

CATHEDRAL OF THE RISEN CHRIST PARISH



Wedding Packet



Christian marriage is a special calling from God to live out the Christian faith. It is a very special vocation. There are spiritual as well as practical preparations that must be performed in order to avoid an unholy atmosphere.

This packet is intended to answer frequent questions about weddings and the steps you will be undertaking for your marriage preparation.

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POLICIES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AT CATHEDRAL

1. **DOCUMENTS NEEDED:** At least 90 days prior to the marriage:
 - Catholics must furnish a Baptismal Certificate issued within the last six months
 - Pre-Nuptial forms, affidavits and mixed religion forms must be completed at least one month prior to the wedding.
 - An Engaged Encounter or Marriage Prep certificate, and
 - A NFP introduction session certificate needs to be given to the priest before the preparations are completed.
 - The marriage license must be presented to the wedding coordinator at the rehearsal or presented to the priest doing the marriage preparations prior to the rehearsal.
2. **OFFICIANT:** One of the priests on the Cathedral staff will witness the marriage and offer the Mass. If either of the parties to be married has a priest - brother, uncle or nephew, he may be granted permission to perform the ceremony and offer the Mass, if a request is made. Other priest friends may concelebrate.
3. **MUSIC:** In selecting the music for the wedding ceremony, the couple should consult first with the pastor and then with the parish organist.
 - Only music on the Diocesan list or with approval may be used.
 - The parish organist will play, as he/she is familiar with the liturgical prescriptions of the Church in regards to music.
 - If a soloist is desired, arrangements shall be made through the parish organist. If other musicians are desired this will be discussed with the priest and the parish organist.
4. **REHEARSAL:** Rehearsal time can be set only within the four months prior to the wedding. Rehearsal must begin on time and decorum of the participants should be suited to the House of God.
5. **DECORATIONS:** The extent of floral and candle decorations, whether in the Sanctuary or the main aisle, should be within reason;
 - The decorations shall not obstruct the altar.
 - No bows or greenery shall be attached to the altar candles or taped to wedding pews. All pew decorations **MUST** be attached only to plastic caps that can be obtained from the coordinator.
 - **Do not use gold tip cedar winter greenery as it sheds pollen.**
 - Use of an aisle runner is prohibited in as much as it poses a safety hazard.

Couples that plan a wedding during Lent or Advent will follow the decorating guidelines during these liturgical seasons. We do not have any flowers in the Cathedral. Decorations are very simple.
6. **PHOTOGRAPHS:** Non-flash photographs may be taken during the ceremony provided they are not disruptive. Special emphasis should be given to respectful conduct during the photo sessions.
 - Before the ceremony, customary pictures may be taken. We do encourage the custom of taking posed pictures before the ceremony with the understanding that the ceremony itself may not be delayed.
 - A quiet and respectful attitude by the entire wedding party is necessary since the Cathedral has a perpetual adoration program (there is someone praying in the Church every hour of the day). **If at any time during the pictures before the wedding the noise level is deemed by the priest to be too loud, you will be given one warning, if the level does not change the decision may be made to turn the lights off and the wedding party could be asked to finish their pictures in another location.**
 - Due to the numerous events that are held in the Cathedral pictures may begin at 1:00 pm for a 3:00 pm wedding on Saturday and they may begin at 6:00 pm for a 7:00 pm or 7:30 pm wedding on Friday evening. For other wedding times consult with the priest preparing you for a time to begin pictures.

- The processional is not to be delayed by pictures of attendants.
- The photographer may not be in the main aisle at any time during the procession.
- Video cameras must remain stationary in designated areas.

7. **STIPENDS:** Stipends must be received **no later than 24 hours before** your ceremony.
- \$800 (Fee for Parishioners) Please include a check made out to Cathedral or cash for use of the church (\$500) and wedding coordinator services (\$300).
 - \$1000 (Fee for Non-Parishioners) Please include a check made out to Cathedral or cash for use of the church (\$700) and wedding coordinator services (\$300).
 - \$10 Altar Server (typically there are two servers – please bring two \$10 bills to the rehearsal)
 - \$100 Officiant (make check out to the priest)
 - \$350 Cathedral Organist (required) – Justan Foster or Amy Flamminio (please note: the fee may differ if another organist is used/assigned by the Director of Music).
 - Vocal Soloist fee must be negotiated with the soloist directly.
8. **RICE, CONFETTI, ETC.** The Cathedral does not allow, rice, birdseed, flower petals, confetti, etc., to be thrown on the Church property following weddings. If balloons are released, they cannot be filled in the Church, or taken into the Church at any time.
9. **READINGS:** The couple will select from the Official Rite of Marriage the readings, prayers and vows. If a Saturday evening wedding is planned the liturgy for Sunday is used. The Priest preparing you for marriage will provide a ceremony booklet.
10. **ATTENDANTS:** A maximum of ten attendants (five bridesmaids/five groomsmen), including the maid/matron of honor and the best man is allowed.
11. **FLOWER GIRL/RING BEARER:** These individuals must be at least five years of age.
12. **CANDLE LIGHTERS:** Only servers shall light all candles (except Unity candle) in accord with their customary roles as ministers.

