

# St. Thomas the Apostle Wedding Guide



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*This one, at last,  
is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh.*

GENESIS 2:23





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*“Blessed are those  
who have been called  
to the wedding feast of the Lamb”*

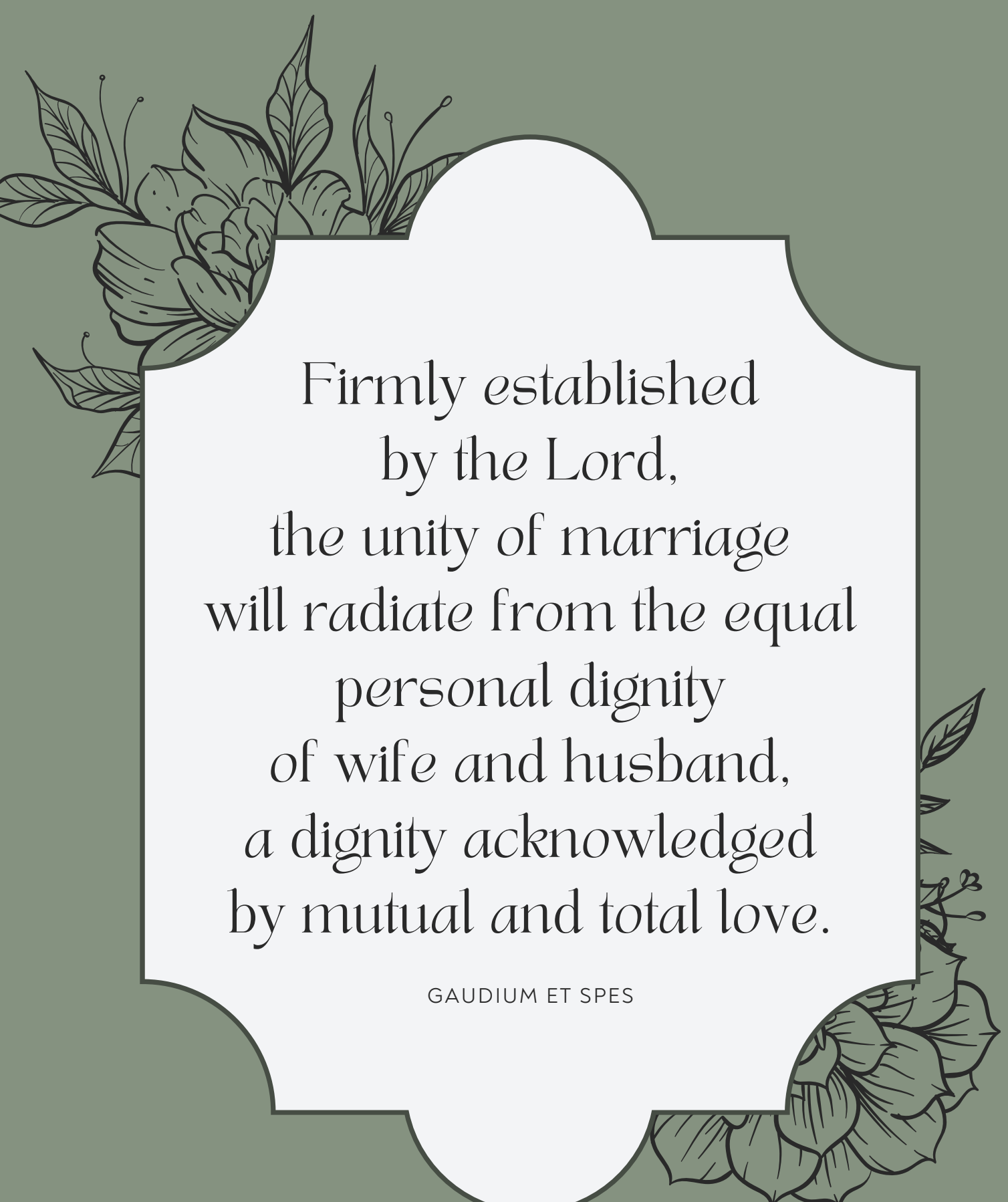
Revelation 19:9



The sacrament of holy matrimony is both an extraordinary gift and a lifelong vocation. It is far more than a contract; it is a covenant between a man and a woman, which beautifully images the unity of the Trinity in the expression of intimacy, self-gift, and generativity.

A sacrament is a visible sign of an invisible grace. Through marriage, couples are invited and enabled to witness God’s perfect love. As Christ loves his Bride, the Church, so husbands and wives are called to love one another (Ephesians 5:25).  
In the marriage covenant, “a man and a woman form with each other an intimate communion of life and love”  
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1660).

At St. Thomas the Apostle, we are honored to walk with you during engagement and celebrate with you as you enter into the covenant of marriage. We are committed to providing marriage preparation which will enrich and strengthen your relationship as you prepare for a lifelong commitment.

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*Firmly established  
by the Lord,  
the unity of marriage  
will radiate from the equal  
personal dignity  
of wife and husband,  
a dignity acknowledged  
by mutual and total love.*

GAUDIUM ET SPES

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# Catholic Marriage

In order to marry within the Catholic Church, at least one of the couple must be a baptized, confirmed, and practicing Catholic. Both parties must be free to marry according to the Canon law of the Catholic Church. The Marriage Assessment, completed with a priest or deacon, establishes the couple's freedom to marry.

Non-parishioners must provide a letter of good standing from their current parishes.

Weddings between two Catholics typically take place during a Eucharistic Liturgy and must be held inside a church. The Nuptial Mass includes special readings and specific prayers. The readings for the Nuptial Mass may be found in Appendix A.

