

**ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA PARISH
THE SANCTUARY OF THE DIVINE MERCY
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**INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS
FOR WEDDINGS**

The following information and requirements are very important.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The couple may arrange the date with the secretary at least 6 months in advance. They must fill out all pre-nuptial forms with the deacon or Father before the wedding date. You must bring 2 witnesses from each side, a total of 4 witnesses, preferably the parents, siblings, or aunts or uncles.
- After all arrangements for the church have been made the couple must take pre-cana class (pre-marital class). You may contact Nydia Flores at 847/845-2154 to take the pre-cana class offered in Spanish here at St. Stanislaus Kostka. For English pre-cana call the Archdiocese of Chicago at 312/534-8201 or log onto the website at:
www.marriageandfamilyministries.org

DOCUMENTS NEEDED

- A recent copy of the baptismal and confirmation certificates (no more than 6 months old from date issued)

- For couples under 18 years old a letter from the parents is necessary.
- For couples where one is a widower a copy of the death certificate is needed.
- For those who are divorced you must bring in the divorce papers and copy of marriage certificate. For those who were previously married in a Church you must bring in your annulment papers.
- You must turn in the pre-cana certificate indicating that you attended the pre-cana classes.
- You must obtain a marriage license from City Hall (valid only 60 days) of if the couple is already civilly married they must present the marriage certificate.

**ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE TURNED
IN BEFORE THE WEDDING.
MARRIAGE BY THE CHURCH IS
ILLEGAL WITHOUT THE MARRIAGE
LICENSE OR MARRIAGE
CERTIFICATE.**

DONATION

The donation for a Wedding Mass is \$400.00. **To book a Wedding a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit is required.** The decorations are not included. To have the organist play at the wedding and if there are any special song requests you must let the office know.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Wedding Masses take place on Saturdays at 11 AM, 1 PM or 2:30 PM. **We do not schedule Weddings on Fridays nor Sundays. Also, we do not schedule Weddings during Lent.** Please be in the church 20 minutes before the Mass.

PHOTOGRAPHS & VIDEO

Photographers are **NOT** permitted in the sanctuary (that is the altar from where the priest is celebrating the Mass). 15 minutes will be allowed for pictures after Mass if the wedding begins on time.

DECORATIONS

The following is **NOT** permitted in the church:

DECORATIVE ARCHES, PLASTIC ISLE RUNNER, RICE, FLOWER PETALS, CONFETTI, BALLOONS, GUM, FOOD, & DRINKS. THE THROWING OF RICE, FLOWER PETALS OUTSIDE THE CHURCH IS NOT PERMITTED. YOU CAN SUBSTITUE THE RICE AND FLOWER PETALS WITH BIRD SEEDS.

MUSIC INFORMATION

- If you plan on having a soloist or extra people singing at the Mass you have to bring your own organist.
- Mariachi music is beautiful but not appropriate for the church. If you want a Mariachi band to play please leave it for the reception hall celebration.
- If you have a choir playing there will be **NO organist.**
- If you want a special song or any type of new music it must be approved by the priest. **NOT** all music is appropriate to be played in the church. Please call the parish office.