About the Bride's Room

The Bride's room, located in the church basement, is for the convenience of the wedding party to prepare for the ceremony. Any items that you use must be out of the Bride's room 30 minutes before the ceremony. This room will be locked after the ceremony begins and will not be available afterward. Your party is responsible for their possessions.

The Rehearsal

Please bring the following items to the rehearsal:

- Wedding Rehearsal Sheet (for the coordinator)
- Marriage License (the bride and groom must sign and have notarized before the rehearsal)
- Envelope with Stipends
- Copies of the Readings
- Any other items to leave in the Bride's room (ex. dresses, tuxes, guest book, picture frames, unity candle, card box, table cloths, bubbles, flowers, etc.)

Couple's Check List

- 1) His ___ Hers ___ Baptismal certificates to the Priest?
- 2) ___ Engaged Encounter certificate returned to your Priest?
- 3) ___ Natural Family Planning certificate returned to your Priest?
- 4) His ___ Hers ___ Affidavit of Freedom to Marry forms completed?
- 5) ___ Civil license applied for one month in advance of the Wedding?
- 6) ___ Pick up civil license two or three weeks before rehearsal.
- 7) ___ Prenuptial dinner? ___ When, where? ___ Priest notified?
- 8) ___ Wedding party notified of rehearsal time, place, proper attire, and behavior?
- 9) ___ Best man and maid/matron of honor know to go to Sacristy after Wedding?
- 10) ___ Musicians paid in advance?
- 11) ___ Offering for Church given to the Wedding Coordinator at rehearsal (fee for Wedding Coordinator, offering for servers, and offering for Priest)?
- 12) ___ Clean-up crew organized?
- 13) ___ Photographer notified of specific policies?
- 14) ___ Does Priest need to make any announcement at the end of the Wedding?
- 15) ___ Write questions down for pre-marriage instruction or rehearsal.
- 16) ___ A resolution that you will keep God in your marriage.
- 17) ___ Say a prayer for a great day and that all goes well!

**As a parish, our thoughts and prayers are with you.
May you have a happy and holy marriage!**

Wedding Coordinator

We have an on-site wedding coordinator at the Cathedral to assist you and your wedding party during your rehearsal and ceremony. The coordinator assigned to your wedding will direct florists, photographers, videographers, and members of your wedding party. From set-up, to organizing ushers and family, this will help to make your wedding day effortless. Also, your wedding coordinator will be behind the scenes for the entire event so everyone is able to enjoy the day stress free.

We hope that your wedding day will be just as you imagined and allow you to prayerfully focus on this sacred sacrament.

After you have scheduled your wedding with the Cathedral parish office, the coordinator assigned to your wedding will contact you to help and advise you on the details of your ceremony.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Cathedral Parish Office

402-488-0948

CRC@crchrist-parish.org

Engaged Encounter

Dear Friends,

Congratulations on your engagement! You have decided to give yourselves to each other totally in Christian marriage. You will be committing yourselves to a special relationship that is to be faithful and fruitful. God will bless the bond to be established by your exchange of vows making it a holy and unbreakable covenant.

The Catholic Church provides Engaged Encounter weekends to help you to prepare well for married life. The weekend will help you to deepen your relationship with one another and with God, while growing in your understanding of what Christian marriage is all about. Married couples will make presentations on various topics after which you will be given time to discuss important issues together as a couple.

The happiest and most successful marriages are those in which God plays an important role. You will hear about the manifold ways that God strengthens and sustains couples in their vocation to marriage.

May your Engaged Encounter weekend bring you closer to one another and to the Lord. Please be assured of the prayers of the Engaged Encounter Community as you spend this privileged time together.