If either the bride or the groom is baptized but not Catholic, it is necessary to obtain *permission* from the local bishop. If either the bride or the groom is not baptized, it is necessary to obtain a *dispensation* from the local bishop.

If either the bride or the groom is divorced, the previous marriage must be declared invalid or dissolved by the Tribunal; this is generally called an *annulment*. It is not possible to set a wedding date unless this process is completed.

See Appendix B for resources on interfaith marriages and annulments.



# First Steps



As we celebrate many weddings at St. Thomas each year and invite all of our couples into a comprehensive marriage preparation program, it is necessary to reserve the church at least one year in advance of your desired wedding date.

There are three steps to the reserving the church:

## Step One

Complete the Wedding Application and Reflection Questions, which may be found on the "Weddings" page of the St. Thomas website. This should be submitted in person at our parish office or via email to [stthomaswedding@sta2.org](mailto:stthomaswedding@sta2.org).

We also recommend that you take an inventory at this stage; two options are listed in the section on Marriage Preparation.

## Step Two

Our coordinator will reach out to you to arrange a meeting with a deacon or a priest. In this meeting, the deacon or priest will conduct a Marriage Assessment to determine freedom to marry in the Catholic Church.

## Step Three

After the Marriage Assessment is completed, the coordinator will send you a Wedding Agreement.

The Agreement must be signed and a deposit paid in order to secure a wedding date.



# Reservation Fees



## **Church Reservation Fee for Registered Parishioners**

If the bride, the groom, or an immediate family member has been a registered parishioner for at least six months prior to the submission of the wedding application, the cost to reserve the church is **\$400**. A partially refundable deposit of **\$300** is required to secure a wedding date.

This fee may be reduced if the bride, groom, or an immediate family member regularly tithes time, talent, or treasure to the church.


## **Church Reservation Fee for Non-Parishioners**

For non-parishioners, the cost to reserve the church is **\$1000**. A nonrefundable deposit of **\$300** is required to secure a wedding date.

## **Additional Fees**

Additional fees, which include stipends for the priest or deacon, the sacristan, the organist, and the cantor, amount to approximately **\$800**. This fee is liable to change.

*All outstanding fees must be paid one month prior to the wedding.*



*Love that leads  
to marriage  
is a gift from God  
and a great act of faith  
toward other human  
beings.*

ST. JOHN PAUL II



# Marriage Preparation



*Please note that we have recently begun using the Witness to Love marriage preparation program. If you began marriage preparation with us before we made this change, you do not need to complete the Witness to Love program but should continue with the Pre-Cana/Agape course.*

During your engagement, we know that there are a lot of things to think about. However, this time isn't just about planning a wedding. It's about creating a strong foundation for your marriage as you prepare to enter into this sacrament. Our marriage preparation program is designed to guide and support you as you grow in your relationship.

We highly recommend that you complete your marriage preparation where you reside. If neither of you currently live in the greater Ann Arbor area, please contact your local parish to discuss marriage preparation.

Our program involves multiple steps and will take time to complete. Please use our Wedding Prep Checklist, found on the "Weddings" page of our website, to keep track of your progress.

# Components



*Links may be found in Appendix C*

## **Inventory**

Take an inventory designed to spark conversations about areas of growth within your relationship. You may take either the Prepare & Enrich Inventory or Dynamic Catholic's Better Together Inventory.

## **Witness to Love**

Participate in Witness to Love, a program intended to support you as a couple both before and after your wedding. The wedding coordinator provides you and your chosen mentor couple with materials.

## **Natural Family Planning (NFP)**

Learn about NFP through an online course, with opportunities for in-person workshops. The online course provides training on scientifically-based methods of fertility awareness proven to help achieve or postpone pregnancy.

## **Love Takes Learning**

Complete the Diocese of Lansing's Love Takes Learning course. Links for this course are sent by the wedding coordinator.

## **Formed**

Discover more about the theology of marriage on [formed.org](http://formed.org). We especially encourage you to watch the Beloved series or any of the other videos on marriage, and strongly recommend that you write two reflections on this content.

# Forms & Certificates



## **Proof of Program Completion**

All the components of our marriage preparation program include reports or certificates received upon completion. Each of these must be emailed to the wedding coordinator.

## **Baptismal Certificates**

Six months prior to the wedding, request that copies of your baptismal certificates, with proper notations, be sent to the church. These must be requested from the church where you were baptized. Please inform this church to send the certificate directly to St. Thomas the Apostle;  
Attn. Wedding Coordinator.

## **Marriage License**

Thirty days prior to the wedding, obtain a civil marriage license. This is a legal requirement; St. Thomas *must* have a copy of this license in order to proceed with your wedding. Please visit the Washtenaw County Clerk website for more information on this process.



# The Nuptial Mass



"In the Eucharist the memorial of the New Covenant is realized, the New Covenant in which Christ has united himself for ever to the Church, his beloved bride for whom he gave himself up.

It is therefore fitting that the spouses should seal their consent to give themselves to each other through the offering of their own lives by uniting it to the offering of Christ for his Church made present in the Eucharistic sacrifice."

*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1621*

The Rite of Marriage typically takes place within the context of a Mass. You have options that allow you to make this service your own, one that speaks to the family and friends gathered around you on this day, one that reflects your unique life together as a couple.

Please note that the wedding coordinator will send you a liturgy planning form six weeks prior to the wedding date.

The couple chooses an Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, and Gospel reading; the possible selections may be found in Appendix A. Hymn and Psalm selections must be discussed with our Director of Music, who will provide suggestions. Please note that any song requests must fall under the category of "sacred music."

Family and friends may participate in the liturgy by proclaiming the first and second readings, praying the general intercessions ("prayers of the faithful"), and bringing up the gifts. They may also serve as Extraordinary Ministers during Communion, if they have been trained.





