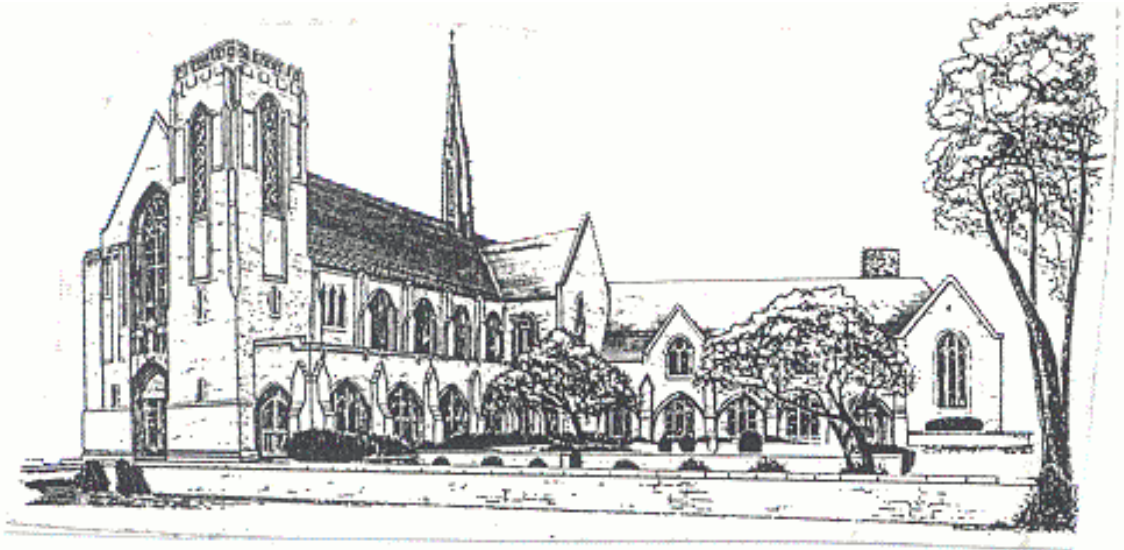


The Celebration
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THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE

The Book of Common Prayer describes the purpose of marriage with these words:

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Christ Church is pleased to assist couples who are members of the parish with their marriage. In order for all the arrangements to proceed smoothly, we ask that you become familiar with these guidelines.

An initial meeting with the clergy is required. At this meeting the clergy will answer any questions regarding the enclosed pre-marital counseling information. All persons married at Christ Church are required to participate in the Whitaker School of Theology's Marriage Preparation program. Also, at least one further meeting is to be scheduled for the planning of the liturgy for the service of marriage. The date of the ceremony cannot be confirmed until consultation has been held with one of the clergy. The Episcopal Church requires thirty days notice before weddings. Under certain circumstances, the church permits the marriage of persons whose previous marriage has been terminated by annulment or divorce. Such marriages require the priest to consult with the Bishop of the diocese and to obtain the Bishop's consent. This consultation will require additional time beyond the usual thirty-day notification period.

Church law requires that at least one of the persons to be married is baptized.

It is the custom of the Church not to perform weddings during the season of Lent.

With increasing frequency weddings are celebrated with the Holy Eucharist. It is appropriate that the first meal for the newlyweds be the Eucharistic celebration.

MUSIC

Music for all weddings in Christ Church is the responsibility of Mr. Frederic DeHaven, the Organist/Choirmaster. He is available by appointment through the church office to assist in planning the music (313-885-4841, ext. 102). Music must be appropriate to the worship of the church and must possess a level of musical integrity consistent with that of the regular parish liturgical standards. The carillon may be requested for use at the conclusion of any wedding and is particularly effective during the summer months. Arrangements for choir, soloists, instrumentalists and rehearsal (if needed) must be made with Mr. DeHaven.

FLOWERS

To arrange for altar flowers for the wedding the bride should contact the Floral Director, Carol Gaskin (313-882-1094). These arrangements should be made as soon as possible after the wedding plans have been made.

