

The Process for Sacrament of Matrimony

1. Complete the wedding request form, found on the parish website under Matrimony.
2. We wait to put anything on the calendar until the priest meets with the couple and the couple is able and willing to go through the marriage prep steps at St. Lawrence Newman Center. This should take place at least six months before the desired wedding date. Such things would include:
 - a. Meet with the priest 2-4 times
 - b. Attend an Archdiocesan sponsored retreat (typically these are offered once per month and are a Friday night and Saturday)
 - c. The completion of a Natural Family Planning (NFP) training course offered in the Twin Cities either in-person or online
 - d. Complete the marital questionnaire.
3. At their first meeting with a priest, the couple will complete the FOCCUS pre-marriage inventory. The results of the FOCCUS instrument will be discussed either with a priest or with a married couple.
4. If either party has been previously married, it is especially important to contact a priest even sooner to discuss what further requirements there might be.
5. Catholic parties will need a copy of their baptismal certificate issued by the church of baptism within the last six months. Other Christians will need a copy of their baptismal certificate.
6. The couple is asked to attend a marriage retreat held by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.
7. The date and time of the wedding are generally determined at the first meeting.
8. There is a \$900 fee to be married at St. Lawrence Newman Center. This is used to offset the parish costs. A \$100 deposit is required to hold the date and time.