

Celebrating
the
Sacrament of Marriage



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Dear Engaged Couple:

Congratulations! A time of engagement is a most exciting time as you prepare to live the rest of your lives together in Christian marriage. Corpus Christi Community rejoices with you. We are privileged to walk with you in the preparations toward your permanent covenant of love.

This time of preparation provides an opportunity to reflect on your sacramental marriage as a living witness of God's love for all of us. Our process of marriage preparation here in our faith community is designed to plan a prayerful celebration of this sacrament and to initiate a life-long marriage covenant bonded in love.

We are here to help you plan a Liturgy. This is very different from a marriage ceremony. There are many popular books and magazines written to prepare the "perfect wedding." More often than not, these resources emphasize things that are not consistent with the Church's vision of prayer, sacraments, and Liturgy. In the Sacrament of Matrimony, the bride and groom are the primary focus and their exchange of vows are the primary action.

Our role as a parish is to provide prayerful and beautiful liturgical and sacramental opportunities for all of our members and those who live in Western Lawrence.

This booklet is designed to assist you in this process of preparation and celebration. At Corpus Christi we have many beautiful and prayerful wedding liturgies. With the opening of this Church in 2000, we are blessed with a beautifully designed space. Those involved with marriage preparation from the Archdiocese, our parish Pastor, Director of Music and Liturgy and Wedding Liaison will share their time and talents with you in this preparation.

Our prayer for you during these months of preparation is that you may come to an ever deeper love of God for you in your lives, and that may increase your love for each other and appreciation of the Sacrament.

In Christ's Peace,

Rev. Carter
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Scheduling a Date

Friends and family will immediately ask, “Have you set a date?” **Before** setting a date there are several things to consider:

- An initial interview with Fr. Carter is the first step before a date may be scheduled. This will allow the Church to inquire about more information about the couple and their personal and faith history, as well as arrange for their preparation in a marriage preparation program. This will also allow the couple to review policies and ask any initial questions.
- If either party has been previously married and an annulment is needed, or pending, a wedding date cannot be set.
- It is the responsibility of the engaged couple to secure the date for the church before making commitments with caterers, reception halls, florists, etc. The wedding is a sacrament of the Church and this should be the first priority of the couple. Planning the reception will be up to the discretion of the couple.
- During the initial interview with the Pastor, several date options may be presented and after consultation with the parish calendar, and the couple is in agreement with all policies and are enrolled in a marriage preparation program, a date may be scheduled. Keep in mind, according to Archdiocesan policy a minimum of 8 months of preparation is necessary before the day of the wedding. Also, weddings are normally not to take place during the season of Lent.

Who May Marry at Corpus Christi Church

COUPLES WHO ARE REGISTERED AND ACTIVE MEMBERS OF CORPUS CHRISTI OR THOSE WITH TIES TO THE PARISH

- According to Canon Law, the Universal law of the Catholic Church, the proper place for a marriage of a Catholic is the parish of the bride or groom. Since Corpus Christi is a Stewardship parish, to be married at Corpus Christi, the bride or the groom or both must be registered and active in the parish, and living in our parish boundaries for at least nine months. This includes active stewardship in time, talent, and treasure. For these couples, there is a \$1,100 charge for the use of the Church.
 - If the bride or the groom grew up in the parish, but currently do not reside in Lawrence and/or are not practicing active Stewardship, but their parents are doing so, there will be a \$1,300 charge for the use of the Church.
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COUPLES OUTSIDE LAWRENCE OR WITH NO ACTIVE TIES TO THE PARISH

Couples can call and talk with the Director of Parish Life, Cristy Sullivan at 785-843-6286.

Two schedules need to be consulted:

- Church availability to ensure the church building does not have another scheduled liturgy. Parish office personnel can verify this at the time of your call.
- A priest's personal calendar. If you want the local pastor to be the witnessing priest, the office staff will give the date and information to the pastor. If a priest from another parish, diocese, family member or family friend is to witness the celebration, we need the name, contact information, and or written statement from the priest committing to the day and time. *(Priests from outside the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas are required to have a letter of good standing from their local ordinary (Bishop or his representative) sent to Corpus Christi at least four months prior to the wedding date.)*
- A date will be secured when the first two items are complete, along with a **\$500 deposit**. A refund of \$250 will be granted if cancelled 6 months prior to the date of wedding, if under 6 months, there will be no refund.
- The cost for these couples to have a wedding at Corpus Christi will be \$2,000, and the wedding must follow all policies and procedures for a Catholic wedding at Corpus Christi as listed below.