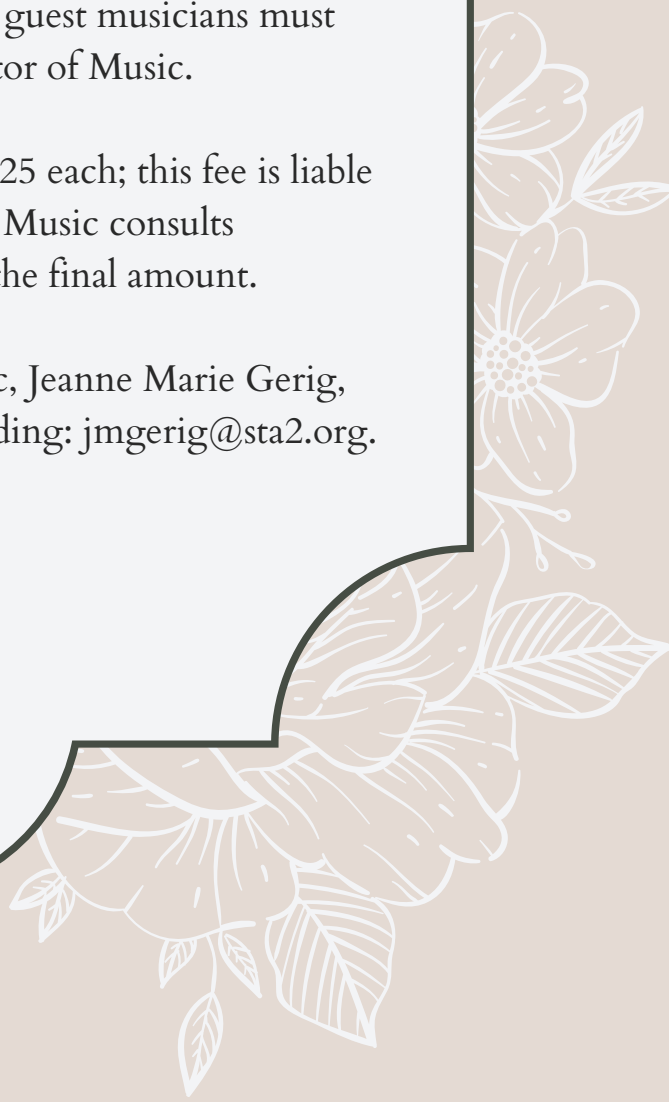
# Music



St. Thomas provides an organist, degreed in both piano and organ, and a cantor, degreed in voice and experienced in singing the wedding liturgy. All guest musicians must be approved by our Director of Music.

Additional musicians typically cost \$125 each; this fee is liable to change, as the Director of Music consults with the couple to determine the final amount.

Please contact our Director of Music, Jeanne Marie Gerig, to discuss music options for your wedding: [jmgerig@sta2.org](mailto:jmgerig@sta2.org).



# Order of the Mass



*Reading selections be found in Appendix A*

## **Introductory Rites**

**Prelude**

**First Processional**

*Played as the parents of the groom and the wedding party enter*

**Second Processional**

*Played as the bride enters*

**Greeting**

*By the priest to the couple and the congregation*

**Gloria**

**Collect**

*Opening prayer*

**Liturgy of the Word**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Lector chosen by the bride and groom*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Sung by cantor*

**New Testament Reading**

*Lector chosen by the bride and groom*

**Gospel**

*Proclaimed by the priest or deacon*

**Homily**

## **The Celebration of Matrimony**

### **Address**

*By the priest to the couple*

### **Questions before Consent**

*The bride and groom commit to a free, total, faithful,  
and fruitful gift of self*

### **Consent**

*The bride and groom exchange vows*

### **Reception of the Consent**

*By the priest*

### **Blessing and Giving of Rings**

*The priest blesses the rings, which the couple then exchange*

### **The Universal Prayers**

*The couple may choose the reader for the prayers of the  
faithful, and may request to add intercessions*

### **The Creed**

*Only said if the Mass is celebrated on certain days*

## **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **Preparation of the Gifts**

*The bride and groom may bring the bread and wine to the altar, or invite someone else to do so*

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*The priest consecrates the bread and wine, which become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Sign of Peace**

*The congregants offer one another a sign of Christ's peace*

### **Holy Communion**

*Catholics are invited to come forward and receive Holy Communion; non-Catholics and non-practicing Catholics are invited to join the Communion line and receive a blessing*

### **Flowers for Mary**

*If the couple desires, they may choose to present flowers to Mary and spend a few moments asking her intercession for their marriage*


### **Conclusion of the Celebration**

#### **Solemn Blessing**

*Of the newly married couple and the congregation*

#### **Dismissal**

#### **Recessional**

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*The marriage liturgy is a unique event,  
which is both a family  
and a community celebration.  
The first signs of Jesus were performed  
at the wedding feast of Cana.  
The good wine, resulting from  
the Lord's miracle that brought joy  
to the beginning of a new family,  
is the new wine of Christ's covenant  
with the men and women of every age.*

AMORIS LAETITIA

# FAQs



## **Parking**

St. Thomas the Apostle has a large parking lot adjacent to the church. There is also street parking available, but please note the signs as some of it is permit-only and all of it is regulated by the city. We've had everything from limos to firetrucks to vintage ice cream vans parked in front of the church for weddings; let us know in advance if you will have any special vehicle after the wedding.

Please note that Ann Arbor is home to the University of Michigan and St. Thomas is located in the heart of downtown. We encourage you not to schedule a wedding on the same date as a home football game, due to traffic and noise levels.