To register on-line and access available dates, please visit:
www.lincolndiocese.org/marriage-family/engaged-encounter

Rachael Tvrdy
Director, Office of Family Life & Discipleship

Contacts for Engaged Encounter

Sam & Mary Cunningham
Coordinators
402-525-4526

John & Rosie Ruhl
Co-Coordiators
402-318-8345

Lori Weskamp
Administrative Assistant and Registration Questions
402-473-0620 or Lori-Weskamp@cdolinc.net

Natural Family Planning

Dear Friends,

As part of your preparation for marriage, you will attend a presentation that gives a basic overview of how couples can use Natural Family Planning (NFP) as a method to either achieve or avoid pregnancy. NFP is a very reliable, morally acceptable way for a couple to make procreative choices that are completely in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church. NFP is also a healthy alternative to using artificial birth control, which may have serious side effects on a woman's reproductive system. An added benefit is that NFP can help physicians identify and treat conditions such as PMS, ovarian cysts, irregular cycles, and many other women's health condition.

To register for a Natural Family Planning Group Introductory Session hosted by the Lincoln FertilityCare™ Center Diocese of Lincoln, please register online at:
www.lincolndiocese.org/fam/home.

Introductory Sessions for all five methods listed meet the Diocese of Lincoln pre-marriage requirements for Natural Family Planning (NFP). Check out the individual method you are interested in learning more about!

Want additional information about Fertility Awareness and NFP? Check out our Resources and Support page here: www.lincolndiocese.org/fam/resources-and-support.

Need a referral to a NFP friendly physician? Call or email our office for a list in your area.

Know of a NFP friendly physician in your area? Call or email our office to let us know!

Interested in learning more about the many facets of intimacy in marriage? The "Love and Responsibility" lecture series explores healthy emotional, physical, and spiritual intimacy:
www.lincolndiocese.org/family/special-events.

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Music within the Wedding Liturgy

Cathedral of the Risen Christ

Lincoln, Nebraska

The doctrine on music in the Liturgy of the Catholic Church states that music should never become the “goal” of a musician(s) The doctrine states that music should only serve to enhance and uplift the people and help bring them to prayer.

For this reason, music in and of itself cannot become the focal point in any Liturgy in the Catholic Church, and especially during the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage.

In keeping with the doctrine of the Church, and in order to focus on the Sacraments being celebrated during the wedding Liturgy, the Cathedral has chosen to have all musicians perform their ministry to the people from behind the screen, rather than on the altar platform.

Besides the reason stated above, technically it is very difficult, and in some cases impossible to work with a soloist or group with the organ being so far away from the altar platform area.

Please contact Amy Flamminio at 402-440-7170 or at music@crchrist-parish.org to schedule your music consultation no later than one month prior to your wedding date.

Soloists & Musicians List

The following is a listing of soloists and instrumentalists that are approved to sing or perform for liturgies at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ. Each of these people are well trained musicians and will enhance your wedding liturgy.

Vocalists

Amy Flamminio
Sandy Danek
Joyce Besch
Emma Vogel
John & Ellen Soukup
Mary Biegler

Instrumentalists:

Trumpet or Brass Group - Tom Kelly
Flute – Emma Stewart
Strings – Summit String Quartet

APPROVED WEDDING MUSIC

You can listen to samples of the wedding music listed below on-line by searching the titles. The priest preparing you may also give you a list of appropriate music selections. You may contact Amy Flamminio with any questions about the music.

List of Suggestions: instrumental and primarily solo vocalist examples

Prelude (organ or piano): various instrumental music

Seating of Parents and Grandparents (organ or piano): instrumental

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Panis Angelicus
Andante Grazioso
(Sometimes vocal music is here, but not typically)

Priest (if doing solemn entrance where priest processes in), could include Entrance Antiphon for weddings (short/simple singing of a Scripture text: *(Tobias 7:15 and 8:19) May the God of Israel join you together; and may he be with you, who took pity upon two only children: and now, O Lord, make them bless thee more fully. (Ps. 127:1) Blessed are all they that fear the Lord; that walk in his ways.)* OR, Father can walk into the same music as seating or bridal party.

Bridal Party (organ or piano): instrumental

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Andante Grazioso
Come Thou Fount
Be Thou My Vision
anything from the [hymnal at church](#)

Bride (organ or piano): instrumental

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Canon in D
Trumpet Voluntary
With Trumpet and Horn

Responsorial Psalm: sung or spoken? What psalm/verses did you choose?

