

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



MARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS

To Marry in the Catholic Church:

- Either the bride or groom has to be Catholic.
- If the bride or groom has been previously married, an annulment must be completed. This does not apply if the former spouse is deceased.

To Marry at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church:

- All of the above requirements have to be met.
- Parishioner/non-parishioner status must be determined.
- If you live outside of the St. Paul & Minneapolis Archdiocese, you must be a registered member of a parish within your diocese.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

- 1:30 pm is the latest start time for Saturday weddings.
- Unity candles, pew candles, arbors, aisle runners or scattering flower petals (real or artificial) in the aisle are not allowed.
- Weddings are not celebrated during Advent or Lent.
- Wedding party members must be at least three years of age.
- A Saint Thomas More cantor and accompanist will be assigned to your wedding.

PROCESS FOR SCHEDULING WEDDINGS

1. Contact the Wedding Director at least nine months before your desired wedding date. (All of your preparation and documentation must be completed at least one month prior to your wedding.)
2. Wedding and rehearsal dates/times can be temporarily held on the church calendar for a maximum of ten days. The wedding date must be confirmed within ten days of this hold date, at which time a \$50 non-refundable confirmation fee is required. (This fee will be deducted from the total wedding fee.)
3. The couple receives the *Wedding Rental Agreement* and a *Wedding Policies* booklet. The booklet includes basic information about wedding preparation, required Engaged Retreats and the process for preparing your wedding liturgy.
4. The couple returns the *Wedding Rental Agreement* by the due date on the agreement. This serves as the final confirmation of your wedding date at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church.
5. The couple begins the preparation process.