

cover with a shawl, bolero jacket, lace jacket/train or other appropriate attire. Skirts should also be of an appropriate length for the holy occasion.

#### **When can the photographer take pictures?**

Photographers can begin taking photographs 60 minutes prior to the wedding ceremony. Because indoor photography must be finished by 7:30, 1:00 or 4:00 P.M., you will want to take those pictures first. You are welcome to continue taking outdoor photographs after the indoor timeframe expires.

#### **Who else can take pictures?**

To maintain a sacred atmosphere during your wedding, and because you are hiring a professional photographer to capture your wedding ceremony, the use of cameras by the wedding party or your guests is not permitted once you and your future spouse have reached the altar.

#### **Can children be part of our wedding?**

Children who are **at least 5 years old** may be flower girls or ring bearers.

#### **How do we choose music?**

Your wedding coordinator can provide you with extensive suggestions and samples of appropriate liturgical music.

#### **When can our florist decorate the church or chapel?**

Florists may start decorating 60 minutes before the wedding. Your wedding coordinator will provide you with guidelines to give to your florist. As a safety precaution, aisle runners are not allowed.

#### **What are the fees?**

Church	\$50
Wedding coordinator	\$175
Musician(s)	Varies
Priest	Your discretion

If you have any questions prior to the upcoming wedding meeting, please contact **Nancy Goldfarb in the Parish Life Center, 317-585-1257 ext. 102 or [nancy@hspgeist.org](mailto:nancy@hspgeist.org)**.



# *Celebrating Your Wedding at Holy Spirit*

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*Information for engaged couples, their families and friends*

Dear Engaged Couple:

Congratulations on your engagement and your upcoming wedding! We are looking forward to sharing in your joy and happiness as you prepare to begin your new life together.

Marriage is a holy sacrament, a covenant of love between a man and a woman. By choosing to celebrate this sacrament in the presence of God, you are indicating to family, friends, and the faith community here at Holy Spirit, the importance of God in your life. Please remember that the main focus of your wedding day is the sacrament you are celebrating.

In the months ahead, we will be working with you to create a dignified, prayerful, and spiritual celebration of your love and faith. You will have many opportunities to grow in your commitment to each other and your understanding of living the sacrament of marriage. This will occur in your meetings with the priest who will be presiding at your wedding, the pastoral associate(s) and your sponsor couple.

To facilitate the celebration of the sacrament on your wedding day, a wedding coordinator will be assigned to you. The wedding coordinator will assist you in planning the details of your wedding celebration. She will lead the rehearsal, and on the day of your wedding, she will be at the church to coordinate your day so that you and your future spouse are free to focus on what you are doing: giving yourselves to each other and God in the sacrament of marriage.

We are very happy that you have chosen to prepare for your marriage and to celebrate your wedding day at Holy Spirit Parish. May God continue to bless and increase your love and devotion to each other.

Fr. Phil Bowers and Holy Spirit Parish

In order to assist you with your preparations, the parish hosts quarterly wedding workshops. Engaged couples are required to attend one of these workshops prior to their wedding. Your families and friends are welcome to attend with you. At the workshop you will learn who your wedding coordinator will be. The workshop will offer detailed information about wedding procedures and an opportunity to address any questions or concerns.

The next wedding workshop will be  
**Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 12:00 P.M..**  
in the church (immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass with betrothal ceremony).

To assist you in the time until the next wedding workshop, we address some frequently asked questions:

**What are the available wedding times?**

6:00 p.m.	Friday in the Chapel
11:30 a.m.	Saturday in the Church
2:30 p.m.	Saturday in the Church

**How long can we use the church on our wedding day?**

4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m	6:00 p.m. Friday Chapel wedding
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m	11:30 a.m. Saturday Church wedding
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m	2:30 p.m. Saturday Church wedding.

**When will the rehearsal be and how long will it last?**

Rehearsals are held at 5:30 P.M.. on the day prior to the wedding in the same location as the wedding (chapel weddings rehearse in the chapel; church weddings rehearse in the church).

If 2 weddings are scheduled on the same Saturday, the morning wedding rehearsal will be at 5:30 P.M., and the afternoon wedding rehearsal will be at 6:30 P.M..

All rehearsals last no longer than 60 minutes.

**What about attire?**

Since the wedding liturgy is a formal and sacred event, **please select attire for yourself and your entire bridal party that is respectful for worship in the house of God.** Ladies wearing dresses with bare backs, bare shoulders, or spaghetti straps should