

MARRIAGE AT SACRED HEART-ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC PARISH (# 503-792-4231)

Are you thinking of a catholic wedding? Please contact our parish for an appointment with the priest. Email: pastor@shstl.org, secretary@shstl.org

1. Request six months in advance- *please set a wedding date only after the successful completion of freedom to marry forms.*
2. Be a registered active parishioner- at least one party.
3. Catholic or baptized in different church? Not baptized?
4. Married before? Are you free to marry? Are you currently seeking nullity of your former “marriage”?
5. Currently in RCIA-preparing to become a catholic?
6. Already married civilly? – Convalidation.

STEPS

1. Schedule a meeting with the priest at the parish office.
2. Fill freedom to marry forms-bride and groom.
3. Provide most recent baptism certificate.
4. At a later date, provide most recent marriage license
5. Request two witnesses for each party to fill witness forms.
6. *Set a date to do FOCCUS online or manually- at parish office (?)*
7. *Set dates to discuss the results of the FOCCUS (?)*
8. At a later date, plan for wedding liturgy, rehearsals, and fees.
9. Do marriage preparation classes/course*

***MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**

The couple should do **pre-marriage inventory** (Foccus), **Natural family Planning, Sacramental Preparation** (Theology of Marriage). In most cases, the priest in the parish will cover the sacramental preparation. Priest will/may ask for one or more of the following:

- Do Natural Family Planning course- www.catholicmarriageprepclass.com or at Fr. Bernard Youth Center, St. Mary Church Mt. Angel, St. Joseph Church in Salem, or at the Northwest Catholic Counselling Center. *Nfp symptom pro-Thermal Method-* Parish recommends this specifically for young

couples go to <http://www.catholicmarriageprep.com/northwest-nfp-method>

- Do marriage preparation course offered online-Two websites suggested. At the end of each course, there will be a certificate or memo to be sent to the parish for your file.
 - ✓ Marriage preparation online- (\$195 per couple)<http://catholicmarriageprepclass.com> – If chosen-No need for Foccus or separate NFP classes. **Available in Spanish too.**
 - ✓ <http://www.catholicmarriageprep.com/> -Includes Foccus and NFP
- If the marriage preparation is done at Northwest Catholic Counselling Center (www.nwcounselling.org), the center offers Natural Family Planning, Couple sessions with marriage therapist (during those sessions they offer Foccus or pre-marriage inventory). **They do not offer sacramental preparation-please check with the pastor.**

The pastor may recommend one of these parishes/centers for classes:

- **St. Joseph Catholic Parish Salem:** Spanish classes are in January, May and September (only Saturdays). Total classes are seven at a total of 7 classes, cost 50 dollars per couple. English classes are also 7 classes on Tuesdays in spring and fall: cost is 50 dollars per couple. St. Joseph offers **full marriage preparation**
- **St. Mary Catholic Church Mt Angel:** Currently only English with a possibility for Spanish classes. **Full marriage preparation.** Classes are in the fall and in spring 5038452296 Cynthia-coordinator.
- **Fr. Bernard Youth center-offers full preparation:** evening classes in spring/fall. Call 5038454097.
- **Northwest Catholic Counselling Center.** www.nwcounselling.org , call 5032530964. They **do not offer sacramental preparation-** your priest will cover the sacramental preparation part.
- Catholic engaged encounter of Oregon @ Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center in Beaverton, or Alton L. Collins Retreat Center in Sandy Oregon. www.oregonengagedencounter.org call 5032673605 for pre-marriage retreat.
- Please check with the pastor for other possible options.