

**Policies**  
**for the Celebration of**  
**the Sacrament of Marriage**  
**on the Loras College Campus**

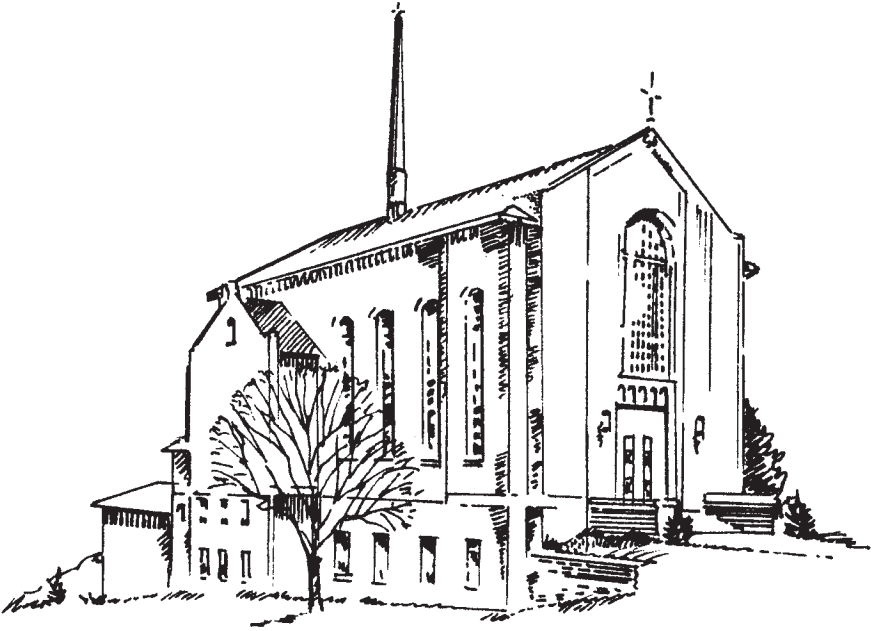


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The “great mystery,” which is the Church and humanity in Christ, does not exist apart from the “great mystery” expressed in the “one flesh”...reality of marriage and the family.

-- Pope John Paul II



# Welcome

## *Congratulations!*

The Loras College community welcomes you! We're excited about your recent engagement and rejoice in the mutual love you have discovered. We're also pleased that you desire to declare and seal it, publicly and permanently, in the Sacrament of Marriage. In this way, your love and life together will serve those around you as a sign that Jesus Christ is alive and present to the world. Preparation for marriage is a tremendous opportunity for spiritual growth together with God, and we're glad to be a part of another milestone in your lives!

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# Introduction

You have expressed a desire to be married within the Roman Catholic Church. Since there are other alternatives, such as a civil marriage, your decision to be married in the church is a significant one. Your chosen participation in the Sacrament of Marriage bespeaks an understanding and faith commitment on your part, which sets your wedding plans apart from many others.

As Catholic Christians we believe the Sacrament of Marriage is a covenant between a woman and a man, based upon unconditional love and fidelity, sealed in the presence of the community of believers.

This sacred covenant of marriage is a symbol of the union between Christ and the church (Ephesians 5:21-32). In Christ God has made a covenant with us, sealed by the death and resurrection of Jesus. Through our celebration and living the sacrament, God continues to be present and active in our world, making us holy.

## ***The Catholic Faith Community***

Sacraments belong not just to the *individual*, but also to the *whole* church. Indeed, it is the local community, making visible the church, which celebrates the sacraments. The community of Loras College celebrates the love of God manifested in your loving relationship with each other. We thank you for being that grace of God in our lives.

## ***An Active Life of Faith***

Sacraments are celebrated and lived within the context of a committed faith community. *The sacrament of marriage is a declaration that these persons are, and intend to be, a part of a parish community*, faithfully celebrating Mass on Sunday; celebrating God's forgiveness regularly in reconciliation; giving evidence of faith in daily living; contributing time, talent and finances to the work of the parish; and respecting the teachings of the church, especially in sharing faith with any children born to this union. Couples presenting themselves for marriage in the Catholic Church are expected to be registered, practicing members of a faith community. If the couple is not currently registered or active at the time they begin their preparation, we ask them to do this as soon as possible. Current Loras students would obviously be able to fulfill this requirement here on campus.

