



Celebrating Your Wedding at St. Luke

Congratulations!

The community of St. Luke shares your joy and excitement as you prepare for the beginning of your new life as husband and wife! Your choice to celebrate with us affirms the community and your commitment as a couple to make the Lord Jesus a central part of that life.

The Vocation of Marriage

The Catholic Church believes that marriage is a sacrament - an effective sign of God's love instituted by God to give grace. It is a holy covenant made by a man and woman to give themselves to each other fully and without reservation, out of love. In marriage, both husband and wife are called to love as Jesus loved and, through their union, to bring about God's will in the home and in society. It is not just about sealing your love - it's about being followers of Jesus Christ!

Establishing Parishioner Status

Before beginning sacramental marriage preparation and setting a wedding date at St. Luke Catholic Church, the bride and/or groom must meet one of the following criteria:

1. The Catholic party must be a registered stewardship member of St. Luke Parish for at least six months prior to the initial meeting with the priest
2. Parents of the Catholic party must be registered stewardship members of St. Luke for the six months prior to the initial meeting with the priest; - and - the Catholic party must be a registered stewardship member in their home parish for the six months prior to the initial meeting with the priest
3. The Catholic party is a registered stewardship member of another parish for six months and had previously been a parishioner at St. Luke
4. The non-Catholic party grew up or lives in the St. Luke parish area and the Catholic party is a registered member of a parish outside of Marion or Hamilton Counties in Indiana

* A registered stewardship member is one who has formally registered as an adult head of the household, attends Saturday evening/Sunday Mass at the parish at least once a month, and contributes to the parish offering through (a) offering envelopes, (b) a check in the Saturday evening/Sunday collection basket, or (c) direct deposit.

If neither the bride nor groom meets the criteria listed above, weddings may still be scheduled. However, they will be assessed an additional fee as outlined in our wedding policies handbook.

Beginning the Process

Now that you're engaged, you have many things on your mind – from booking a reception hall to buying a wedding dress. We want to make things easy for you as a couple and start your planning process as soon as possible.

The first thing you need to do at St. Luke Catholic Church is meet with one of our parish priests to begin the marriage preparation process. At this initial meeting you will book your wedding date based on the priests' availability and the church's availability. At that initial meeting you will discuss the entire marriage preparation process and more information about the wedding ceremony.

To set up your appointment, or if you have any questions, please call us at the parish office:

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Congratulations again, and may God bless this wonderful time in your life!

Sincerely,

The Staff of St. Luke Catholic Church