## **Photography and Videography**

Due to our busy event schedule at St. Thomas, we ask that the wedding party and guests leave the church fifteen to twenty minutes after the end of the ceremony. Please plan to take photos at the church before the wedding. You may arrive at the church anytime, provided that there is not another event taking place; confirm the schedule with the wedding coordinator at least a month in advance.

Please keep in mind that the church is a sacred space. We ask that all photographers and videographers dress accordingly. Business casual attire is recommended. As stated on the reservation agreement, no jeans or shorts are allowed.





## Bride's Room

The bride's room is adjacent to the ladies' restroom, to the right of the main entrance. We do not have a groom's room and encourage the men to arrive ready for the wedding.

## Possible Wedding Dates & Times

St. Thomas celebrates weddings on Saturdays at 11:00am and 1:30pm, Fridays between 2:00pm and 5:00pm, and Sundays at 3:00pm. Contact the wedding coordinator for information about weekday weddings.

While the Catholic Church does not prohibit weddings during the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent, there are certain restrictions on the celebration during those times. We recommend that, if possible, you schedule your wedding for outside of these seasons.

## Decor

You are welcome to decorate the church but we do ask that you follow certain guidelines. Flowers may be placed in front of the ambo or by the bride and groom's kneelers but not in front of the altar. You may decorate the ends of the pews provided you do not use any materials that might cause damage (e.g. adhesives or tacks).

Aisle runners are allowed as long as you supply them and remove them after the wedding.

Flower girls may throw flower petals, but these must be cleaned up after the wedding. We do not allow rice or confetti.

We recommend that flowers be delivered the day of the wedding. They may be left in the vestibule to the left of the church's main entrance. Please note that we have Mass at the church every day; **it is your responsibility to ensure that deliveries do not occur during a Mass time.**

### **Bridal Parties**

St. Thomas does not limit the size of bridal parties, but we ask that you inform us of how many attendants you will have within a month of the wedding. Please keep in mind that the church is a place consecrated to worship; we expect all members of the bridal party to dress in a way that respects this sacred space.

### **Liturgy**

The forms of the wedding liturgy are established by the Church and may not be modified. The Rite of Marriage is typically celebrated within a Nuptial Mass. The readings and certain prayers will be chosen by the couple with the assistance of the wedding coordinator. The couple may request additions to the Prayers of the Faithful, which must be approved by the wedding coordinator. Many couples choose to present flowers to Mary after Communion; please communicate with the wedding coordinator if this is a tradition you wish to include.

### **Visiting Priests**

If you wish to invite a priest to either be a presider or to concelebrate with the presider, please let us know well in advance. If the priest is from outside the Diocese of Lansing, we will need to receive a letter of good standing from his diocese. Our parish priest must then send a letter of permission. You may also invite deacons to participate; the procedure is the same as for a priest. Ministers or Rabbis may participate by offering a blessing.

### **Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, & Servers**

We ask that you provide lectors and, if necessary, extraordinary ministers, who must be trained. We provide altar servers; however, if you have relatives or friends who are altar servers and would like them to serve, this is allowed.

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## **Programs**

All programs must be designed and printed by the bridal party. The church will not provide these. If you would like to include information about the Catholic Mass, the wedding coordinator can send you resources to reference.

## **Wedding Coordinator**


Our sacristans will coordinate your rehearsal and wedding. We are happy to have the assistance of your wedding planner, if you have one, but we do ask that you respect the sacristans' authority within the church.

## **Parish Hall**

If you choose to reserve St. Thomas for your wedding, you also have the option to reserve the parish hall for your rehearsal dinner and/or wedding reception. This must be done at the same time as you reserve the church and is submitted through our website under "Event Request Form" on the home page.

## **Marriage Prep Elsewhere**

If you do not live in the Ann Arbor area and plan to travel to St. Thomas for your wedding, we strongly recommend that you complete your marriage preparation at a local parish. Please contact the wedding coordinator for more information about prepping for your wedding outside of the Diocese of Lansing.



For it is in love alone  
that man finds  
room enough  
to be what he is.

DIETRICH VON HILDEBRAND



# Appendix A



*Please select one Old Testament reading, one Psalm, one New Testament reading, and a Gospel reading*

## Old Testament Readings

**B1:** *A reading from the Book of Genesis 1:26-28, 31a*

Then God said:

“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.  
Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,  
the birds of the air, and the cattle,  
and over all the wild animals  
and all the creatures that crawl on the ground.”

God created man in his image;  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying:

“Be fertile and multiply;  
fill the earth and subdue it.

Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air,  
and all the living things that move on the earth.”

God looked at everything he had made, and he found it  
very good.

The word of the Lord.

**B2:** *A reading from the Book of Genesis 2:18-24*

The Lord God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone.  
I will make a suitable partner for him."  
So the Lord God formed out of the ground  
various wild animals and various birds of the air,  
and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them;  
whatever the man called each of them would be its name.  
The man gave names to all the cattle,  
all the birds of the air, and all wild animals;  
but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.  
So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man,  
and while he was asleep,  
he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.  
The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib  
that he had taken from the man.  
When he brought her to the man, the man said:  
"This one, at last, is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
This one shall be called 'woman,'  
for out of 'her man' this one has been taken."  
That is why a man leaves his father and mother  
and clings to his wife,  
and the two of them become one body.  
The word of the Lord.



**B3:** *A reading from the Book of Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67*

The servant of Abraham said to Laban:

“I bowed down in worship to the Lord,  
blessing the Lord, the God of my master Abraham,  
who had led me on the right road  
to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son.  
If, therefore, you have in mind to show true loyalty to my master,  
let me know;

but if not, let me know that, too.

I can then proceed accordingly.”

