

APPLICATION

For Marriage At

St. Theresa Of The Child Jesus Catholic Church

Groom's Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip Code

Bride's Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip Code

Cell Phone Number _____
Groom Bride

Are you both catholic? Yes No

If not, which party is not? _____

Are you on St Theresa's census? Yes No

If you are not on the Church census, and do not live in St Therese territory, please indicate which church parish you belong to? _____

Note: Membership in a parish is determined either by territory or by Church census.

If you were baptized or received your sacraments at St Theresa, but now attend a different church, you are **not** considered a parishioner of St. Theresa. The exception is college attendance or military service.

Have you received permission from the pastor of your church parish to be married here at St Theresa Church? Yes No

Name of Priest: _____

Permission is required from the pastor of the parish you attend.

Will a priest or deacon from another parish be officiating at your wedding? Yes No

If yes, please provide:

Priest/ Deacon: Name Contact Phone Number

NOTE: Before a visiting minister can officiate at a wedding being held at St. Theresa Church, he must first call the rectory for permission. If he is from another diocese, he must get a letter of suitability.

*** The wedding date will not be booked and secured until the couple has met with the appropriate priest and the wedding date has been approved by St. Therese Church. The wedding date will not be reserved less than 8 months prior to the wedding date.

Fees and Donations:

- Use of the Church is free to established parishioners (proven through collections envelope system and/or documented yearly check donations).
- If you are not a parishioner of St. Theresa Church, and permission is given to use the Church, usage fee is \$400 dollars.
- There is a \$125 fee for the wedding coordinator staff member from St. Theresa Church. This wedding coordinator will assist you with the rehearsal and the day of the wedding.
- There should be a consideration (donation) for the deacon or priest officiating at the wedding, along with travel expenses. Recommended donation is usually \$100 or more.

Marriage Preparation - The couple must attend a marriage preparation program. At present there two programs that are accepted: (1) Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend or, (2) In-Home Marriage Prep: attending one-day-a-week for six weeks.

Failure to complete one of the accepted programs may result in delay of the wedding.

Marriage License - The marriage license is to be obtained no later than 72 hours prior to the wedding. If it is not obtained properly, a dispensation must be given by a judge. By state and federal law, an officiant cannot do the wedding unless there is a marriage license.

WEDDING DECORATIONS, MUSICIANS, AND EXTRAS

- **MUSIC:** All musicians must be familiar with a Catholic service and music must be sacred. **No** CD's or boom boxes.
- **CANDLES:** Only candles appropriate in the sanctuary are allowed. The Wedding candle(Unity Candle) is only allowed in the sanctuary.
- **FLOWERS:** Floral arrangements should be limited to the sanctuary and should not overpower or crowd the area.
- **PEW DECORATIONS:** No decorations are not allowed on the pews such as tape or pinning ribbons, flowers, etc.

- **PHOTO/VIDEOS:** Photographers and videographers are not allowed to enter the sanctuary at any time. No sensual or suggestive images are allowed in the church.
- **DRESS ATIRE:** All attire – Bride, Groom, bridal party, etc. - must be modest and respectful of the sacred character of the church as God is present, making this place different from any other. Nothing should be suggestive or lewd. Everyoneshould be respectfully dressed and covered.
- **BRIDAL ROOM:** The Bride and her bridal party is to prepare themselves in the library of the Pastoral Center and remain there until the ceremony begins. The wedding coordinator will show you where to go.
- **PROPER CHURCH ETIQUETTE:** The members of the bridal party are to be respectful throughout the ceremony as an example to the attending guests. Alcohol use and drunkenness will not be allowed. Please refrain from eating or chewing gum in the church.
- **CHILDREN IN WEDDING:** When planning to include children in the ceremony, consider the feelings and character of the little one(s) before asking them to be a part of the bridal party. They should want to serve willingly and not be forced.
- **SAFETY HAZARD’S TO AVOID:** rice, flower petals, confetti, or any other objects are **not** to be thrown inside or outside the church.

Before signing this agreement below, please review the information to verify that all information is complete, true, and honest. **Any deceptive information will result in postponement or cancellation of the wedding. Honesty is a Virtue! Dishonesty will not be tolerated!**

I have read these rules and agree to abide by them. I solemnly swear that the above information is the truth and nothing but the truth so help me God.

SIGNATURES:

GROOM: _____

BRIDE: _____

INTERVIEWER: _____

DATE: _____