

## Marriage Preparation Checklist:

- If there has been a former marriage, both the Marriage Certificate and the Death Certificate or Declaration of Nullity must be produced.
- Check with the priest preparing you to determine if the church, and the priest, are available on the date you would like to marry. We only accept priests from St. Mary parish to officiate at weddings here.
- Are you registered at St. Mary Catholic Church? If you are a registered member of another Catholic Church, then both bride and groom must ask for a letter of permission from your pastor(s).
- Fill out Pre-nuptial Questionnaire (Form A) with priest.
- All four Freedom to Marry (Form B) affidavits are complete.
- Register online for FOCCUS.
- Complete the FOCCUS pre-marital inventory.
- Meet with priest, or an assigned couple, to discuss results of FOCCUS
- Register for and complete the Pre-Cana marriage preparation course and the Natural Family Planning course at CatholicMarriagePrep.com.
- If the marriage is between a Catholic and a non-Catholic, work with the priest to complete a dispensation or permission form.
- Catholics, not sooner than six months before the wedding, obtain a new baptismal certificate from the parish where you were baptized. Non-Catholics, if possible, obtain a copy of your original baptismal certificate.
- Contact Music Director to discuss music options.
- Email the completed Rite of Marriage Liturgy Plan to the priest officiating at your marriage no later than one month before the wedding.
- Obtain Marriage License within 3 weeks prior to wedding date.
- Bring all wedding fees to the wedding rehearsal- church fee, musicians fees, priest/altar server stipend.
- Bring Marriage License to wedding rehearsal.
- Bring rings to the wedding.