

Congratulations on your engagement! St. Margaret of York looks forward to helping you prepare for your marriage and plan your wedding.

Our Marriage/Wedding Coordinator Ministry assist the priest or deacon with your wedding ceremony. The Coordinator meets with the wedding couple before the ceremony to answer questions and to possibly help with the wedding rehearsal. Some frequently asked questions about planning a wedding at St. Margaret of York are:

1. What is the first step in planning a wedding at St. Margaret of York?

The first step is for the engaged couple to schedule a meeting with our Pastor. Please contact **Fr. Jason E. Bedel | 513.697.3101** to set up a mutually convenient time.

2. We are eager to set a date for our wedding. Can you hold a date for us now?

We cannot hold a date or review the parish calendar regarding prospective dates until you meet with the pastor. Following your meeting with our priests, you will have a more complete understanding of the marriage preparation process, next steps, and how to secure a date for your wedding. We strongly recommend that you not book a reception hall or enter into other contractual agreements regarding your wedding until we can confirm the date on our church calendar for you.

3. What times are available for weddings at St. Margaret of York?

Mid-day weddings on Saturdays may begin anytime between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., subject to availability. Evening weddings on Saturdays may begin at 6:30 p.m., subject to availability, to allow time for the placement of decorations following our 4:30 p.m. Mass.

There is generally more flexibility with respect to ceremony time on Fridays or Sundays (yes! that is possible). If you would like to begin your wedding ceremony later than 1:30 p.m. but earlier than 4:30 p.m., please ask us for more information about a Friday or Sunday wedding.

4. What are the fees for a wedding at St. Margaret of York?

The marriage preparation fee at SMOY is \$200 this fee cover the cost of marriage preparation activities we offer. The cost for church facilities for rehearsal and wedding is waived for parishioners, non-parishioners is \$300. These fees do not include off-site Pre-Cana workshops/classes, Natural Family Planning classes, musicians' fees, or any gift you offer to the priest or deacon presiding at your wedding.

5. Our wedding is planned at a church out of town, but we live in the Loveland area and attend Mass at St. Margaret of York – can you help us with our marriage preparation?

Yes. We are happy to help couples planning out of town weddings to prepare for marriage. Completing marriage preparation locally simplifies things for engaged couples and greatly helps to facilitate reflection and discernment. Please contact **Frank and Lisa Hoffman | marriage@smoy.org** regarding this process.

6. Where can I get more information?

For more information please visit the **[Archdiocese of Cincinnati Marriage Preparation*](#)** page

*<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/engaged-couple-programs/>