

Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Church. We are very pleased that you have chosen our church for your special celebration of marriage. We are a very vibrant and active parish, with many services and activities ongoing. The following are a few things that we ask you to observe:

- Confessions are held on Saturdays at 4:45. If your wedding is in the afternoon, there should be ample time for pictures to be taken in the church. We ask that you be finished by 4:30 to allow us time to prepare for confessions and 5:30 Mass.
- Please remove any refuse from the church, such as flower boxes, wrappers, programs, etc.
- St. Mary's does not have a bridal room. You should arrive ready to enter the church for the celebration.
- Flower girls should not drop petals, bird seed, potpourri, or anything else on the floor in the church.
- Please take your unity candle and tapers when you leave. They will serve as a reminder of your special day.
- Floral arrangements may be placed on the back altar (two arrangements), but any flowers removed for the wedding should be replaced as they were. You may also use cut flowers in the vases on the pillars. There is no need for additional flowers since the church is so ornate. Flowers and other objects may not be placed on the altar or around it.
- Your flower girl and/or ring bearers should be at least 5 years of age. Younger children tend not to want to participate properly.
- You will be given a book entitled "Together for Life" by the people helping you with your marriage preparation. There is a worksheet in this book. You should choose the Old Testament and New Testament readings you prefer, as well as the Gospel reading. You should also choose the version of vows and the blessing of rings which you prefer; these things should be noted on the worksheet and brought to the rehearsal.
- Rehearsal time is fairly flexible. Check with Linda Armstrong ([linda@deerchase.com](mailto:linda@deerchase.com), or 936-825-0565). Please try to schedule a time at which you are certain all your attendants can be there. Consider driving, traffic, work schedules, etc., in setting this time.
- You are welcome to come to the church property early for pictures, inside or outside. These should be done by 30 minutes before the ceremony is to begin.
- Contact Linda Armstrong about the music for your wedding.
- All fees should be paid in cash at the rehearsal.

We pray that your wedding will be beautiful and filled with the Holy Spirit. Thank you for choosing St. Mary's.