

CHECKLIST FOR BRIDE AND GROOM

WEDDING PREPARATION

- Membership verified.
Couple has been registered with St. Bernard Parish, has been actively attending Mass and supporting the parish for at least three months; or one of the couple's immediate family members are registered at St. Bernard Parish.
- Couple has completed the diocesan Marriage Preparation Program, and forwarded their certificates of completion to Fr. Michael for inclusion in the marriage file.
- [Optional, but strongly encouraged]* Couple has attended a Natural Family Planning class sponsored by the Diocese.
- Couple has discussed music for the wedding with the Director of Liturgy and Pastoral Music. Appropriate selections have been made for the needed parts of the Mass/liturgy.
- Couple has forwarded a proof copy of their wedding program to the Director of Liturgy and Pastoral Music for review and approval.
- Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire has been completed for both persons and has been included in the marriage file.
- For the Catholic: An original copy of your baptismal certificate has been obtained, are dated within six months of your wedding, and have been forwarded to the pastor for inclusion in your marriage file. For those of a differing faith tradition: A xeroxed copy of the certificate of baptism is acceptable.
- Couple has completed the FOCCUS inventory and met with the FOCCUS facilitating couple to review the results of the inventory.
- All fees have been paid and are on file.
- [Only if a Catholic is marrying someone of a different faith tradition]* The Catholic party has made the declaration and profession of faith to raise the children in accordance with the Church's teachings.
- The couple has obtained a Marriage License from the State of Wisconsin. Application for the marriage license may begin 30 days before the date of the wedding. Please obtain the license early in case there are issues that must be resolved. **Please bring the license with you to the rehearsal. You are also welcome to drop off the license at the pastoral center prior to the rehearsal.**