



# ceremony planning

Use the [Planning Form](#), *Together for Life* book (will receive @ group meeting), and the [Wedding Music Guide](#) to prepare for the ceremony.

*Within the confines of solid liturgical principles and traditions, we encourage you to create a sacramental experience that is both personal and properly Catholic. Our hope for you is that you will keep before you at all times the most important aspect of the wedding—the blessing of the Lord Jesus. Weddings for Catholics are not extravaganzas, but a time of prayer. We call upon Jesus to seal the couple's promise and bless their marriage.*

## **Time of wedding ceremony – 1:30 PM**

All decorations, equipment, materials, and people must be out of the church by 3:15 pm.

**Wedding Rehearsal – 6:30 PM:** Scheduled the night before the wedding.

**Music and Organists:** The church does not automatically provide musicians. You'll need to make these arrangements. A list of musicians is available on the [Wedding Music Guide](#).

- ☐ Return [Planning Form](#) to the Director of Music [music@sthnerycluster.com](mailto:music@sthnerycluster.com) regardless of your organist.

**Participants:** You may designate Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and/or Gift Bearers. *All participants must be Catholic and experienced in the role they are partaking in.* Lectors should be competent and practice in the church in order to get use to the acoustics of the church. Generally, a small monetary gesture is made for participants designated by the church.

**Flowers:** All flowers in the sanctuary must be live: i.e., Baptismal Font, Tabernacle, Blessed Virgin statue, etc. Artificial flowers may be used in the nave: i.e., bouquets, boutonniere, pew bows, etc.

**Decorations:** Nothing is to be affixed to any surface of the church with tape. Nothing should be attached to the light fixture which hangs over the altar at St Henry church. Please be aware of decorations or dresses that may leave behind glitter. This is very hard to clean up and you will be notified of excessive cleanup. No confetti is to be thrown.

**Photography and Video:** Pictures and videos may start at 11:00am. Photos must be finished in the church 30 minutes before the service. Flash photography is allowed only during the entrance procession and recessional, but should not be used during the service. Pictures or videos can be taken from the choir loft or the side transepts and should remain out of view. Photographers and videographers are not to move around the church during the service.

Live Stream is available at St. Henry & St. Wendelin. Please notify the office if you'd like this service.

**Church Facilities:** Please notify the office if you plan to utilize the church basement the day of the wedding or for rehearsal. Call the office to book; church basements are not automatically reserved. Do this early in your preparation. Please leave all facilities, including the church, in the condition in which you found them. Please remove all personal items and decorations.