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Your life of faith is not limited to the two of you alone, but extends into the future with any possible children. This obligation to accept children and educate them in the faith implies that Catholic parents be confirmed in the same faith in which they intend to raise their children. It is assumed that Catholics preparing for marriage have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are not confirmed, you might check with Loras Campus Ministry regarding our Confirmation program. Again, to request the Sacrament of Marriage while not actively practicing the Catholic faith is contrary to the very nature of the sacrament.

## *Cohabitation/Living Together*

Cohabitation is commonly understood as the situation where a couple has been living together for an extended period of time, and there is recognition by family, friends and those who know them that they share a household. Some in our society have accepted these arrangements as a “sign of the times,” due to the uncertainty of relationships, economic factors and the desire to establish sexual compatibility.

When a man and woman publicly live together before marriage, they are representing values contrary to the teachings of Christ and His Church. Sexual relations are a sign and symbol of a total gift of one person to another. That total gift is made in the marriage vows in which two people give themselves publicly and irrevocably to each other for life. To engage in sexual relations and cohabitation before making that formal, public, permanent gift and commitment in marriage is to falsify the sacred symbol that is sexual intercourse.

God’s laws regarding sexual behavior are not whimsical or arbitrary. God’s laws recognize the profound sacredness of our sexuality and are directly opposed to the attitudes and societal norms that compromise this great gift of sexuality. Yet even secular studies reveal the wisdom of living in accord with God’s law of fidelity. **Such studies indicate divorce rates in excess of 60% for couples who do cohabit! This figure, coupled with the current divorce rate of nearly 50%, is a very sobering thought!**

Having chosen to live together, couples have significantly compromised their ability to witness the love of Christ at a time when their love is the center of the Church’s attention. In fact, by choosing to live together outside of marriage, they have significantly and publicly removed themselves from full communion with the body of the faithful and are no longer able to receive Communion.

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Any couple who has made the decision to live together is urged to prayerfully reconsider their decision, searching their hearts in the light of God's revealed truth made known through the Church. They should ponder how God in Christ Jesus is calling them to a deeper and holier form of love. Apart from the permanent commitment of marriage, this love necessarily implies abstinence from sexual relations and stepping away from a life situation which makes this honest self-reflection more difficult to realize.

*Reminder, because of the seriousness of this decision, those living together outside of marriage should not be receiving Holy Communion.*

### ***Preparing to Be One Through Prayer***

As individuals and as a couple, you need to be spiritually prepared for two to become ONE. It goes without saying, that the best marriage preparation is a couple who prays together! Disciples of Jesus Christ are persons of prayer. We encourage you to grow in your prayer life, not only as individuals, but also together as a couple. Learning to pray together is important in growing in love, forgiveness and fidelity, and in becoming a sacrament and sign of God's love to others. Call upon the Lord and ask Him to guide your heart in the covenant of love.

One of the most important aspects of preparing for your wedding celebration is choosing the Scripture readings. In choosing the scripture readings for your wedding, select ones that articulate your understanding of marriage or what you hope your marriage can become. Those who come to your wedding celebration will come to know your hopes and dreams for your marriage through the scriptures that you have selected. We also suggest that you begin to recite your marriage vows to each other now, in prayerful preparation for the day on which you pronounce them in public before the church and your witnesses. The more you become familiar with them, the more you will gain insights into the meaning of those vows for your future married life. By prayerfully reciting them together, you will be prepared to speak them clearly and with heartfelt confidence on the day of your wedding. Sometime before the wedding, we urge the couple to experience reconciliation with God and others in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, prayer at the beginning of your rehearsal also reminds us that what we do is sacred and of the importance of the step you are about to take.

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### *In Summary*

In preparing for a Catholic wedding, you are encouraged to:

- Pray together and alone.
- Be a regular part of a worshipping community.
- Receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly.
- Pray at your wedding rehearsal.



## First Things First

A number of documents and forms are required for a Catholic marriage to be fully processed. It is so very easy to look upon “paperwork” as a simple legal requirement, rather than a part of the symbolic ritual in which a couple evidences their faith, membership in the church, freedom to marry, and their openness to God’s invitation for children. Documents record what takes place in the ritual ceremony of the marriage celebration. The priest preparing you for marriage will help you obtain/complete the following documents:

1. Letter from Pastor giving permission for wedding to take place at Loras College
2. Baptismal certificate (for each party)  
Form 1: The Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire
3. Form 2: The Affidavit Concerning Freedom to Marry (if the presider of your wedding has not been your pastor since you were born)
4. Form 3/4: Permission and Delegation granted by priest (for marriage in non-Catholic church) Petition for Permission or Dispensation (for interfaith marriages)  
Engaged Encounter Certificate
5. FOCCUS forms
6. The *Together for Life* selection form for the wedding liturgy (or similar alternative)
7. Civil marriage license—to be brought to the wedding rehearsal

**Please note:** *Marriage reservations will NOT be confirmed before the couple has personally met with the priest at Loras College and either filled out the paperwork, or received paperwork completed at their home parish. No formal arrangements are made via email or over the phone. Out-of-town couples are encouraged to contact their local/family parishes. It is presumed that couples presenting themselves for marriage are registered and active in a local parish where they reside. If that is not currently the case, they will be asked to register as part of their marriage preparation arrangements with Loras. A letter from the local pastor giving permission for the wedding to take place at Loras College is REQUIRED.*

**Contact the Event Coordinator once date has been finalized to complete the Rental Agreement for the Use of Loras College Property.**

# Marriage Preparation Programs

## *Engaged Encounter*

It is expected that couples preparing for marriage participate in some formal marriage preparation, usually Engaged Encounter. Engaged Encounter is a weekend retreat experience that emphasizes both couple dialogue and couple spirituality. This balance is presented to the engaged couple through the life experiences of married couples. The engaged couple learns through observation, listening and written dialogue, a powerful form of learning. Information concerning dates, locations, registration cards and further details are available from the priest facilitating your marriage preparation.

## *Natural Family Planning*

All couples preparing for marriage at Loras are required to take classes in the Creighton Model Fertility Care System. As a system of family planning, the CrMS can be used to both achieve and avoid pregnancy. The CrMS provides a system that mutually values, respects, and understands their combined fertility. It promotes shared responsibility, enhances a couple's sexuality and promotes marital bonding, strengthens marriages and families; this approach views children as gifts and encourages involvement of men for support and in decision making. While Loras subsidizes a portion of this training, the personal expense for this NFP instruction is \$200, to be paid directly by the engaged couple to the professionally certified instructor.

## *FOCCUS*

All couples preparing for marriage at Loras take the FOCCUS inventory and are assisted by the priest or other ministers to use the results to better understand themselves as individuals and as a couple. FOCCUS stands for Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study. This instrument is one of the most helpful tools for marriage preparation today. The results from the inventory are grouped into categories or topics as follows:

1. **Life-Style Expectations**—This section encourages the couple to surface and examine expectations they have about their roles as husband and wife.
2. **Friends and Interests**—This section leads couples to some understanding of these issues before marriage.

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3. **Personality Match**—This section looks at some basic likenesses and differences in the two personality types. It explores how each person perceives and accepts the other's style.
4. **Personal Issues**—This section is intended to help couples discuss specific personal problem areas that they have already identified.
5. **Communication**—This section examines how well the person knows his/her own skills and style of communication. It explores how well one partner is able to share with the other.
6. **Problem Solving**—This section deals with the essential skills necessary to work out or work with any problem issues.
7. **Religion and Values**—This section examines the extent to which the couple shares a common faith and what day-to-day living of this faith means to them.
8. **Parenting Issues**—The couple will focus on the fears, hopes and expectations each has for himself/ herself and for the other in parenting.
9. **External Family Issues**—This section facilitates a couple's understanding and study of how to use their families as a positive bond and support to their relationship.
10. **Sexuality Issues**—This section helps the couple examine the strengths and weaknesses they bring to a marital sexual relationship without either inhibitions about such discussion itself or a magical attitude of "it will take care of itself."
11. **Financial Issues**—This section seeks to facilitate not only good communication and problem-solving skills, but also the examination and sharing of the values that a couple has concerning money.
12. **Readiness Issues**—This section raises the final question of how free and realistic the couple's decision to marry is, how aware and open they are to what this entails, and how they are approaching their wedding.
13. **Marriage Covenant**—This section is devoted to helping the couple develop their understanding of marriage as covenant.
14. **Family of Origin**—This section helps the couple look at the messages each partner learned while growing up so that they can respond to building their new family.
15. **Dual Career**—To provide opportunity to discuss good decision-making that will facilitate marriage in a dual-career family.
16. **Interfaith Marriages**—This section will identify potential challenges that are pertinent to a marriage that combines two faith traditions.

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17. **Remarriage Couples**—To help couples examine “where they are” with the effects of a previous marriage.
18. **Cohabiting Couples**—To help the couple evaluate their relationship in light of their live-in situation.