Paperwork

- At the initial meeting you can expect to share your story. Our lives are a collection of lived experiences, encounters with one another and accompanied by the loving Spirit of God. We want to hear your story so that we can celebrate the story of your lives coming together in a bond of marriage and to assist in the marriage preparation process as required by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. Within the web of your stories we will need the following information:
 - Both parties must be legally free to marry under Church and civil law. Since marriage is a permanent bond, any previous marriage, even if it was only a civil marriage will need to be reviewed by the priest prior to any marriage preparation. We can help you work through these situations and are prepared to do so with love and charity.
 - Catholics will need to obtain a recently dated baptismal certificate issued within the last six (6) months from the original church of baptism which contains notations. If you're unsure when and where it took place, ask your parents. We will make the call and obtain the certificate on your behalf.
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- There are three (3) options for a wedding time at Corpus Christi. Each is a three (3) hour time slot. This allows for the pictures, ceremony preparation and the ceremony itself to take place. Couples will contact Cristy Sullivan no later than six (6) weeks prior to the date of the wedding with the confirmed ceremony time. The time slots are as follows:
 - Friday Evenings 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 - Saturday Morning 9:00 am - Noon
 - Saturday Afternoon Noon- 3:00 pm

Corpus Christi's permission must be obtained before inviting a priest, deacon, or minister from outside the parish to witness the wedding. The visiting priest or deacon may be asked to prepare the pre-nuptial forms and documents especially if they are the person preparing the couple for the Sacrament. For inter-faith marriages, other Christian ministers, Jewish Rabbis, and other religious leaders are welcome to participate in the ceremony, but they cannot be the primary celebrant. Coordination will be made with the pastor of Corpus Christi for these arrangements. The presiding priest will secure the necessary permissions from their particular Diocese and the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas in order for the marriage to take place in such situations.

Marriage Preparation

The process of preparation generally entails three main components: Meeting with the Priest/Deacon, the Director of Music and Liturgy and completing the eight (8) requirements for the marriage preparation program.

1. Initial meeting with the priest
2. FOCCUS Assessment
3. Evaluation of FOCCUS assessment with the priest
4. Marriage Preparation
5. Natural Family Planning Class
6. Meeting with the Director of Music and Liturgy, Shaun Whisler, 785-843-6286
7. Meeting with Wedding Coordinator
8. Final Meeting and paperwork with the priest

MEETING WITH PRIEST

- After the initial interview with the Pastor, the couple is responsible for making a second appointment to review the outcomes of the assessment tool with the priest.
- Another meeting at least six (6) weeks before the date of the wedding, will need to be scheduled to go over the liturgy of the sacrament and to complete the final pre-nuptial forms to be sent to the Archdiocese for permissions for the Sacrament.

MEETING WITH MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Perhaps the very best part of the marriage preparation process is the opportunity we provide to meet with another married couple. They will share with you the joy of marriage, the challenges they have faced, the techniques and the ways that they have overcome some difficult times, what has worked well, what hasn't, and how they have created a successful marriage! They're the



experts. They are loving couples who are committed to helping our young couples flourish in their newfound love and commitment to one another.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION INFORMATION

All engaged couples are required by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas to complete two programs prior to the reception of the sacrament of Matrimony: This includes a marriage preparation course and an NFP introduction. In addition, couples receiving the sacrament at Corpus Christi must also complete the focus pre-marriage inventory. As approval is necessary from the Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas, these must be completed no later than 12 weeks prior to the date of marriage. Marriage Preparation Course. All couples will complete the 'Evermore in Love' program led by a trained mentor couple at Corpus Christi. There are 7 sessions required. For certain circumstances, a couple could complete the 'Evermore in Love' weekend through the Archdiocese. This options will be based on Fr. Carter's approval. There are space is very limited and needs to be scheduled asap. <https://archkck.org/marriageprepweekend/>

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS

The Archdiocese of Kansas City offers Natural Family Planning Classes by trained and certified teachers. Multiple locations and class times are offered.

