Marriage Preparation Timeline

Getting Started

- ☐ Contact the Sacramental Coordinator, Dawn Thoennes at dthoennes@st-patricks.org or (763)753-2011.
  - Complete intake forms for both Bride and Groom - *found on our webpage*
  - Tentative wedding date put on calendar
  - Set up time to meet with the Pastor/Deacon
- ☐ Meeting with the Pastor/Deacon
  - Discuss Marriage Preparation Process
  - Complete Prenuptial Questionnaire (required) and Freedom to Marry form (if needed)
- ☐ Wedding date is finalized after meeting with Father/Deacon and upon receiving Marriage Preparation Fee—*$200*

Marriage Preparation

- ☐ Better Together marriage inventory completed online
- ☐ Marriage Preparation with Mentor Couple begins using "Better Together" book—*Minimum 4 meetings*
- ☐ Attend Engagement Retreat - *through Archdiocese, send Certificate of Completion to parish*
- ☐ Complete Natural Family Planning (NFP) class - *offered through Archdiocese, send Certificate of Completion + receipt to parish*

Liturgy Planning and Final Steps

- ☐ Baptismal certificates from church of Baptism submitted.....*4-6 months before wedding*
- ☐ Meeting with Director of Worship to finalize ceremony plans.....*2 months before wedding*
  - Complete Liturgy form
  - Musicians booked - *contracts signed and fees paid—$200 per parish musician*
  - Facility fee due—*$300 minus cost of NFP classes (parishioner rate) / or $1,000 minus cost of NFP (non-parishioner rate)*
- ☐ Other paperwork sent to parish.....*1 month before wedding*
  - Photo for wedding poster
  - Copy of ceremony program
  - Marriage license—*valid for 6 months once issued*
- ☐ Final meeting with Pastor or Deacon.....*1 month before wedding*

Rehearsal and Wedding Day!!