### *Special Needs*

Some couples have special needs, which may require more paperwork and preparation time than usual. Some of the possibilities include:

1. **Interfaith Couples.** When one of the persons is of a faith tradition other than Catholic, additional formation in the Catholic understanding of marriage is valuable. It is often permissible to include the minister/pastor of another faith tradition, as a participant in the wedding ceremony of an interfaith couple. For the Catholic party, special permission (dispensation) is required.
2. **Non-Christian/Non-Baptized.** When one of the persons is non-Christian or non-baptized, some additional preparation may be required. Again, special permission (dispensation) is required.
3. **Previous Marriage.** When one partner has been previously married and divorced and has not applied for an annulment, this process should be initiated well before any formal wedding plans can be set. Even if the individual has been married in another faith tradition, an annulment is typically necessary. If one of the individuals has been married before and has not applied for an annulment, it is not possible to set a date for the wedding until the annulment has been finalized. This should be the couple’s first concern before attending to their wedding plans.



# Wedding Ceremony Preparation

## *Who*

As the Catholic faith community for Loras College, the Office of Spiritual Life at Loras will respect the wedding requests of the following:

- a. current full-time Loras students,
- b. Loras graduates,
- c. Loras faculty and staff, and their immediate family members,

**provided they fulfill the marriage preparation requirements, and the Chapel and an approved priest or other minister are available.** It is the policy of the Office of Spiritual Life at Loras that persons who are not current students or otherwise affiliated with Loras College seek marriage in their home parish or one where they are registered and active.

## *When*

Providing all other requirements are met, all requests will be handled according to the availability of the presider and the calendar of Christ the King Chapel. Some times, dates and seasons that you should be aware of are:

1. Christ the King Chapel is closed for summer vacation period during the month of July, and no weddings are ordinarily held at that time.
2. It is the Archdiocese of Dubuque's policy that weddings not take place on Saturdays after 2:00 p.m. Therefore, weddings will ordinarily be celebrated in Christ the King Chapel on Friday evenings, Saturday mornings and Saturday afternoons no later than 2:00 p.m.
3. Loras College does not normally schedule weddings when the College is not in session, nor are they scheduled from the Fourth Sunday of Advent until the second weekend following New Year's Day. In addition, no weddings are scheduled for the weekend of Holy Week; those planning weddings during the Lenten Season are asked to respect the spirit of the season, which is one of simplicity and subdued celebration. Check with the priest regarding liturgical seasons.
4. Wedding rehearsals for Saturday weddings are normally scheduled for the preceding Friday. A rehearsal for a Friday evening wedding may be scheduled on the preceding Thursday evening or Friday noon.

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### Liturgical Arrangements

#### *The Ceremony*

The marriage celebration is at the same time personal and a celebration of the entire Church. Together, the couple and the presiding priest carefully plan a prayerful and meaningful liturgical celebration for the wedding. The *Together for Life* booklet does an excellent job of informing you about necessary liturgical options and arrangements of the wedding ceremony. *Please refrain from making most liturgical decisions until you meet with the priest, who can serve as a resource to make your day spiritually memorable.*

The reception of Communion is an action signifying a oneness in faith and worship. Reception of Communion by Christians not fully united is not permitted by the Catholic Church. While not tempering our Catholic faith, it seems more appropriate not to celebrate Eucharist when many worshippers cannot receive Communion. Because of this sensitivity, most interfaith couples choose to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage without the Eucharist.

You will receive additional information from the priest facilitating the preparation of your marriage. Among some notable options are

- Scripture Readings
- Sanctuary Arrangements/Environment
- Unity Candle
- Procession Options
- Worship Aid
- Flowers to the Blessed Mother

#### *Wedding Music*

The music director or priest from campus ministry will be helpful in making decisions about appropriate music for your wedding ceremony. The music you select should be *liturgical*, that is, music that belongs to *Christian worship*. In all ages, there have been great secular love songs that were beautiful and meaningful to couples but were not necessarily appropriate for use in a God-centered worship service. Secular music is never appropriate before, during or at the end of a marriage celebration in a church. Music chosen should also correspond with the parts of the wedding ceremony and the Scripture readings, since it is the Christian community celebrating in worship. In planning your music, there are certain themes that should be present in the songs you choose:

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- God's love for us
- Our love for God and for those people around us
- Christ's presence in every Sacramental marriage

Sunday worship is the model for your wedding celebration. Catholic weddings are patterned in the way in which our community celebrates Sunday worship. A wedding is not a theatrical event; it is part of Loras College's worship life.