- To register online please go to: <https://archkck.org/nfp/find/intro-to-nfp/> and click on prescription of a Long and Happy Life.

At times, couples may be asked to enter into more extended and professional marriage counseling at the recommendation of the pastor, the lead couple, or both. Sometimes this is recommended to get a more professional opinion on a particular matter or aspect of the couple's relationship. Couples preparing for marriage who are recommended for further counseling must show a willingness to commit to counseling in order for marriage preparations and church details to continue.

Liturgical Celebration

- To help our parish coordinate the wedding liturgy, we **require** our couples to use the services of a Wedding Liaison from Corpus Christi. The liaison will be present for both the rehearsal and the day of the wedding to provide for the needs of the bride and groom, their attendants and families, to assure security and to assist the presiding minister in various ways. The parish wedding liaison will assist with decorations and will assist you in creating a Catholic Art and Environment for the Sacrament. They will also work with photographers and florists.
- The Church teaches us that all liturgy should be guided by the principle of Noble Simplicity. This means that when we come to pray together, our liturgical prayer focuses attention on our primary Catholic symbols with a minimum of clutter or distraction.
- In the Liturgy for the Sacrament of Matrimony, the bride and groom are the primary symbols and their most important action is the exchange of consent and vows. Everything else is subordinate to this action.



- The Rite of Marriage requires two primary witnesses. At times a couple may want to honor special friends by including them as secondary witnesses. As Catholics, the entire assembly is the witness to the primary action of the exchange of vows. When couples ask numerous friends and family to be secondary witnesses it can send the signal that all of the invited family, friends and guests—the assembly, are less important than the role of the attendants. Thus, at Corpus Christi we suggest that the wedding party be limited to no more than five (5) couples.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Couples may choose three readings along with petitions: These readings and petitions will be located on the parish website. Couple will choose:

1. First Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)
2. Second Reading from the New Testament
3. Gospel Reading
4. Five (5) petitions.

Friends or family members with a good speaking voice can be selected by the couple to proclaim the first and second readings. Those chosen need not be Catholic. We are happy to have other Christian brothers and sisters be a part of the ritual and proclaim the Word of God.

A clean copy, clearly marked and printed will be provided for the designated lectors at the time of rehearsal, and will be properly placed on the Ambo on the wedding day. Couples need not worry about this detail. Choices for the particular scriptures need to be given to the wedding liaison at least six (6) weeks in advance of the day of celebration. The Gospel is proclaimed by the witnessing priest or deacon.

- **Children** under the age of six (6) are not permitted to be a part of the wedding party or procession. This includes flower girls & ring bearers. We often find children crying when expected to walk down a long aisle of strangers staring at them and expecting them to “perform.” This often places undue stress on a child to be in front of strangers in a strange place. Our goal is a spirit of prayer. Our focus is on God, and the covenant to be shared between bride and groom.
- **Ring Bearer** is not necessary. Since the rings are an essential part of the Catholic Rite of Marriage, proper care should be taken to treat them with respect and reverence. The Groom’s Witness (or Best Man) is to have the rings in his pocket before the Wedding Liturgy begins. Following the exchange of vows, he presents them to the witnessing priest to bless.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** When two Catholics marry, we always celebrate the occasion with the nuptial Mass which includes communion. Eucharistic Ministers could be used to help with the distribution of the Eucharist if they are previously trained ministers actively practicing that ministry in their parish.
- **Server(s)** will be provided by the church (if needed) unless otherwise arranged.



Art, Environment and Flowers

- Church decorations are not needed for weddings. At Corpus Christi our Liturgical Commission consists of several parishioners who lovingly give of their time and most outstanding gifts to provide a beautiful and prayerful environment that enhances the worshipping space for our entire community.
- Our Sunday Liturgies are the source and summit of all we do at Corpus Christi. Any other celebration at the Church is directed toward our worship on Sundays. Our seasonal environment, decorations, and plants are important to us and integral to our Sunday liturgies. Therefore, they may not be taken down.
- Questions regarding what seasonal colors will be in use at the time of your wedding may be referred to the Wedding Liaison. We find that most of the time, this helps the wedding couple. We have already provided couples with a beautiful space. Not only do couples receive a lovely place for the celebration of their marriage, but the added costs that florists may want to pass off to you are spared.

