

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
7575 HOLLIDAY DRIVE EAST \* INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46260  
WEDDING MUSIC POLICY

“A wedding is not a private affair or happening. Every marriage is an act of liturgy, of public worship. Because a sacrament is being celebrated, the church surrounds it with prayers and ceremonies to enhance its solemnity, to ask God’s special blessing, and to help this community appreciate more fully its sacredness and importance....” (*Wedding Liturgy: Policy and Norms, Archdiocese of Indianapolis*)

1. Please contact the Director of Music Ministries to arrange a consultation. He will review the liturgy, music and set-up needs you have for the wedding liturgy. This consultation must take place at least one month prior to the wedding.
2. The Director of Music Ministries normally plays the organ or piano for all liturgies. Additional instruments may be used, such as flute, oboe, trumpet, and various string instruments, as well as harp. While not required for a ceremony, the organ or piano must be used to accompany the sung responses if the wedding is in the context of a Mass. As well, a cantor from the church will be made available for a wedding Mass. Outside vocal soloists may fulfill the role of cantor, provided they exhibit the necessary skill and experience.
3. All vocal music selected should be sacred in nature. Instrumental music should be sacred or drawn from the Classical repertoire. Popular, secular music, while perfectly suitable for the reception is strongly discouraged from use in liturgy. The Director of Music ministries will provide guidance in this area.
4. During the Wedding Mass, the Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, Eucharistic Acclamations, and Lamb of God are all normally sung. A guest vocalist fulfilling the role of cantor must be familiar with the Catholic Mass, and its music.
5. Music stands and chairs are available for guest instrumentalists. As well, a music stand and microphone are available for guest vocalists.
6. Guest musicians are ultimately responsible for supplying musical scores for performance. St. Luke does have a fairly extensive library of music that will be made available for use.