All music needs to be discussed with the designated music director or priest at Loras. Additional information is available on a special form containing guidelines and suggestions for wedding music. Generally speaking, it is better to use instrumental music or congregational singing for the processional and recessional rather than the use of a solo. Consider those who will be present at your wedding. As good hosts, select music that would invite their participation. Refer to the outline at the end of this booklet for ideas as to where and when music is appropriate and desired. Find out what music is well known and sung where you will be married. Every effort should be made to invite everyone who comes to your wedding into active participation in the ceremony, and singing is one of the best ways! Be sensitive to the guests.

If there are people from other faith traditions than Catholic invited, choose music that can include them, e.g., it is better to recite the Lord's Prayer than to sing a tune which only a few guests will know. Everyone should normally sing the Gospel Acclamation, the Holy Holy Holy, the Memorial Acclamation and the Great Amen.

**Above all, your musicians must be able to lead the assembly in its sung participation.**

### *Presider*

Because of the community dimension of the sacrament, the usual presider for weddings at Loras College would be one of the priests from Loras College; however, with permission, exceptions can be made depending upon circumstances. In an interfaith marriage ceremony, the minister is typically welcome to participate in a special manner in the celebration.

### *Attendants*

Remember that a great wedding does not necessarily mean a big wedding with a large number of attendants. There is great beauty in simplicity and moderation! All of your good friends cannot possibly be included in the wedding party.

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In planning your ceremony, remember that only two witnesses are required. Ordinarily, a good *guideline* for the number of attendants allowed at weddings at Loras is no more than three. Members of the wedding party are always seated with the assembly, while the couple is seated in the sanctuary. Liturgical sensibilities would discourage the use of miniature bride/groom and ring/flower bearers, if you choose to use them, **they should be at least five years old**. Discuss with the presider other options of involving friends and family in the ceremony.

### *Servers/Readers/Gift Bearers*

Perhaps you have siblings or other relatives whom you would like to include in your ceremony as servers, readers or gift bearers. Please check with the priest as to age and ability before asking them to be a part of the ceremony.

### *Reception of Holy Communion*

Normally the role of Eucharistic minister is performed by a minister of Loras College; but if you wish to provide your own, you may do so. You will need two or three depending on the size of the assembly. Eucharistic ministers must be commissioned ministers from their parish. It should not be the ministers first time distributing the Eucharist.

### *Church Environment*

When planning the environment (decorations) for your wedding, it is well to keep a few good liturgical principles in mind. Consider first the liturgical season in which your wedding will take place. If it is during Advent or Lent, you can be relatively sure the church appointments will be in shades of purple. Christmas and Easter are naturally more festive times with more flowers and color. Your wedding environment should work with these seasonal appointments. Seasonal decorations in the Chapels are not removed for weddings, so please check to see what the environment might be at the time of your wedding. Chances are you will have to add little, if any, additional appointments, other than your own flowers. Chapel guidelines to keep in mind are as follows:

1. Plan to maintain the simplicity and authenticity of the chapel. A few well-placed plants are preferable to cut flowers. You may want to check and see what the chapel may be using closer to the time of your wedding, as well as any seasonal hangings that may be in use.
2. Floral arrangements are not placed on the altar table itself so as to not obstruct the view of the main elements of bread and wine.

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3. Taking its roots from pagan superstitions, the white carpet (aisle runner) plays to the prince and princess image seen in the movies. It is an unnecessary expense and adds nothing to the sacramentality of marriage. Aisle runners are not used at Christ the King Chapel.
4. No tape or any other type of adhesive may be used on the pews in the chapel; the use of bows is discouraged.
5. Other than candles normally used in the sanctuary area, additional candles are discouraged. Due to the ventilating system in our chapel, taper candelabra (even when used with plastic) drip heavily and generally are not used at Loras. However, candelabras with glass votives work well in our setting. Glass cups and votives would be provided by the wedding party.
6. Tables for gifts/cards may be placed in the lobby.
7. Everything brought into the worship space must be removed following the service. The chapel needs to be left as it was before the wedding.

