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CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

Congratulations to both of you!

Your engagement is a special time for each of you, for your families and friends, and for your entire parish community. This is a time of new beginnings, of love, of promise, and of hope. The Church is blessed and encouraged by your willingness to make this commitment of life and love to each other.

Your wedding celebration will be a special and grace-filled time in your lives. The Church welcomes you to celebrate and solemnize your wedding in the context of Christian prayer. Indeed, so important is marriage in Christian life that it has been instituted by Christ as a sacrament: Christian marriage makes Christ, in his love, sacramentally present. Choosing to have your wedding within the liturgy of the Church indicates that you look upon your wedding as a religious event and understand the faith that is necessary to celebrate this sacrament.

Great care is taken to see that the prayer for this special moment is reverent, graceful, beautiful, and open to the movement of God's Spirit among us. As much care should be taken in planning and preparing for the liturgy as is taken for planning all the other aspects of a wedding. Our celebrations of the sacraments, marriage included, are always rooted in listening to the scriptures so that we can be nourished and strengthened by God's Word. We always celebrate the sacraments in the context of community. We gather our brothers and sisters in faith and ask for their prayerful support. These celebrations are incomplete unless they are filled with song, with prayerful gestures, and with the silence in which we hear the voice of God in our lives.

In this spirit, St. Margaret Mary Parish provides guidelines to insure that care and attention are given to the most important aspects of your marriage preparation.

Registered members of our parish may celebrate their weddings at St. Margaret Mary Parish. Either the bride or groom or their parents should be registered and participating members of the parish. In special circumstances, couples who are not registered at St. Margaret Mary Parish may be married at the parish. However, the Catholic parties must be registered and participating in a Catholic parish where they live, and have permission of their pastor to be married outside of their own parish. Usually in this case all the marriage preparation will take place through the parish where the Catholic parties live and are registered.

The importance of your participation in the life of the parish community cannot be stressed enough. As a faith community, it is vital that we all gather on a regular basis to hear God's Word and share in the Eucharist. It is also vital that we do all we can to offer our time, our talents and our treasure with the community of St. Margaret Mary, thereby sharing in God's work. Feel free to contact the Parish Office at 414-461-6073 to discuss the many opportunities available to share your unique gifts and talents.

Scheduling the Wedding

You are expected to contact the Parish Office at least ten (10) months before the time you wish to marry. The Parish Office can provide you with information regarding the availability of wedding dates at St. Margaret Mary and give you a Wedding Information Packet. In the Wedding Information Packet you will find a “Wedding Registration Facesheet.” Fill this form out, and return it to the Parish Office along with your deposit of \$200.00 to reserve your wedding date on the parish calendar. This is an administrative fee that helps to defray the costs to the parish of preparing for and celebrating your wedding. We strongly suggest that you contact the Parish Office prior to arranging a date with a reception hall or caterer.

After the Parish Office receives the Wedding Registration Face sheet and \$200 parish members deposit, one of the Pastoral Staff will contact you to arrange the first meeting with you as a couple to begin the marriage preparation process. Weddings are usually scheduled for Saturdays with the latest time at 1:30 pm. Other days and times are possible, depending on the parish and presiding priest’s schedule. There are times in the church liturgical year, such as Lent and Advent, when the celebration of weddings is less appropriate. No weddings will be scheduled during Lent. Advent weddings will be scheduled only in special circumstances.

May God bless you during this special time of reflection and preparation.

The Pastoral Staff of St. Margaret Mary Parish

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PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

What is involved in the preparation process?

In 1994, the Catholic Bishops of the State of Wisconsin amended their policy concerning the preparation of engaged couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony. St. Margaret Mary Parish adheres to this policy. What follows is a summary of the steps involved.

As part of your preparation, there are several opportunities for you as a couple to deepen your understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, as well as deepen your own relationship. You are invited to reflect on the beauty and richness of marriage from the perspective of our Catholic faith. This will include what the Bible has to say about marriage, as well as Catholic doctrine concerning the sacrament of marriage and the moral issues of marriage and family. The following steps are meant to assist you in this understanding and reflection.

