

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE PREPARATION TIMELINE

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

Archdiocese of Cincinnati

| TIME PRIOR TO DAY OF WEDDING LITURGY | WHAT TO DO | WHO | NOTES |
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| At least 9 months prior . . . | Contact the pastor for an initial conversation and to book wedding date | Bride and Groom with Pastor | <p>This is the first step: do not make other arrangements relative to scheduling before this initial conversation.</p> <p>A wedding date/time will be set, as well as a rehearsal date/time.</p> <p>A mentor couple will be assigned to help you prepare for your life-long marriage together and a priest/deacon will be assigned to preside for the wedding liturgy.</p> |
| At least 6 months prior | Participate in Before We Say I Do | Bride and Groom | Held 3 times/year, YOU MUST attend one of these to begin the preparation process. |
| Shortly after BWSID | Take the FOCCUS inventory | Bride and Groom, online, separately | You can do this by contacting Tammy Silvestri at marriageprep@saint-max.org |
| Shortly after BWSID | Meet with your Mentor Couple | Mentor Couple with bride and groom | This will continue the formation process . You will have approximately 6 sessions together. |
| No sooner than 6 months before your wedding date but at least 3 months prior | Bring copies of your baptismal certificates to the parish office | | These certificates must have the official seal of the parish where you were baptized and be obtained no sooner than 6 months before wedding date. If either the bride or groom is NOT baptized, please inform the pastor or Tammy asap. Additional paperwork needs to be completed! |

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| At any time but no later than 3 months before your wedding date | Participate in Archdiocesan Pre-Cana Day, Engaged Encounter, or God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage at Ruah Woods | Bride and Groom | See brochure in packet or online at http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/engaged-couple-programs/ |
| At least 3 months prior . . . | Submit your liturgy planning form to the Pastoral Associate of Liturgy and Music | Bride and groom with Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Music | You may or may not need to meet individually with him, based on the form submitted |
| Prior to the wedding date | Meeting with your presider | Clergy with bride and groom | |
| At session 5 or 6 with mentor couples | Submit your M-1 Couples Questions answers to mentor couple. | Bride and groom | Complete the questionnaire that was given to you at session 4. |
| At least 2 weeks before wedding date | Submit wedding fee to the parish office: (see parish guidelines for details) | Bride and groom | |
| At least 1 week before wedding date | Provide copies of the readings and Universal Prayer to readers | Bride and Groom, lectors | |
| At wedding rehearsal but earlier if you choose | Bring your marriage license to the parish office | Bride and groom | You can just bring it to the rehearsal, but if you'd like to bring it in advance, the parish staff can add it to your file. |
| (Usually) On the day before. . . | Have the wedding rehearsal | Bride, groom, wedding assistant | Invite all who will take an active role in liturgy: lectors, gift bearers, ministers of Communion, ushers, parents, and wedding party. |
| Day of . . . | HAVE A WONDERFUL WEDDING DAY!!!! | All | |
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