Floral guidelines for weddings:

- Wedding flower quantity shall not equal or exceed those used for Holy Days and Festivals.
- All altar flowers must be provided by the Christ Church Altar Guild. Altar flowers are to remain on the altar after the wedding service.
- A flower fee of \$250.00 is to be paid to the Altar Guild for all weddings. This fee covers the cost for two (2) floral arrangements. Additional flowers and cost are the responsibility of the sponsoring family. In certain cases this fee may be waived at the discretion of the clergy.
- It is the bride's responsibility to contact the Christ Church Floral Director regarding all flowers for church use.
- All decorations shall be limited to fresh greens and flowers. No ribbons or artificial accessories shall be used in the arrangements anywhere in the church. (Ribbons are acceptable in the bridal party bouquets.)
- Flowers and candles may not be placed on the floor in the aisles, on windowsills, or at the entrance to the nave.
- Flowers in addition to altar flowers shall be limited to fresh floral materials on pew ends. It is the responsibility of the family to arrange for removal and clean up of these items immediately following the ceremony.
- Floral materials may be placed in the Narthex (main entrance to church off Grosse Pointe Blvd.). This is the responsibility of the sponsoring family's florist. These decorations are to be removed immediately following the wedding ceremony unless prior arrangements have been made for them to remain.
- Pew candles shall be limited to weddings after 6:00 p.m.
- The floral cooler is to be used only for church altar flowers. Any exceptions to this policy must be arranged for in advance with the Christ Church Floral Director.
- Please feel free to contact the Floral Director or the Wedding Coordinator with any questions or concerns.

PHOTOGRAPHS

No flash pictures may be taken inside the church, and ushers are asked to remind all visitors carrying flash cameras of this rule. If the photographer wishes a picture of the bride and groom leaving the church, the doorway provides an attractive framework for such a photograph. Time exposures may be taken from the balcony of the church. In order that videotaping will also be unobtrusive, one video camera may be used in the balcony. Plans for this must be arranged in

consultation with the Administrative Assistant. No other pictures may be taken inside the church before or during the service. They may be taken for fifteen minutes following the ceremony. They may also be taken in the Undercroft, at the foot of the stairs in the Narthex, or in the Rose Garden. If you plan to engage a professional photographer, please have him/her contact the Administrative Assistant, at 313-885-4841, ext. 107, prior to the service so that there will be no misunderstanding about the church rules. See the enclosed information sheet for the photographer.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

To confirm a wedding date and have it placed on the Church calendar, a non-refundable deposit is required: \$150 for Pledging Members and \$500 for others. This deposit will be applied to "Church Use" fees. Deliver final check(s), made payable to Christ Church Grosse Pointe, along with the wedding fees schedule and marriage license, to the Administrative Assistant to the Rector one week before the wedding rehearsal. See enclosed fee schedule for all applicable fees. (Clergy fee is payable to the clergy celebrating the wedding.) Fees are reviewed on an annual basis and subject to change January 1.

We request that no rice, bird seed, rose petals, confetti, or similar items be scattered in the church, in the reception areas, or outside on the church grounds.

Times available: Fridays after 5:00 p.m., Saturdays 12:30 or 1:00 p.m., 3:30 or 4:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. (two weddings on the same day must be scheduled 3 hours apart), and Sundays at 4:00 p.m. Eucharist is not available at a 4:00 p.m. Saturday wedding due to the 5:30 p.m. service.

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Wedding Fees

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Last Names of Bride and Groom _____

Date and Time of Wedding _____

Officiating Priest _____ Organist _____

Use of Church facilities

Altar Flowers	\$250	_____
Church Use—Pledging Member	\$150	_____
Church Use—Others	\$1,000	_____
Printed Leaflets (optional)	\$100	_____
Pew Candles (optional)	\$150	_____
Acolyte (optional)	\$25/Acolyte	_____
Sexton	\$ 50	\$ 50
	Subtotal Use	_____

Music

Organist	\$300	_____
*Rehearsals	\$ 50/hr.	_____

(*When required due to involvement of other musicians.)

Options:

*Choir: Full	\$700	_____
Boys and Girls	\$250	_____

(*Fee may vary based on # of available choir members; includes a contracting fee.)

Soloist(s)	\$125/person	_____
Instrumentalist(s)	\$125/person	_____
Carillonneur	\$125	_____

Subtotal Music _____

Total Costs _____

Clergy

At discretion of couple (\$250 suggested, payable directly to clergy). _____

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INFORMATION TO BE GIVEN TO PHOTOGRAPHERS

Since the Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage is a sacred liturgy of the church, we ask your compliance with these guidelines:

- No flash pictures may be taken inside the nave of the church before or during the liturgy.
- Time exposures may be taken from the balcony of the church.
- In order that videotaping will also be unobtrusive, this may be done by one person from the balcony. Plans for this must be arranged several days in advance in consultation with the Buildings and Grounds Superintendent.
- Pictures in the nave may be taken for fifteen minutes following the ceremony.
- Pictures may be taken in the Undercroft, at the foot of the stairs in the Narthex, in the cloister, or in the Rose Garden.
- Care must be taken not to delay the beginning of the ceremony.
- For best working relations with the church and its policies, please contact the Administrative Assistant at least one day before the service so that there will be no misunderstandings about the church rules.