1. Discussions with Pastor

The Pastor will meet with you to discuss the meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage, as well as your understanding of this sacrament and why you have chosen to marry in the Church. He will explain the whole preparation process and what tasks need to be accomplished first. He will also assist you with the following paperwork, which is placed on permanent file at the parish.

- a. Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire.** This questionnaire contains basic personal and family information, your own sacramental history (baptism, confirmation, etc), as well as questions to determine that you are free to marry in the Catholic Church.
- b. Affidavits.** If it is necessary, an affidavit for each of you must be obtained from people who know you will and can testify that you are free to marry. The Pastoral Staff member will take this testimony. These witnesses can be parents, other family members, or friends but they must be individuals who have known you your entire adult life.
- c. Baptismal Certificates.** You must provide an updated copy of your baptismal certificate. Each Catholic must obtain a recently issued copy of his/her baptismal certificate (dated within 6 months of the wedding date). This can be done by phoning or writing the church where you were baptized and asking them to send the baptismal certificate directly to St. Margaret Mary Parish. The original certificate issued at the time of your baptism cannot be accepted, since only a recently issued certificate will include notations of the other sacraments you have received. Other baptized Christians who are not Catholic must present a record of their baptism also. In this case, a copy of an original baptismal certificate is sufficient.
- d. Other documents.** The Pastor will let you know if any special circumstances related to your marriage require additional documentation. If either one of you has been married before, special paperwork must be processed. If it is determined that a church annulment is needed, this process can take up to 18 months to complete. Church marriages cannot be scheduled until the necessary annulment has been granted.

2. Archdiocesan Enrichment Program for the Engaged

This program is offered as a day-long Saturday event or as a Friday/Saturday overnight event. It is your responsibility to register for and attend one of these programs. The program includes some short talks by married couples, with the majority of time given to the two of you to talk and share around specific topics and tasks of marriage. **Visit the Archdiocesan website for more information** www.archmil.org

3. FOCCUS: Pre-Marriage Inventory

You will be scheduled and contacted to take the FOCCUS questionnaire and inventory and then discuss the results with one of the parish's marriage preparation couples. The questionnaire and inventory is comprised of several statements to which you are asked to agree or disagree. Your answers are scored and compared with each other's. The inventory is meant to facilitate an extended discussion between you and the FOCCUS couple about the many joys and challenges in married life. This process is designed to affirm the strengths of your relationship, as well as point out areas that you, as a couple, may need to explore further.

4. Marriage License

Additionally, you have the obligation to obtain a **MARRIAGE LICENSE** from the county court house in the Wisconsin county in which you reside. If your residence is in another state, the marriage license must be obtained in Milwaukee County, the county in which St. Margaret Mary Parish is located. Each of you needs to provide a birth certificate. You must apply for the marriage license between thirty (30) and eight (8) days before your marriage. The license expires after thirty days. You cannot get married in the Church if you do not have a marriage license. Please bring the license to the wedding rehearsal.

5. Banns of Marriage

The publication of the Banns of Marriage is a notice of your wedding in the parish bulletin (on the three preceding Sundays leading up to your wedding date). This is part of a larger process of inquiry through which your freedom to enter the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Church is established. The Parish Office will see to the publication of these Banns.

Preparation for the Wedding Liturgy

The Pastor will provide you with a booklet that explains the various parts of the wedding liturgy. After your initial discussion with the Pastor, you will also need to contact the Director of Liturgical Music, to arrange a time to discuss the music which will enhance the celebration of your wedding liturgy. The following are some helpful questions/answers to get you started.

1. Should our wedding happen outside of Mass or within Mass?

Some people seem to think that a couple is not *really* married unless the wedding takes place within a Mass. This is not true. Early in your marriage preparation it will be determined if the marriage should be celebrated outside of Mass (designated a marriage ceremony) or within Mass (designated a nuptial Mass). It is important first to understand the difference between the two. Every nuptial Mass consists of three parts: the Liturgy of the Word, the Marriage Rite, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (including the reception of communion). The marriage ceremony consists of two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Marriage Rite. The Liturgy of the Eucharist with reception of communion is not part of a marriage ceremony.

