

Church of Saint Sebastian
N9269 Isaar Road
Seymour, WI 54165

Wedding Guidelines – Environment

1. Notification of marriage must be made to the priest eight months in advance.
2. Participation in a marriage preparation program is a requirement of the diocese.
3. A wedding stipend of \$75.00 is required to be given to the parish.
4. Due to time constraints, a Saturday afternoon wedding Mass cannot be scheduled after 1:30 PM. If it is a marriage ceremony outside of Mass that is officiated by a deacon then this constraint does not apply. Friday wedding times are more flexible.
5. All songs for the ceremony must be approved by the priest or deacon before the service.
6. Colors of church decorations in the sanctuary change with the liturgical seasons. Church decorations for the season must remain in place during the wedding. Additional flowers, candles, etc. can be used to enhance the church environment.
7. Flowers or other decorations are not allowed on the altar table. Several sets of flower stands are available for use and are located in the side sacristy room.
8. Pew decorations are allowed. However, please make sure the adornments are not attached with wire that would scratch the wood or permanent tape that is difficult to remove. Any decorations used should not detract from the sacredness of the worship space. If you have a question about the appropriateness of something, check with the priest or deacon first.
9. If the couple intends to light a unity candle, it will be placed on a stand in a suitable spot in the sanctuary. Options may be discussed with the priest or deacon.
10. The wedding couple must notify the photographers that the sacredness of the sacrament is to be honored. Pictures should be taken with the utmost respect for the ceremony and the participants and guests involved.
11. Use of rice, confetti, flower petals, etc. are prohibited during the ceremony or on church grounds.
12. Space is limited for the wedding party to dress at the church. The basement can be used for some of this and for gathering before the ceremony. Arrangements can also be made to use the parish center.
13. To make clean-up efficient, the wedding party is to remove all dressing items (clothing bags, hangers, etc.) and other items from the church after the wedding. They must also replace any furniture that was moved to its original position.

If you have any other questions call the parish office at 833-2558 or the priest or deacon.