If additional decorations are desired these guidelines are to be strictly followed:

- No items in the church or in the sanctuary can be moved or removed. Wedding parties are not to move any of the flowers or plants around the altar, ambo, tabernacle, etc.
- If additional flowers are desired your wedding liaison will show you where they may be placed.
- Real flowers are called for by Catholic Liturgical guidelines. They help us to witness God's creation and Christ's real presence among us.
- Flowers are not permitted in the sanctuary itself. Nothing is to be placed on the altar. It is reserved specifically for the offering of bread and wine only.
- Pew bows are discouraged but permitted. No tape, wire, tacks or staples are permitted. Bows must be fastened with ribbon, cloth.
- Garlands are prohibited down the main aisle. We cannot block access in or out of the pews.
- Candelabras are prohibited. None are to be placed in the sanctuary. If a wedding party wants to light candles, the candles to be lit are those that our community regularly has in the worship space for the particular season of the church year.
- Arches, candelabras and the like are prohibited in the church.
- Aisle runners are not allowed.



- Guest books were intended to let a couple know who attended their reception, not who came to the church. They are highly discouraged at Corpus Christi. If a guest book is brought to the church, a podium can be used and secured by the wedding liaison. No picture frames or other items may be used here at Corpus Christi. Only standard guest books.
- Rice, birdseed, confetti, balloons, bubbles, flower petals and the like are forbidden inside and outside the church building and not permitted anywhere on church grounds. Throwing or tossing of any like materials is not permitted. This is a tradition that you may use at your reception.
- Flower girls are not to drop petals, real or artificial as they present an unnecessary cleaning issue in the Church.
- Food is permitted in the dressing areas only, and all food should be consumed at least an hour before the ceremony begins.
- No alcohol is permitted on the parish campus before or after the wedding.
- Any acceptable decorating must be done during the three (3) hour time slot. Someone must be appointed – outside the wedding party – to clean up all decorations and trash in the Church, gathering space, and dressing areas. Remember to gather the guest book, flowers, worship aids throughout the church and adjoining spaces. Cleaning should not be left to the Wedding Liaison.

Rehearsal

Rehearsal time is set at a mutually agreed upon time with the Wedding Liaison and the couple. Most often the rehearsal is held the day before depending on the church schedule.

- All rehearsals will be conducted by Corpus Christi's Wedding Liaison. We do not work with outside coordinators.
 - If everyone is on time, and quietly listens to the directions given, the rehearsal need not exceed 30-45 minutes. Since more than one rehearsal may be scheduled for the church, or other liturgy, it is important to be timely.
 - People to include: Bride & Groom, witnesses & members of the bridal party, Lectors, Ushers and Servers.
 - All guests of the rehearsal dinner should meet at the restaurant, and not at the church. By keeping the rehearsal for those who have an active role, the rehearsal is more likely to be on time.
 - Valid Marriage License from the state of Kansas must be given to the Wedding Liaison at least six (6) weeks prior to the rehearsal date. Following the liturgy the wedding liaison
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will give the duplicate copy along with the church certificate to a responsible member of the family. The original will be sent by Corpus Christi to the local County Courthouse. **A wedding rehearsal cannot proceed without a marriage license on file.**

- Two aspects of the liturgy will be rehearsed: The position of the bridal couple and witness for the exchange of consent & vows, and the entrance procession.

Procession

Since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has described the Liturgy for the Rite of Marriage as a *union of families*, not just a bride and groom. Since we come from both our father and mother, we propose following processional:

- Bridesmaids & Groomsmen enter as couples
- Primary witnessing couple: (Best Man and Maid/Matron of Honor)
- Groom and his parents
- Bride and her parents

This procession references our Catholic Christian tradition that our parents are the first teachers for us in the ways of faith. The procession emphasizes the union of families, the very thing that you as a couple are seeking to create. It offers the parents the opportunity to offer their blessing and support as the two families are joined before the community of believers.