Laban and his household said in reply:

“This thing comes from the Lord;  
we can say nothing to you either for or against it.  
Here is Rebekah, ready for you;  
take her with you,  
that she may become the wife of your master’s son,  
as the Lord has said.”

So they called Rebekah and asked her,

“Do you wish to go with this man?”

She answered, “I do.”

At this they allowed their sister Rebekah and her nurse to take leave,  
along with Abraham’s servant and his men.

Invoking a blessing on Rebekah, they said:

“Sister, may you grow  
into thousands of myriads;  
And may your descendants gain possession  
of the gates of their enemies!”

**B3:** *Cont'd*

Then Rebekah and her maids started out;  
they mounted their camels and followed the man.  
so the servant took Rebekah and went on his way.  
Meanwhile Isaac had gone from Beer-lahai-roi  
and was living in the region of the Negeb.  
One day toward evening he went out . . . in the field,  
and as he looked around, he noticed that camels were approaching.  
Rebekah, too, was looking about, and when she saw him,  
she alighted from her camel and asked the servant,  
“Who is the man out there, walking through the fields toward us?”  
“That is my master,” replied the servant.  
Then she covered herself with her veil.  
The servant recounted to Isaac all the things he had done.  
Then Isaac took Rebekah into his tent;  
he married her, and thus she became his wife.  
In his love for her Isaac found solace  
after the death of his mother Sarah.  
The word of the Lord.

**B4:** *A reading from the Book of Tobit 7:6-14*

Raphael and Tobiah entered the house of Raguel and greeted him.  
Raguel sprang up and kissed Tobiah, shedding tears of joy.  
But when he heard that Tobit had lost his eyesight,  
he was grieved and wept aloud.

He said to Tobiah:

“My child, God bless you!

You are the son of a noble and good father.

But what a terrible misfortune  
that such a righteous and charitable man  
should be afflicted with blindness!”

He continued to weep in the arms of his kinsman Tobiah.

His wife Edna also wept for Tobit;  
and even their daughter Sarah began to weep.

Afterward, Raguel slaughtered a ram from the flock  
and gave them a cordial reception.

When they had bathed and reclined to eat,  
Tobiah said to Raphael, “Brother Azariah,  
ask Raguel to let me marry my kinswoman Sarah.”

Raguel overheard the words;

so he said to the boy:

“Eat and drink and be merry tonight,  
for no man is more entitled to marry my daughter Sarah  
than you, brother.

Besides, not even I have the right to give her to anyone but you,  
because you are my closest relative.

But I will explain the situation to you very frankly.

I have given her in marriage to seven men,  
all of whom were kinsmen of ours,  
and all died on the very night they approached her.

**B4:** *Cont'd*

But now, son, eat and drink.

I am sure the Lord will look after you both.”

Tobiah answered, “I will eat or drink nothing until you set aside what belongs to me.”

Raguel said to him: “I will do it.

She is yours according to the decree of the Book of Moses.

Your marriage to her has been decided in heaven!

Take your kinswoman

from now on you are her love,

and she is your beloved.

She is yours today and ever after.

And tonight, son, may the Lord of heaven prosper you both.

May he grant you mercy and peace.”

Then Raguel called his daughter Sarah, and she came to him.

He took her by the hand and gave her to Tobiah with the words:

“Take her according to the law.

According to the decree written in the Book of Moses she is your wife.

Take her and bring her back safely to your father.

And may the God of heaven grant both of you peace and prosperity.”

He then called her mother and told her to bring a scroll,

So that he might draw up a marriage contract stating that he gave Sarah to Tobiah as his wife according to the decree of the Mosaic law.

Her mother brought the scroll,

and he drew up the contract,

to which they affixed their seal.

Afterward they began to eat and drink.

The word of the Lord.

**B5:** *A reading from the Book of Tobit 8:4b-8*

On their wedding night Tobiah arose from bed and said to his wife,

“Sister, get up. Let us pray and beg our Lord to have mercy on us and to grant us deliverance.”

Sarah got up, and they started to pray and beg that deliverance might be theirs.

They began with these words:

“Blessed are you, O God of our fathers; praised be your name forever and ever.

Let the heavens and all your creation praise you forever.

You made Adam and you gave him his wife Eve to be his help and support;

and from these two the human race descended.

You said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone; let us make him a partner like himself.’

Now, Lord, you know that I take this wife of mine not because of lust,

but for a noble purpose.

Call down your mercy on me and on her, and allow us to live together to a happy old age.”

They said together, “Amen, amen.”

The word of the Lord.

**B6:** *A reading from the Book of Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

When one finds a worthy wife,  
her value is far beyond pearls.  
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,  
has an unfailing prize.  
She brings him good, and not evil,  
all the days of her life.  
She obtains wool and flax  
and makes cloth with skillful hands.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her fingers ply the spindle.  
She reaches out her hands to the poor,  
and extends her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;  
the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
Give her a reward of her labors,  
and let her works praise her at the city gates.  
The word of the Lord.



**B7:** *A reading from the Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7a*

Hark! my lover—here he comes  
springing across the mountains,  
leaping across the hills.  
My lover is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.  
Here he stands behind our wall,  
gazing through the windows,  
peering through the lattices.  
My lover speaks; he says to me,  
“Arise, my beloved, my dove, my beautiful one, and come!  
“O my dove in the clefts of the rock,  
in the secret recesses of the cliff,  
Let me see you,  
let me hear your voice,  
for your voice is sweet,  
and you are lovely.”  
My lover belongs to me and I to him.  
He says to me:  
“Set me as a seal on your heart,  
as a seal on your arm;  
For stern as death is love,  
relentless as the nether world is devotion;  
its flames are a blazing fire.  
Deep waters cannot quench love,  
nor floods sweep it away.”  
The word of the Lord.

