

Sacred Heart – St. Casimir Parish
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Dear Newly Engaged,

Congratulations! You have made a decision, one of the most important decisions of your life. We at Sacred Heart – St. Casimir Parish are happy for you and will try to help you prepare for your wedding. While a wedding celebration lasts only a day, marriage is a lifetime. It is a covenant relationship which must be freely entered into with the ideals of fidelity, perpetuity, openness to the possibility of children, maturity, and the capacity to live out the vocation of marriage.

The Catholic Church is a community of Christian believers and you have asked this community to witness your marriage and celebrate with you. We believe that Marriage is one of the seven Sacraments instituted by Christ Himself, a visible sign of God's invisible loving presence. This special Sacrament will give each couple the necessary graces to deepen and enrich their love in the relationship of Christian marriage. Today there is more emphasis on the lifelong graces of marriage and on the couple's response to those graces. Sacramental marriage is not just a one-time magic shot to see couples through life. Rather it is a lifelong blessing as couples will continually reaffirm their "yes" to each other. When they cooperate with God's graces in marriage, they acknowledge, draw upon and witness to the power and presence of Christ in their lives.

Since the laws of any community reflect what it believes, the marriage laws of the Catholic Church were compiled over the past 2,000 years, not to make it difficult to get married, but to help couples prepare for this lifetime union of love. As you begin your preparation for marriage, the Church is here to assist you in every way possible so that you will utilize these next few months to grow in your relationship with each other as well as with Christ and the Church.

Visit the parish office to receive a copy of the churches guidelines for weddings.

Father Phil & Staff