When extenuating circumstances such as disability, blended families, step-parents, etc. are involved, we are happy to make accommodations and other pastorally appropriate means can be discussed with us. We're happy to talk with you about variations on these options.



Photographer & Videographer

- The church will be available during the allotted time slot you have chosen.
- Backdrops may not be set up the church.
- All photography must be handled as unobtrusively as possible during the liturgy. There should be a minimum of movement throughout the church during the wedding ceremony.
- No equipment, flashes, lights, decorations, etc. may be placed anywhere in the sanctuary of the Church.
- All photography must cease, and equipment taken out of the sanctuary and main aisle, gathering space, etc., 30 minutes before the start of the liturgy.
- The liturgy is a prayer and sacred celebration, all photo and video personnel are required to reverence the ceremony and place. During the liturgy, photo and video persons are asked to remain outside the sanctuary and remain completely unobtrusive.
- The photographer is asked not to come close to the cantors or any other liturgical minister while they are carrying out their ministry.
- Once the entrance procession is completed, the photographer may not be in the main aisle. S/He may stand in the main aisle at the very back by the baptismal font.
- Video recording is permitted only from behind the congregation, and on the opposite side of the music area. The camera(s) is/are to be stationary. These areas will be shown to the videographer by the wedding liaison. Corpus Christi Church offers a video service for \$100.00. This can be scheduled with the Director of Music Ministry, Shaun Whisler at 785-843-6286.

Music

- Music is an important part of any celebration. It is one way that the gathering community prays. This prayer must reflect the solemnity of the sacrament and the grace that is extended to not only the couple, but the entire believing community that is present.
 - Our Director of Music and Liturgy, Shaun Whisler is prepared to help you plan beautiful and prayerful music that is appropriate for a liturgical celebration. He can be reached at 785.843.6286.
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- Every couple is required to attend a music planning session for your wedding with the Director of Music Ministry. He will email every couple and arrange a time to meet and plan the music for the wedding. With the couple, the Director of Music Ministry will complete a *Music Planning Guide* for the wedding. These guides must be completed six (6) weeks prior to the wedding date. The initial consultation with the Director of Music Ministry is part of the Church fee.
- Since we encourage everyone in the community to actively participate and we want all to joyfully sing out with glory and jubilation for your wedding, we ask that trained cantors, preferably from Corpus Christi, serve as cantors and soloists for the wedding liturgies. Arrangements can be made with permission from the Director of Music Ministry. They must be Catholic and/or have a working knowledge and experience with Catholic liturgy. Even when the musicians are not from Corpus Christi, all music must meet the approval of the Director of Music Ministry.
- Corpus Christi Church will provide a liturgy guide for all nuptial mass that include communion. It enhances the liturgical celebration and allows for full participation by all present. This is not a program.
- The Director of Music and Liturgy can provide a list of parish organists, vocalists, as well as other instrumentalists that can add a very lovely and celebratory nature to the wedding ritual such as Flutists, Violinists, String Quartet members, Trumpeter, Brass Ensemble, etc. Fees will be arranged between the couple of the musicians(s) employed by the couple.
- Friends or family members who are unfamiliar with Catholic liturgy can share their gift of music as a prelude to the ritual or possibly as a soloist during the liturgy. A trained Cantor must be present as all liturgies.
- From the Entrance Procession to the Recessional, all music must be liturgical music found in our hymnal, music with sacred texts, or classical music. The Director of Music and Liturgy in consultation with the local pastor has the authority to approve musical selections. Care should be taken to ensure selections encourage prayer and reflect the nature of the scriptures and the liturgy.
- Secular songs, pop songs, music off the radio, etc., are not appropriate for the liturgy.
- Recorded music is not permitted. Our Liturgical directives for the Universal Catholic Church are clear that music is to be live. Recorded music and pop songs are best reserved for the reception, dinner, or dance.