**B8:** *A reading from the Book of Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16*

Blessed the husband of a good wife,  
twice-lengthened are his days;

A worthy wife brings joy to her husband,  
peaceful and full is his life.

A good wife is a generous gift  
bestowed upon him who fears the Lord;  
Be he rich or poor, his heart is content,  
and a smile is ever on his face.

A gracious wife delights her husband,  
her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones;  
A gift from the Lord is her governed speech,  
and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth.

Choicest of blessings is a modest wife,  
priceless her chaste soul.

A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace;  
indeed, no price is worthy of her temperate soul.

Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens,  
the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.  
The word of the Lord.

**B9:** *A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 31:31-32a,  
33-34a*

The days are coming, says the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and the house of Judah.  
It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers:  
the day I took them by the hand  
to lead them forth from the land of Egypt.  
But this is the covenant which I will make  
with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord.  
I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts;  
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.  
No longer will they have need to teach their friends and  
relatives  
how to know the Lord.  
All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord.  
The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalms

**C1:** *Psalm 33:12 and 18, 20-21, 22*

R. (5b) The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his heritage.  
Yes, the Lord's eyes are upon those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord,  
He is our help and our shield,  
in him do our hearts find joy.  
We trust in his holy name.

May your merciful love be upon us,  
as we hope in you, O Lord.

*C2: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9*

R. (2a) I will bless the Lord at all times.

OR:

R. (9a) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
praise of him is always in my mouth.  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;  
the humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me,  
together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look toward him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This lowly one called; the Lord heard,  
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who fear him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

**C3:** *Psalm 103:1-2, 8 and 13, 17-18a*

R. (8a) The Lord is kind and merciful.

OR:

R. (see 17) The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
and all within me, his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord's compassion is on those who fear him.

But the mercy of the Lord is everlasting  
upon those who hold him in fear,  
upon children's children his righteousness,  
for those who keep his covenant.

**C4:** *Psalm 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7b-8, 9*

R. (see 1) Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.

OR:

R. Alleluia.

Blessed the man who fears the Lord,  
who takes great delight in his commandments.  
His descendants shall be powerful on earth;  
the generation of the upright will be blest.

Riches and wealth are in his house;  
his righteousness stands firm forever.  
A light rises in the darkness for the upright;  
he is generous, merciful, and righteous.

It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends,  
who conducts his affairs with justice.  
He will never be moved;  
forever shall the righteous be remembered.  
He has no fear of evil news.

With a firm heart, he trusts in the Lord.  
With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
he will see the downfall of his foes.

Openhanded, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness stands firm forever.  
His might shall be exalted in glory.

**C5:** *Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5*

R. (see 1a) Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

OR:

R. (4) See how the Lord blesses those who fear him.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labor of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be blessed and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
Your children like shoots of the olive.  
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion:  
all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children.



**C6:** *Psalm 145:8-9, 10 and 15, 17-18*

R. (9a) How good is the Lord to all.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your works shall thank you, O Lord,  
and all your faithful ones bless you.  
The eyes of all look to you  
and you give them their food in due season.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
and holy in all his deeds.  
The Lord is close to all who call him,  
who call on him in truth.

*C7: Psalm 148:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-13a, 13c-14a*

R. (13a) Let all praise the name of the Lord.

OR:

R. Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens,  
praise him in the heights;  
Praise him, all you his angels,  
praise him, all you his hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.  
Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.

Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
beasts, both wild and tame,  
creeping things and birds on the wing.

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all judges of the earth,  
young men and maidens as well,  
the old and the young together.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted.

His splendor above earth and heaven.  
He exalts the strength of his people.

## New Testament Readings

**D1:** *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans*  
*8:31b-35, 37-39*

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,

who also is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,

or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly  
through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor present things, nor future things,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor any other creature will be able to separate us

from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**D2:** (*Long Form*) *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 12:1-2, 9-18*

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,  
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.  
Do not conform yourselves to this age  
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,  
that you may discern what is the will of God,  
what is good and pleasing and perfect.  
Let love be sincere;  
hate what is evil,  
hold on to what is good;  
love one another with mutual affection;  
anticipate one another in showing honor.  
Do not grow slack in zeal,  
be fervent in spirit,  
serve the Lord.  
Rejoice in hope,  
endure in affliction,  
persevere in prayer.  
Contribute to the needs of the holy ones,  
exercise hospitality.  
Bless those who persecute you,  
bless and do not curse them.  
Rejoice with those who rejoice,  
weep with those who weep.  
Have the same regard for one another;  
do not be haughty but associate with the lowly;  
do not be wise in your own estimation.  
Do not repay anyone evil for evil;  
be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all.  
If possible, on your part, live at peace with all.  
The word of the Lord.

**D2:** *(Short Form) A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 12:1-2, 9-13*

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Contribute to the needs of the holy ones,  
exercise hospitality.  
The word of the Lord.

**D3:** *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans*  
*15:1b-3a, 5-7, 13*

Brothers and sisters:

We ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves;

let each of us please our neighbor for the good, for building up.

For Christ did not please himself.

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus,

that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**D4:** *A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20*

Brothers and sisters:

The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord,

And the Lord is for the body;

God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

Whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

Avoid immorality.

Every other sin a person commits is outside the body,  
but the immoral person sins against his own body.

Do you not know that your body

is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,

whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

For you have been purchased at a price.

Therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord.

**D5:** *A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 12:31–13:8a*

Brothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues

but do not have love,

I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy

and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;

if I have all faith so as to move mountains,

but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own,

and if I hand my body over so that I may boast

but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, is not pompous,

it is not inflated, it is not rude,

it does not seek its own interests,

it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,

it does not rejoice over wrongdoing

but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,

hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

The word of the Lord.