### *Photography*

A wedding is a sacred event. Photographing or videotaping the wedding celebration can contribute to the remembering and renewing of this special event and commitment. Since the participation of the couple and the gathered community in the act of worship is primary, the photographing and videotaping are in no way to interfere or detract from the worship experience. Avoid using cameras/camcorders that interfere with a prayerful atmosphere; **flash pictures should never be used during the ceremony. (You may want to make note of that in the notes of your wedding program.)** All video recorders should be in a stationary position in the rear or side of the chapel.

A time for taking pictures for your wedding will be scheduled when the wedding date and time are reserved. **An hour (in chapel) is quite sufficient** for a professional photographer to do a fine job of photographing your wedding party. **Pictures should be completed no later than one hour before the start of your wedding. Pictures will ordinarily be scheduled before the wedding** The superstition of “not seeing the bride before the wedding” is one we do not wish to uphold. The official photographer should contact the presider before the wedding for other details. A sheet of guidelines is provided by the Office of Spiritual Life for this purpose.

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It is the responsibility of the bride and groom to see that members of the wedding party conduct themselves properly during pictures. Weddings are, and should be, joyous occasions. But we ask, when in and around the chapel area, that guests conduct themselves accordingly. The presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel should be respected.

### *Church Etiquette*

The church is a place for sacred worship. Please respect this area, noting the following points:

- It goes without saying that the Chapel and any rooms used by the wedding party are non-smoking, non-drinking areas.
- Maintain reverence for the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel.
- Conversation and decorum should be respectful and appropriate in this sacred place.
- No rice, bird seed, confetti or flower petals are permitted. This practice originated in pagan times and was associated with fertility rites. Not only is it inappropriate, but it also presents a major maintenance/clean-up problem after the wedding.
- We ask that no food or drink other than water be brought into the chapel or dressing room areas during rehearsals and the pre-ceremony preparation times. Catholics also need to remember to observe the one-hour communion fast, so it is much better to have a good breakfast in the morning rather than to try to grab something to eat just prior to the ceremony. The chapel area is a non-smoking, non-alcohol facility.
- Ushers, or others appointed by the couple, should clean up and return the chapel and dressing room areas to good order **immediately after the wedding**, disposing of boxes, papers, pins and other discarded material.
- **NO CELL PHONE USE IS PERMITTED IN THE CHAPEL!**

### *Liturgical Expenses*

Sharing what we have with others is an important part of Christian life. Generosity to the church and to the poor at the time of the wedding sets a tone for married life. Some couples specify a percentage of the wedding costs to be

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contributed to the church and to the poor; others have made a donation on the day of their wedding to a local charity of their choice.

A stipend is given to the Office of Spiritual Life by the couple at the time of the wedding. Give as you are able and in proportion to the total cost of the wedding. The donation helps to defray expenses associated with the physical structure and staff support of your wedding. Any stipend given to the presider of your wedding is to be distinct from that which is given to the College as an offering. The suggested minimum donation to Loras College for a wedding is \$250.

### *Organist-Vocalists-Musicians*

The average minimum stipend for each musician is \$150. Some musicians have a set fee; it is best to ask them beforehand.

### *Parking Suggestions*

As you know, parking on our campus is at a premium. This challenge will be especially true when school is in session and students are on campus. Please let your guests know that they are subject to Loras parking regulations while visiting for your wedding. For weddings in Christ the King Chapel, parking would normally be in the Keane lot. For weddings in Saint Joseph Chapel in Hoffmann Hall, parking is much more difficult. Elderly guests or those with disabilities should be taken to the East door of Hoffmann which is close to the elevator, and then proceed to parking.



## Liturgical Wedding Music Preparations

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### *Within the Celebration of Eucharist*

Soloist(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cantor/song leader \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Organist/pianist \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Instrumentalists \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Prelude Music \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### **Gathering Rite**

Processional music \_\_\_\_\_

Gathering Hymn (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Liturgy of the Word**

Psalm (refrain always sung) \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel Acclamation (refrain always sung) \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation's response to vows (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Unity Candle (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Preparation of Gifts Hymn (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Holy, Holy \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Acclamation \_\_\_\_\_

Amen \_\_\_\_\_

Lamb of God \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

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### Concluding Rite

Sending Forth Hymn (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Recessional \_\_\_\_\_

Postlude Music \_\_\_\_\_

### *Outside the Celebration of Eucharist*

Soloist(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cantor/song leader \_\_\_\_\_

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***Thank you*** for reading through these marriage policies and suggestions. We look forward to meeting with you and assisting you in planning this exciting celebration. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Loras Office of Spiritual Life at 563-588-7108.

***God bless you!***



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