

Marriage

Congratulations on your engagement. We at the Church of Pax Christi extend our support, prayers and best wishes as you begin your preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage. Like all sacraments, the preparation for, and celebration of the sacrament of Marriage is grounded in the life and ministry of the parish. We want to help prepare engaged couples for a life long commitment together; not just the wedding day.

Wedding ceremonies are held on Fridays any time after 4 pm and no later than 7 pm. Saturday weddings maybe scheduled from 10 am to 2 pm.

Couples wishing to get married at Pax Christi are expected to contact one of the priests at least 6 months in advance to begin the preparation. No wedding date can be set prior to meeting with him, and no date is final until the preparation is complete.

Couples interested in learning more about Marriage preparation and celebration at Pax Christi should contact Maureen Weber at the parish office, 507- 282-8542

The process includes:

- *Meeting with the priest presiding at your wedding, to discuss the wedding and to set the date of the wedding.**
- *Completing a pre-nuptial questionnaire regarding your being free to marry.**
- * Completing a pre-marriage inventory called (Foccus) with follow-up discussions with a parish facilitator couple.**
- * A certified copy of your baptismal records.**
- *A “Pre-Cana” or “Engaged Encounter Weekend” retreat for engaged couples.**
- *Meet with the parish musician planning the music to be used at the wedding liturgy. The music must be sacred and approved by the director of music, Mark Scheitel at Pax Christi.**
- *Meet with priest to finalize Wedding Program.**
- *Work with the assigned Wedding Coordinator *1 week prior* to the Wedding Ceremony to finalize wedding plans, the rehearsal and any other issues.**

Pax Christi can also help parishioners with Marriage Preparation to get married at another church. Contact Maureen Weber, 507-282-8542, for more information.