

Above all, love each other deeply

1 Peter

Planning tool for Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage

Today's Date: _____

Date of Wedding: _____ Time: _____

Date of Rehearsal: _____ Time: _____

Anticipated attendance: _____

1. Female, Male or Non-binary (circle one)

Name _____

(Maiden name if applicable) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Date of birth _____

Number of this marriage? _____

Were you raised in a Christian Church? _____ What denomination? _____

Were you baptized? _____ Were you confirmed? _____

Your father's full name: _____

Your mother's full name (including her maiden name):

2. Female, Male, or Non-binary (circle one)

Name _____

(Maiden name if applicable) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Date of birth _____

Number of this marriage? _____

Were you raised in a Christian Church? _____ What denomination? _____

Were you baptized? _____ Were you confirmed? _____

Your father's full name: _____

Your mother's full name (including her maiden name) :

3. Wedding information

Please bring your license to the rehearsal. All required witnesses must be present to sign the license.

Names of witnesses

1. _____

2. _____

Location of wedding: Church _____ Chapel _____ other _____

The Rector of Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church will be the officiant, but visiting clergy are welcome to assist.

Name of assisting officiant (if applicable):
_____ Denomination _____

We do not normally celebrate Holy Eucharist at weddings.

Will this be an exception? Yes or No (*please circle one*)

4. Readings for the “Blessing and Celebration of a Marriage” can be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 426. Please pick one scriptural reading.

Reading: _____

5. Music is a beautiful component of the service. The Rector will help you with your music selections. Our organist and choir section leaders are available for your service.

Suggested hymns: Hymn 657 Love Divine

Hymn 353 Your Love, O God

Hymn 397 Now Thank We

Or you may select three hymns from the 1980 Hymnal:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

6. Photographer: _____

Contact: _____

We suggest that you have most of your pictures taken before the service. This helps you arrive at the reception in a timely manner. We have beautiful grounds with lots of attractive settings for photographs. Because they are so distracting, no flash pictures are permitted inside the Church during the wedding. Also, if the ceremony is being videoed, no spotlights are allowed in the Church. Pictures may be taken in the Church after all guests have left, but we encourage you to direct your photographer to take as many pictures before the wedding as possible. You will be able to take your pictures as soon as the Church is cleared and be off to your reception without delaying your guests too long. After the ceremony, photos involving the clergy should be taken first.

7. A wedding coordinator might assist you on your wedding day; however, s/he will have no authority over the Church ceremony.

8. Premarital Counseling

Before your wedding, the couple will meet with the Rector for pre-marital preparation, usually about three sessions, required by the rules of the Church. It will be helpful to you to have had this preparation completed far in advance of the wedding. If you live out of town and are active members of an Episcopal Church, the clergy here will help you make special arrangements for the pre-marital counseling with your own priest. Your priest will need to provide a letter to the Rector of St. Michael's indicating you have completed the required preparation.

9. LGBTQ+ Weddings

The Episcopal Church is proud to be one of the first mainstream Christian churches that not only allows, but celebrates marriage between couples under the LGBTQ+ umbrella. Just as Christ welcomed all, we too welcome all.

10. Divorced Persons

In the Episcopal Church, no priest is permitted to preside at the wedding of a divorced person without the consent of the Bishop. A request for permission for re-marriage of a divorced person must be sent by the clergy to the Bishop at least 30 days prior to the wedding. It is a further requirement in our Diocese that we have a copy of any applicable divorce decree that shows its finality at least one year prior to the remarriage. The Rector will fill the form out with you during pre-marital counseling.

11. A leaflet bulletin must be printed and include one for each anticipated attendee (please make a few extras copies). The purpose of the bulletin is to contain the texts of the hymns, the Scripture readings and the Lord's Prayer.

12. Our current fee schedule is found on our website: stmikescdm.org.

Fee Schedule 2024

	Members	Non Members
1. Member Weddings		
a. Use of Church	Donation	
b. Use of Chapel	Donation	
c. Clergy Honorarium	\$500	
d. Music Director Honorarium	\$250	
e. Vocalist	\$200	
f. Use of Michael's Room/Grounds	\$100/hr.	
g. Bulletins/Leaflets	\$100	
h. Sexton/Custodial	\$150	
i. Damage Deposit	\$500**	
2. Non-Member Weddings *	\$3,500	
a. Vocalist	\$250	
b. Use of Michael's Room/Grounds	\$100/hr.	\$100/Hr. M-TH \$200/Hr. Weekends
c. Bulletins/Leaflets	\$200	
d. Damage Deposits	\$500**	
3. Funerals		Non Members
a. Use of Church	Donation	\$750
b. Use of Chapel	Donation	\$250
c. Clergy Honorarium	Donation	\$500
d. Music Director Honorarium	\$250	\$350
e. Memorial Garden Tile	\$750	\$1,500
f. Vocalist	\$200	\$250
g. Bulletins	\$100	\$200
h. Sexton/Custodial	Donation	\$150
4. Baptisms	Grace is Free	
5. Gymnasium Use	\$100/Hr. M-TH \$150/Hr. Weekends	

6. Classroom Use	\$75/Hr	
7. Conference Room	\$100/use	
8. Library	\$75/use	
9. Michaels Room***	Donation	\$100/Hr. M-TH \$200/Hr. Weekends
a. Damage Deposit	\$500**	\$500**
10. Courtyard***	\$50/Hr.	\$100/Hr. \$200/Hr. Weekends
a. Damage Deposit	\$500**	\$500**
11. Leave South Wing for AA, Scouts, etc.		Donations

*Non-Member Wedding includes Use of Church or Chapel, Clergy Honorarium, Music Director Honorarium, Sexton/Custodial

**Refundable

***This is for small kitchen, room, and time begins when they enter and ends when they leave. All trash is to be bagged and out of cans with room completely restored.

Music Director and Soloist fee could be higher if they provide more services and rehearsals.

The prices reflect baseline prices. The scale can increase depending on services requested/required.