



# ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## SUMMARY OF WEDDING POLICIES & GUIDELINES

These important items, explained in full in the wedding packet, must be agreed to by the wedding party and others who will be associated with the wedding BEFORE the church building is reserved.

### PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW TO INDICATE UNDER-STANDING AND AGREEMENT OF THESE PROCEDURES.

- The fee for a wedding at St. Aloysius Church is \$575.00 for registered, active parishioners and \$1,000.00 for others. Note that the status of registered and active parishioner must exist for a year prior to the request to schedule the wedding. This fee includes rental of the church, utilities and maintenance; ten percent of the fee paid is non-refundable. Although music is required at weddings, this fee does not include the hire of any musicians. Accompanist and other musicians are hired and paid separately by the bride and groom.
- A maximum of 8 bridesmaids and 8 groomsmen is allowed for wedding liturgies; no children under 4 years of age.
- Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages allowed on the church property before or during a wedding liturgy, nor is any member of a wedding party allowed to participate in the wedding if intoxicated. No food is allowed in the church building.
- Before a wedding date and time can be reserved:
  - The church fee must be paid, in full;
  - A written letter agreeing to supervise the pre-nuptial preparation and officiate at the wedding liturgy must be received from the priest or deacon who will officiate at the wedding, if other than parish clergy; and
  - The signed "Wedding Reservation Form" must be submitted.
- The couple must contact the St. Aloysius Director of Worship/Music (225.343.6657) to secure the services of the parish organist. The Director of Worship/Music will assist you in selecting the appropriate music for your wedding liturgy.
- The service of a cantor is also necessary for most weddings. The Director of Worship/Music will provide a list of approved cantors from which the couple may choose for their own wedding.
- The church building is available to the bride and groom, wedding party and florist no more than 1 hour before the wedding.
- Most wedding photography should be taken before and during the wedding liturgy. At the conclusion of the wedding liturgy 15 minutes are allowed for additional photography.
- Florists, videographers, and outside wedding coordinators **MUST** follow all guidelines of St. Aloysius Church. Aisle runners and unity candles are not allowed. It is not permitted to throw or scatter flowers, flower petals, rice or birdseed inside or outside the church building. It is the responsibility of the bride and/or groom to ensure that the florist returns at the end of the liturgy to remove arrangements, vases, etc.; if this does not happen, the St. Aloysius maintenance personnel will remove the decorations, flowers, etc., at an extra charge to the bride and groom.
- While every reasonable and lawful effort is made to accommodate the couple's wishes, St. Aloysius Church reserves the rights over its property, including the right even to change times and dates of weddings and /or rehearsals – including time foreseen for photographs, etc., before and after weddings – due to special events and/or emergencies. In all things and at any time the decisions of the pastor of St. Aloysius Church are final.

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*Signature of Bride*

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*Signature of Groom*

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

BRIDE'S EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

GROOM'S EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_