



## St. Mary Catholic Church

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Dear Engaged Couple,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Mary Parish. Marriage is one of the most important commitments you will make during the course of your life. Because of its importance, the following points are important in regard to your plans.

Marriage is the one Sacrament that is administered by the couple to each other. The Catholic Church beginning in the 1960's, required that couples undergo a marriage preparation process of 4 to 6 months in duration.

A particular area of concern in marriage preparation is the issue of co-habitation of couples. In our society it has become more and more acceptable for couples to live together prior to their marriage. Although this may seem like a socially acceptable action, clergy, as well as psychologists have found that it is the one single factor that can have the most damaging effects for a lifelong commitment. The changing spiritual and personal dynamics of a couple moving from a cohabitating to a marital commitment has in some instances caused up to a 60% greater chance of divorce. We ask that you seriously consider the implications of this before beginning the marriage preparation process.

The first step is for the couple to complete the Wedding Information/Request Form included attached. The completed form should be turned into the parish office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. Once received a parish representative will contact the couple in a timely manner to discuss your request form. They will present a timeline for your wedding and for you to be contacted by the clergy (priest or deacon). Dates, times and ceremony details will only be discussed by the clergy with the couple. The parish staff cannot verify the availability of the church for a given date. Weddings are not scheduled during Lent.

Thank you again for considering the importance of the marriage, not so much as a social act, but an act of two people of faith.

In Christ,

*Fr. Howard E. Drabek*

Pastor

# Wedding Information/Request Form

**PLEASE PRINT**

**GROOM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

(cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Place \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Baptized  Yes  No

Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation  Yes  No Date \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Married Previously  Yes  No

If yes, where \_\_\_\_\_

When \_\_\_\_\_

By Whom \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/Church \_\_\_\_\_

*(currently attending)*

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last First Middle

Father's Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Maiden** First Middle

Mother's Religion \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT**

**BRIDE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

(cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Place \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Baptized  Yes  No

Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation  Yes  No Date \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Married Previously  Yes  No

If yes, where \_\_\_\_\_

When \_\_\_\_\_

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Parish/Church \_\_\_\_\_

*(currently attending)*

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last First Middle

Father's Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Maiden** First Middle

Mother's Religion \_\_\_\_\_

## ***For Office Use Only***

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Parishioner?  Yes  No If so date of registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Contacted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date contacted: \_\_\_\_\_ Clergy Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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