

# Congratulations on your Engagement!

Dear Future Husband and Wife,

This is a wonderful time in your life and we at St. Anastasia Parish want to do our best getting you ready for your wedding day and a life time of love in the Sacrament of Marriage. Sacraments are the doors to the sacred through which we are touched and graced in a special and unique way. The Sacrament of Marriage is such a door that two walk through in the presence of family, friends, and their faith community.

If you grew up at St. Anastasia it is a blessing to celebrate your wedding in the church where you and your family have worshipped so often. If you are new to St. Anastasia, WELCOME! We're glad you've decided to make St. Anastasia your faith community.

The following information includes basic parish information and guidelines for the wedding, marriage preparation, and answers for questions that come up. Please call Holly at (248) 689 8380, extension 109 to set up an initial meeting time. We look forward to sharing this special moment with you!

- ♥ Please call the parish at least six months prior to the tentative wedding date to arrange an initial meeting with Holly in order to set a date. Please do not confirm a date with a hall, band, etc before you ensure availability of the day. We will do our best to honor your date request.
- ♥ There are several components to our marriage preparation program. They include meeting with a marriage counselor who will administer a pre-marriage inventory and discuss the results with you. You will also participate in a Natural Family Planning class and workshop for engaged couples. During the preparation you will explore the many areas of relationships that have an impact on our lives as married persons. You will explore marriage as a sacrament and covenant within our Catholic faith tradition.
- ♥ We follow a general policy that, when the religious traditions of the two families are different, that the Wedding Liturgy will take place outside the context of Mass. Normally one of our parish priests will witness weddings within Mass, our deacons will witness weddings outside of Mass.

- ♥ Priests or deacons who are family members, or with whom you are friends, may witness the marriage with the permission of the pastor.
- ♥ Saturday weddings are scheduled at 1:30 p.m.
- ♥ Weddings on other days may be scheduled at mutually agreed upon times.
- ♥ Weddings are not permitted on Sundays.
- ♥ If you are still registered in the parish in your parents household, please register now as an adult with your own household.
- ♥ If you are living out of the area, please let the pastor of your new parish home aware of your plans to marry at St. Anastasia. As a member of another parish community your pastor's ministry is to prepare and witness your marriage. He will give his blessing and written permission for us to witness your marriage here at St. Anastasia.
- ♥ We encourage questions about the Catholic faith from non-Catholic parties. Should there be a desire on the part of the non-Catholic party to enter into communion with the Catholic Church, we welcome them and can provide an avenue to do so.
- ♥ If there is a prior marriage for one or both of the individuals, the appropriate annulment documents will be needed before a date can be set, and marriage preparation begun.



*The St. Anastasia  
Community celebrates with  
you.  
May God's grace and  
blessings be yours now and  
forever!*