

STS. ANNE & JOACHIM CATHOLIC CHURCH

WEDDING POLICY

The Diocese of Fargo requires that the parish clergy, where the wedding is to be held, be contacted **AT LEAST SIX MONTHS** prior to the wedding date.

At Sts. Anne & Joachim, we ask the couple to contact the wedding coordinator (235-5757) **seven** months before the wedding date to initiate the marriage preparation process, which will make sure that any necessary initial delays will still allow for six months preparation time.

- **Members of the parish** for *more* than one year can request a date in accordance with the time frame for marriage preparation as stated above. Fee is \$300.
- Couples whose **parents are members of the parish** should contact the wedding coordinator to request a date for a wedding. Fee is \$300.
- **Members of the parish** for *less* than one year can request a date that will be after their first full year of membership and in accordance with the time frame for marriage preparation as stated above. Fee is \$600.
- **New members of the parish** can request a date three months after becoming a member, said date to be after their first full year of membership and in accordance with the time frame for marriage preparation as stated above. Fee is \$600.
- Weddings will be permitted for those living within the parish boundaries upon **their becoming members** of our parish (same as stated above). Fee is \$600.

Couples living together will meet with the pastor before anything is decided.

Wedding requests for **non-members** who are not living within the parish boundaries will not be approved.

At the pastor's discretion, exceptions may be made to these policies.

Once the requested date is approved by the **pastor**, the date is placed on the master calendar. A meeting with the wedding coordinator should occur soon after the wedding date has been approved to review the wedding guidelines.

Half of the parish fee is due at the time of the initial meeting with the wedding coordinator. The other half of the fee will be due one month before the wedding.