MUSIC WITHIN THE RITE OF MARRIAGE

Prelude	Vocal and/or instrumental
Processional	Vocal and/or instrumental
Gloria	Gloria
Responsorial Psalm	Cantor with Congregation
Gospel Acclamation	Cantor with Congregation
Liturgy of the Eucharist	Holy, Holy
	Memorial Acclamation
	Amen
	Lamb of God
Communion Hymn	Cantor with Congregation
Recessional	Instrumental

Miscellaneous

- Groomsmen or ushers are requested to assist the wedding liaison in cleaning the pews, taking down decorations, etc. for a brief period after the ceremony.
 - If you are interested in reserving a parish facility for your wedding reception or rehearsal dinner, please contact the parish office for a list of fees and available dates.
 - The use of unity candles is not a tradition of the Catholic rite or service, and is not permitted at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. The rings that are exchanged are the symbols of unity that are part of the Catholic rite.
 - Dressing areas should be checked for personal items and left in a tidy fashion.
 - Flowers and plants are gladly accepted for church use following the wedding.
 - No alcoholic beverages of any kind are allowed inside the church or in the parking lot. All food must remain in the areas designated by the wedding liaisons.
 - Smoking is not permitted on Corpus Christi Campus at any time. You may smoke inside your vehicle or on the sidewalk located near the street.
 - Please remember there is a good chance that the day of your rehearsal and/or wedding there may be other things happening around the parish. Please be kind to others using the facility.
 - Boisterous behavior such as running and yelling are not allowed in the church. Please remember to keep a sense of reverence for the worship space of the church. Please attend to all children so that they will not be placed in harms way.
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Wedding Liturgy Sample Outline

MARRIAGE RITUAL WITHOUT EUCHARIST

GATHERING RITES

- Entrance procession
- Greeting
- Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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- First Reading – Old Testament
- Responsorial Psalm
- Second Reading – New Testament
- Gospel Acclamation
- Gospel (done by the priest or deacon)
- Homily
- Rite of Marriage
 - Consent
 - Exchange of Vows
 - Exchange of Rings

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Prayers of the Faithful, or the Petitions may be written by the couple themselves. There are some suggestions that are listed in the book given to the couple, these may be used in their entirety or only a few. The couple may also leave these prayers up to the discretion of the priest.

- Nuptial Blessing
- Our Father

SENDING RITES

- Closing Blessing
- Introduction of Couple
- Recessional



Wedding Liturgy Sample Outline

MARRIAGE RITUAL WITH EUCHARIST - MASS

GATHERING RITES

- Entrance procession
- Greeting
- Gloria
- Opening Prayer

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- Preparation of the Gifts
- Holy Holy
- Memorial Acclamation
- Amen
- Our Father
- Exchange of Peace
- Lamb of God
- Communion procession
- Prayer After Communion

SENDING RITES

- Nuptial Blessing
- Introduction of Couple
- Recessional



Fees Associated With Your Wedding Liturgy

IF BRIDE OR GROOM HAVE BEEN REGISTERED ACTIVE PARISH MEMBER FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS	\$1,100.00
IF BRIDE OR GROOM IS A CHILD OF A PARENT WHO IS A REGISTERED ACTIVE PARISH MEMBER	\$1,300.00
NON- PARISH MEMBER \$500.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED.	\$2,000.00

Fee include church access and the following:

- ***Wedding Coordinator***
- ***Cantor***
- ***Accompanist***
- ***Priest (See Below)***

DEPOSITS ARE DUE AT THE INITIAL MEETING WITH FATHER

OTHER MUSICIANS

THESE FEES ARE SET BY EACH MUSICIAN

TBD

WHILE NOT EXPECTED, A GIFT OR STIPEND MAY BE OFFERED TO THE PRIEST AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FOR CELEBRATING YOUR WEDDING. THIS GESTURE IS ENTIRELY OPTIONAL BUT IS OFTEN SEEN AS A THOUGHTFUL WAY TO THANK THE PRIEST FOR HIS TIME, PREPARATION, AND SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE.

ALL FEES ARE TO BE PAID IN FULL SIX (6) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE WEDDING DATE. PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS OUT TO CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH. INCLUDE A BREAKDOWN OF THE FUNDS AND CHECKS WILL BE WRITTEN ON YOUR BEHALF.

I have read and understand the parish guidelines and by signing this I agree to abide by them as stated.

Bride Name: _____

Groom Name: _____