**D6:** *(Long Form) A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33*

Brothers and sisters:

Live in love, as Christ loved us  
and handed himself over for us.

Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord.

For the husband is head of his wife  
just as Christ is head of the Church,  
he himself the savior of the body.

As the Church is subordinate to Christ,  
so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives,

even as Christ loved the Church

and handed himself over for her to sanctify her,

cleansing her by the bath of water with the word,

that he might present to himself the Church in splendor,

without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,

that she might be holy and without blemish.

So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.

He who loves his wife loves himself.

For no one hates his own flesh

but rather nourishes and cherishes it,

even as Christ does the Church,

because we are members of his Body.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother

and be joined to his wife,

and the two shall become one flesh.

This is a great mystery,

but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.

In any case, each one of you should love his wife as himself,

and the wife should respect her husband.

The word of the Lord.

*D6: (Short Form) A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32*

Brothers and sisters:

Live in love, as Christ loved us  
and handed himself over for us.

Husbands, love your wives,  
even as Christ loved the Church  
and handed himself over for her to sanctify her,  
cleansing her by the bath of water with the word,  
that he might present to himself the Church in splendor,  
without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,  
that she might be holy and without blemish.

So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.

He who loves his wife loves himself.

For no one hates his own flesh  
but rather nourishes and cherishes it,  
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and be joined to his wife,  
and the two shall become one flesh.

This is a great mystery,  
but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.  
The word of the Lord.

*D7: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians 4:4-9*

Brothers and sisters:

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I shall say it again: rejoice!

Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding  
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters,  
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,  
if there is any excellence  
and if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received  
and heard and seen in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

**D8:** *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians 3:12-17*

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,  
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,  
if one has a grievance against another;

as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love,  
that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,  
the peace into which you were also called in one Body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,  
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs  
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

**D9:** *A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 13:1-4a, 5-6b*

Brothers and sisters:

Let mutual love continue.

Do not neglect hospitality,

for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.

Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment,

and of the ill-treated as of yourselves,

for you also are in the body.

Let marriage be honored among all

and the marriage bed be kept undefiled.

Let your life be free from love of money

but be content with what you have,

for he has said, I will never forsake you or abandon you.

Thus we may say with confidence:

The Lord is my helper,

and I will not be afraid.

The word of the Lord.

**D10:** *A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter 3:1-9*

Beloved:

You wives should be subordinate to your husbands so that, even if some disobey the word, they may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct when they observe your reverent and chaste behavior.

Your adornment should not be an external one:

braiding the hair, wearing gold jewelry, or dressing in fine clothes,

but rather the hidden character of the heart,

expressed in the imperishable beauty

of a gentle and calm disposition,

which is precious in the sight of God.

For this is also how the holy women who hoped in God once used to adorn themselves

and were subordinate to their husbands;

thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him "lord."

You are her children when you do what is good and fear no intimidation.

Likewise, you husbands should live with your wives in understanding,

showing honor to the weaker female sex,

since we are joint heirs of the gift of life,

so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic,

loving toward one another, compassionate, humble.

Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult;

but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing.

The word of the Lord.

**D11:** *A reading from the First Letter of Saint John 3:18-24*

Children, let us love not in word or speech  
but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth  
and reassure our hearts before him

in whatever our hearts condemn,

for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,

we have confidence in God

and receive from him whatever we ask,

because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And his commandment is this:

we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,

and love one another just as he commanded us.

Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them,

and the way we know that he remains in us

is from the Spirit that he gave us.

The word of the Lord.



**D12:** *A reading from the First Letter of Saint John 4:7-12*

Beloved, let us love one another,  
because love is of God;  
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.  
Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.  
In this way the love of God was revealed to us:  
God sent his only-begotten Son into the world  
so that we might have life through him.  
In this is love:  
not that we have loved God, but that he loved us  
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.  
Beloved, if God so loved us,  
we also must love one another.  
No one has ever seen God.  
Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,  
and his love is brought to perfection in us.  
The word of the Lord.

**D13:** *A reading from the Book of Revelation 19:1, 5-9a*

I, John, heard what sounded like the loud voice  
of a great multitude in heaven, saying:

“Alleluia!

Salvation, glory, and might belong to our God.”

A voice coming from the throne said:

“Praise our God, all you his servants,  
and you who revere him, small and great.”

Then I heard something like the sound of a great multitude  
or the sound of rushing water or mighty peals of thunder,  
as they said:

“Alleluia!

The Lord has established his reign,  
our God, the almighty.

Let us rejoice and be glad  
and give him glory.

For the wedding day of the Lamb has come,  
his bride has made herself ready.

She was allowed to wear  
a bright, clean linen garment.”

(The linen represents the righteous deeds of the holy ones.)

Then the angel said to me,

“Write this:

Blessed are those who have been called  
to the wedding feast of the Lamb.”

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamations

**E1:** Everyone who loves is begotten of God and knows God.

**E2:** God is Love, if God loved us, we must also love one another.

**E3:** If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us.

**E4:** Whoever remains in love, remains in God and God in him.

## Gospel Readings

**F1:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12a*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,  
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you  
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*F2: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:13-16*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?

It is no longer good for anything

but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;

it is set on a lampstand,

where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others,

that they may see your good deeds

and glorify your heavenly Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**F3:** *(Long Form) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 7:21, 24-29*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’

will enter the Kingdom of heaven,

but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them

will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

The rain fell, the floods came,

and the winds blew and buffeted the house.

But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock.

And everyone who listens to these words of mine

but does not act on them

will be like a fool who built his house on sand.

