eucharistic Ministers if you do not know who to ask.

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.

If you are choosing to have a Mass, you will need at least 2 individuals or a family to present the gifts of bread and wine during the offertory procession. You, as a couple, may also present the gifts.

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 WITH A 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)

Eucharistic Ministers _____
_____ (need 3)

Ushers _____

Gift Bearers _____

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Prelude
Processional _____ (hymn or instrumental)

Gathering Song _____ (if not used in procession)

Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Glory to God _____ (sung or recited)

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 _____

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn _____ (hymn or instrumental)

The Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Amen

The Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn _____

Prayer after Communion

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing

Dismissal

Recessional _____ (hymn or instrumental)