

# St. John Fisher Chapel University Parish

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## Wedding Information Sheet

Welcome to St. John Fisher Chapel University Parish! We look forward to the celebration of your wedding. We will work together with you as a couple to help prepare and plan for your wedding which will reflect both the meaning of our Catholic Christian tradition and you, the bride and groom. You will find below a few points of information and procedures regarding Catholic Weddings. Please review these together and then call Fr. Jerry at 248-373-6457 Ext. 3104 for an appointment. At this time there would be an opportunity to review possible wedding dates.

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- I. The bride or groom must currently be a student, faculty or staff at Oakland University; or be currently registered personally or through his/her parents as parishioners of St. John Fisher. (Please note that if a person is not registered personally and is being married here at the St. John Fisher through his/her parents' registration, the couple is not automatically registered as parish members because they are married here. The couple must participate in a Welcome Registration Evening in order to become members of the parish community.)
- II. The date and time of the wedding is to be set and approved by the priest at least six months prior to the wedding.
- III. The bride and groom agree to participate in the St. John Fisher marriage preparation program, which includes:
- A. participating in **THE PRE-MARRIAGE SEMINAR** marriage preparation program or its equivalent at least six months prior to wedding;
  - B. making arrangements to take the **Pre-Marital Inventory** with their Sponsor Couple at least six months before the wedding, (\$20.00);
  - C. meeting with Mike and Colleen Daley (651-6299) to discuss the PMI;
  - D. beginning no later than four months before the wedding, meeting with the priest to:
    - 1. discuss the Marriage Preparation Experience and review the Pre-Marital Inventory;
    - 2. fill out the Pre-Marriage Forms (newly issued baptismal records are required, dated no earlier than 6 months before the wedding date);
    - 3. plan the wedding liturgy;
    - 4. rehearse for the wedding.
  - E. meeting informally with the Sponsor Couple throughout the time of marriage preparation:
    - Name: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Address: \_\_\_\_\_
    - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- IV. If a guest priest is celebrating the wedding, the guest priest is asked to take care of all the points under number III.
- V. It is recommended that the couple contact one of our music ministers for consultation regarding the religious music for the wedding:  
Sheran Tioran – 248-373-8453; Sheila Scovic-248-693-0085; Augie Thoma – 248-375-2381; Terry Gonda – 248-549-9125
- VI. A few points regarding the wedding liturgy itself and the church building:
- A. During the wedding ceremony, please:
    - photos should be taken by the professional only; video taping is allowed but not with flood lights;
    - no photographers or videographers are allowed on or any where immediately in front of the green carpet or in front of the pews;
    - flashes may be used for the opening and closing processions only;
    - photographers and videographers are to remain stationary once the religious ceremony has begun.
  - B. In the church building, please:
    - do not move plants, stands, furniture or piano;
    - tape or tacks cannot be used to attached flowers or bows to the pews; florists are to use plastic clips only.
  - C. Please do not throw rice, birdseed, paper or anything else inside or outside of the chapel. Please inform family, friends and the wedding party.
- VII. Please bring in your marriage license, which you receive from the County with both the return envelope and the couple's decorative envelope to the parish office at least two days before the wedding. We are responsible for completing the bottom portion of the license and returning the two copies to the County. You will receive your copy in the decorative envelope after the wedding itself on the day of the celebration.