The rain fell, the floods came,

and the winds blew and buffeted the house.

And it collapsed and was completely ruined.”

When Jesus finished these words,

the crowds were astonished at his teaching,

for he taught them as one having authority,

and not as their scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**F3:** *(Short Form) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 7:21, 24-25*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’  
will enter the Kingdom of heaven,

but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them  
will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

The rain fell, the floods came,

and the winds blew and buffeted the house.

But it did not collapse;

it had been set solidly on rock.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



**F4:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 19:3-6*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying,  
“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?”  
He said in reply, “Have you not read that from the beginning  
the Creator made them male and female and said,  
For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother  
and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?  
So they are no longer two, but one flesh.  
Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate.”  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**F5:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:35-40*

One of the Pharisees, a scholar of the law, tested Jesus by asking,  
“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

He said to him,

“You shall love the Lord, your God,  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two  
commandments.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**F6:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:6-9*

Jesus said:

“From the beginning of creation,  
God made them male and female.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother  
and be joined to his wife,  
and the two shall become one flesh.

So they are no longer two but one flesh.

Therefore what God has joined together,  
no human being must separate.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*F7: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 2:1-11*

There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee,  
and the mother of Jesus was there.  
Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.  
When the wine ran short,  
the mother of Jesus said to him,  
“They have no wine.”  
And Jesus said to her,  
“Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
My hour has not yet come.”  
His mother said to the servers,  
“Do whatever he tells you.”  
Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial  
washings,  
each holding twenty to thirty gallons.  
Jesus told them,  
“Fill the jars with water.”  
So they filled them to the brim.  
Then he told them,  
“Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.”  
So they took it.  
And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine,  
without knowing where it came from  
(although the servants who had drawn the water knew),  
the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,  
“Everyone serves good wine first,  
and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one;  
but you have kept the good wine until now.”  
Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee  
and so revealed his glory,  
and his disciples began to believe in him.  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**F8:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:9-12*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments  
and remain in his love.

“I have told you this so that my joy might be in you  
and your joy might be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**F9:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:12-16*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this,

to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves,

because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends,

because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you

and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,

so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**F10:** *(Long Form) A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
17:20-26*

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:  
“I pray not only for my disciples,  
but also for those who will believe in me through their word,  
so that they may all be one,  
as you, Father, are in me and I in you,  
that they also may be in us,  
that the world may believe that you sent me.  
And I have given them the glory you gave me,  
so that they may be one, as we are one,  
I in them and you in me,  
that they may be brought to perfection as one,  
that the world may know that you sent me,  
and that you loved them even as you loved me.  
Father, they are your gift to me.  
I wish that where I am they also may be with me,  
that they may see my glory that you gave me,  
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.  
Righteous Father, the world also does not know you,  
but I know you, and they know that you sent me.  
I made known to them your name and I will make it known,  
that the love with which you loved me  
may be in them and I in them.”  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**F10:** *(Short Form) A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
17:20-23*

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:  
“Holy Father, I pray not only for these,  
but also for those who will believe in me through their word,  
so that they may all be one,  
as you, Father, are in me and I in you,  
that they also may be in us,  
that the world may believe that you sent me.  
And I have given them the glory you gave me,  
so that they may be one, as we are one,  
I in them and you in me,  
that they may be brought to perfection as one,  
that the world may know that you sent me,  
and that you loved them even as you loved me.”  
The Gospel of the Lord



# Appendix B



## Resources for Catholic Marriage

### For Your Marriage

Visit [foryourmarriage.org](http://foryourmarriage.org) for articles on everything from Church teaching on interfaith marriages to wedding planning

### Diocese of Lansing

Visit [dioceseoflansing.org](http://dioceseoflansing.org) for information on upcoming marriage retreats in the diocese, resources on NFP including in-person workshops, and a variety of other ministries for every stage of life. The diocese website also provides information on the Tribunal and how to open a case.

### United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Visit [usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries](http://usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries) for marriage and family life resources, including a selection of articles on the teachings of the Church in regards to the sacrament of marriage, the sanctity of life, and other topics.

### Michigan Celebrates Marriage

Visit [michigancelebratesmarriage.com](http://michigancelebratesmarriage.com) for a variety of marriage resources, including podcasts, videos, and personal testimonies as well articles. This website also provides information on Michigan-based marriage ministries, such as retreats and counseling.

### Theology of the Body Institute

Visit [tobinstitute.org](http://tobinstitute.org) for more information about the Catholic theology of marriage, sexuality, and the human person.

# Appendix C



## Links for Marriage Preparation

*Please note that links and materials for Witness to Love and Love Takes Learning are sent directly by the wedding coordinator.*

### Inventories

Visit [www.catholicmarriageprep.com/prepare-enrich](http://www.catholicmarriageprep.com/prepare-enrich) to take the Prepare & Enrich Inventory. This inventory costs \$45. Visit [www.dynamiccatholic.com/marriage/better-together-inventory.html](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/marriage/better-together-inventory.html) to take Dynamic Catholic's Better Together Inventory.

This inventory is free.


### Formed

Discover more about the theology of marriage and family life on [formed.org](http://formed.org); use the parish code J8KTVM to create an account.

This website includes access to the Beloved series, specifically on marriage, as well as podcasts and videos focused on other aspects of the Catholic faith.

### NFP

Register for the Diocese of Lansing's online course on NFP at [dioceseoflansing.org/vocations/nfp-online-registration](http://dioceseoflansing.org/vocations/nfp-online-registration). In-person workshops are also often offered within the diocese; click on "Natural Family Planning" under the "Ministries" tab.

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*We look forward  
to celebrating  
with you!*

*Congratulations!*