Alleluia: sung

Offertory: congregation or solo or instrumental

You are Mine
Jesus, You are My All in All
Litany of Saints (can be personalized to include patron saints!)
anything from the hymnal at church

Mass parts (Holy, Lamb of God, etc.): [Heritage Mass](#) possibly?

Our Father: sung by congregation or spoken

Communion: congregation or solo or instrumental (can also include Communion Antiphon chant)

Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All
Servant Song
anything from the hymnal at church
(Sung or as instrumental arrangements)
Panis Angelicus

Flower to Mary/Unity Candle:

How Beautiful
Ave Maria
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
O Sanctissima

Recessional (organ or piano): instrumental or congregation

Ode to Joy
Trumpet Tune and Air
Trumpet Voluntary
With Trumpets and Horns
O God Beyond All Praising
All Creatures of Our God and King

Postlude: various

Please use the space below to make notes so you can tell the organist the pieces you do and don't like when you come to your consultation.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

11. _____

12. _____

13. _____

14. _____

15. _____

16. _____

17. _____

18. _____

19. _____

20. _____

Program Wedding Mass

Prelude

Seating of Grandparents (Song Title Opt)

Seating of Parents (Song Title Opt)

Processional Songs Listed Optional

(Attendants)

(Bride and Father)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Gloria

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Old Testament (Bible Verses Opt)

Responsorial Psalm (Bible Verses Opt)

Second Reading: New Testament (Bible Verses Opt)

Gospel

Homily

Rite of Marriage

Exchange of Vows

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Prayers of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts (Song Listed)

Or Offertory Gifts

The Lord's Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

Sign of Peace

(Flower to Mothers or to Mary- Optional)

Communion (Song Listed)

Lighting of Unity Candle (Optional)

(Song Listed Optional)

(Flowers to Mary- Optional)

Wedding Party

Concluding Rite

Final Blessing

Recessional (Song Title Opt)

Postlude

Celebrant or Officiant

*(Altar Servers- if Family or Optional)

Parents

Grandparents

Matron/Maid of Honor

Bridesmaids

Jr. Bridesmaid

Flower Girl (s) (or after Groomsmen with Ring Bearer)

Best Man

Groomsman

Jr. Groomsman

Ring Bearer

Ushers

*Altar Servers (if Family or Optional)

Communion or Offertory Gifts (Optional)

Reader(s) (Optional)

Programs (Optional)

Guest Book (Optional)

Gift Attendants (Optional)

Bells/Bubbles (Optional)

Host Couples (Optional)

Musician(s) (Optional)

Videographer (if Family-Optional)

Personal Attendant (Optional)

Cake Cutters (Optional)

Any other Family members (Optional)

(Directions to Reception)

Order of Wedding Mass

Marriage Within Mass (Copy for the Bride & Groom)

Entrance Procession

Grandparents Song: _____
Parents
Groom and Priest
Wedding Attendants Song: _____
Ring Bearer/Flower Girl
Bride and Father (or other) Song: _____

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Gloria

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading (Old Testament): _____ Read by: _____

Responsorial Psalms: _____ Read/Sung by: _____

Second Reading (New Testament): _____ Read By: _____

Alleluia Verse: _____ Sung By: _____ Omitted: _____

Gospel: _____

Homily

Rite of Marriage

Exchange of Vows

Blessing of Vows

Prayers of the Faithful

(# _____) (Read by _____)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of Gifts/Offertory Song: _____ Sung by: _____

The Lord's Prayer (Our Father)

Nuptial Blessing

Sign of Peace

Communion Song: _____ Sung by: _____

Flowers to Mothers or to Mary and/or Lighting of Unity Candle (both optional)

(Song: _____ Sung By: _____)

Concluding Rite

Final Blessing

Recessional (Optional- Song Listed: _____)

Postlude

Program Wedding with No Mass

Prelude

Seating of Grandparents (Song Title Opt)
Seating of Parents (Song Title Opt)

Processional (Songs Listed Optional)
(Attendants)
(Bride and Father)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word
First Reading: Old Testament (Bible Verses Opt)
Responsorial Psalm (Bible Verses Opt)
Second Reading: New Testament (Bible Verses Opt)

Gospel

Homily

Rite of Marriage
Exchange of Vows
Blessing and Exchange of Rings

**Lighting of the Unity Candle (optional)*

Prayers of the Faithful

**Lighting of the Unity Candle (optional)*
(Song Listed Optional)
(Flowers to Mary here-Optional)

Concluding Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

Sign of Peace (Optional)
**Flowers to Mothers or to Mary (Optional)*

**Lighting of Unity Candle (Optional)*

Final Blessing

Recessional (Song Title Opt)

Postlude
(*Lighting of the Unity Candle and/or Flowers to Mothers or to Mary can be in any of these three places)

Wedding Party

Celebrant or Officiant
*(Altar Servers- if Family or Optional)

Parents
Grandparents

Matron/Maid of Honor
Bridesmaids
Jr. Bridesmaid
Flower Girl (s) (or after Groomsmen with Ring Bearer)

Best Man
Groomsman
Jr. Groomsman
Ring Bearer

Ushers

Reader(s) (Optional)

Programs (Optional)

Guest Book (Optional)

Gift Attendants (Optional)

Bells/Bubbles (Optional)

Host Couples (Optional)

Musician(s) (Optional)

Videographer (if Family-Optional)

Personal Attendant (Optional)

Cake Cutters (Optional)

Any other Family you want listed

Deceased Family members
(Personal Thank-You)
(Directions to Reception)

Marriage Outside Mass (Copy for the Bride & Groom)

Entrance Procession

Grandparents	Song: _____
Parents	
Groom and Priest	
Wedding Attendants	Song: _____
Ring Bearer/Flower Girl	
Bride and Father (or other)	Song: _____

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading (Old Testament): _____ Read by: _____

Responsorial Psalms: _____ Read/Sung by: _____

Second Reading (New Testament): _____ Read By: _____

Alleluia Verse: _____ Sung By: _____ Omitted: _____

Gospel: _____

Homily

Rite of Marriage

Exchange of Vows

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

**Lighting of Unity Candle?*

Prayers of the Faithful

(# _____)

(Read by _____)

Conclusion of the Celebration

**Lighting of Unity Candle?*

The Lords Prayer

Nuptial Blessing

Sign of Peace (Optional- Flowers to Mother or Mary)

**Lighting of Unity Candle?* Unity Candle Song: _____ Sung By: _____

(Optional- Flowers to Mary)

Final Blessing

Recessional (Optional- Song Listed: _____)

Postlude

*Unity Candle can be in any of three places.

Wedding Party Worksheet

(Copy for the Bride & Groom)

Grandparents of Groom _____ escorted by _____

_____ escorted by _____

Grandparents of Bride _____ escorted by _____

_____ escorted by _____

Parents of Groom _____ Mother escorted by _____

Parents of Bride _____ Mother escorted by _____

Flower Girl _____ Age ____ Ring Bearer _____ Age ____

Bridesmaids

Groomsmen

Maid of Honor _____ Best Man _____

Bride Escorted by _____

Ushers

Celebrant _____

Guest Book _____ Programs _____

Readers _____

Personal Attendant _____

Host Couples _____

The Wedding Rehearsal

Bring to Rehearsal:

- Wedding Rehearsal Sheet filled out
- Marriage License (notarized)
- Copies of Readings
- Stipends for Church, Altar Servers (2x\$ 10), and Priest
- Items to leave in the Bride's Room overnight

Grandparents

Groom

Escorted by

Bride

Escorted by

Parents of the Groom

Mother of the Bride

Bridesmaids

6 _____

5 _____

4 _____

3 _____

2 _____

Maid of Honor

1 _____

Flowergirl(s)

Groomsmen

Best Man

Ringbearer(s)

BRIDE

Escorted by _____

Additional Wedding Party Members

Ushers

Lector/Reader

Offertory (Bringing up the Gifts)

Host Couple(s)

Personal Attendant(s)

SANCTUARY FLOWER REQUEST

In the event you want a floral arrangement from your wedding to be left on the altar for the weekend Masses, please complete this form and return to:

Cathedral PCCW ~ ATTN: Flower Committee, 3500 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE 68506.

Questions? Call Mary Jean Vogel at 402-309-0888.

NOTE: Forms must be received in the parish office at least 2 weeks prior to your wedding.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Date of Marriage _____

INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETIN NOTICE

A notice will go in the bulletin either the weekend of or after your wedding to acknowledge the floral arrangements you left or donated for the weekend Masses.

Message: (Select and Complete one message below for the Sunday Bulletin)

“The Flowers today are given to the glory of God.... (The first line is standard).

*And in Honor of _____

From _____

*And in Celebration of _____

From _____