Your desires in this matter should center around what form of liturgy will best enable the particular wedding assembly to celebrate with the both of you. Consider the following:

- Are both of you Catholic? If not, how does the non-Catholic feel about celebrating marriage within a nuptial Mass?
- Do you regularly attend Sunday Mass? Has Mass been an important and regular part of your lives. Have you been away from Mass for a long time? Have you committed yourselves to returning?
- Who will your guests be? Is the celebration of the Eucharist the best way to help them to be with you and pray with you at your wedding? For instance, if many of your guests are from outside the Catholic community or are non-practicing Catholics, you may want to consider a marriage ceremony rather than a nuptial Mass.

2. What planning for the wedding liturgy do you need to do?

In your discussions with the Pastor, you will be provided with a marriage planning book to assist you. You will use this book to help plan your marriage liturgy. In it you will find options for the exchange of marriage promises (vows), the general intercessions, and the scripture readings appropriate for use at weddings.

- **Readings.** Besides the suggested scriptural readings, it is also acceptable for other scripture passages to be used. However, non-scriptural passages are never used in place of the scripture. You are encouraged to select readings so that a common thread or idea connects the Liturgy of the Word. If you have difficulty finding readings that reflect the message you want to convey, you should talk to the Pastor for further suggestions. Three readings are normally used: the first one should be from the Old Testament, the second one from one of the epistles (New Testament letters), and the last one is from one of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John). Your readings serve as a foundation from which your music is selected with the assistance of the Director of the Liturgical Music.
- **General Intercessions.** You may use the suggested general intercessions or write your own. If you write your own, refer to the format and options given in your wedding planning book. At the wedding rehearsal a copy of the written petitions should be given to the person(s) who will be conducting your wedding rehearsal, as well as the person who will be reading the petitions at the wedding ceremony.

- **Unity Candle.** The “Unity Candle” is a recent tradition that is neither mentioned nor required by the liturgical documents of our Church. Consider using this ceremony to begin your wedding reception/dinner.
- **Decorations/Liturgical Environment.** Please see Appendix A – The Environment of the Worship Space for details.

3. Who are the ministers for the celebration?

- **You, the couple.** In the Roman Catholic tradition, you, the bride and groom, administer the sacrament of marriage to one another. For all of us who are your guests, you become a sign of God’s fidelity and love. We celebrate that sacramental reality with you at your wedding.
- **Presider.** Ordinarily, the Pastor will officiate at weddings celebrated at the parish. You may invite a priest or deacon who is a friend or relative to concelebrate with the parish priest/deacon, or even to preside at your wedding by himself without the presence of the parish clergy. In this latter case, you first need to obtain permission from St. Margaret Mary Parish. The parish will then secure the appropriate ecclesiastical delegation for the visiting presider. In such instances when there is a visiting presider, the preparation process will still ordinarily be completed under the direction of St. Margaret Mary’s Pastor who will also communicate with the visiting priest or deacon regarding church and parish policy on the celebration of wedding liturgies. In the case of weddings where ministers of other Christian denominations or other faiths are taking part, the appropriate adaptations will be made after consultation with you and the other minister.
- **Music Ministers.** The Director of Liturgical Music at St. Margaret Mary Parish, usually conducts the consultation and planning session with the engaged couple. The usual practice is that musicians from St. Margaret Mary Parish will be the principal musicians at your wedding. In the event that they are not available, the Director of Liturgical Music will assist you in securing a guest musician. All music chosen must be in accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines and reflect the religious and sacramental nature of marriage. These services primarily include assistance in outlining your order of worship for the wedding and having an organist and a trained cantor present to enable the assembly’s participation in singing. You are responsible for creating, duplicating and distributing your orders of worship (the wedding programs). You may invite instrumentalists and soloists from outside our parish to be involved, but before making any arrangements or commitments you are to discuss this possibility first with the Director of Liturgical Music during your consulting session. Please review Appendix D: Music Guidelines for Christian Marriage for further details.
- **Members of your family and friends should become involved in the liturgical celebration.** Some suggestions are:
 - **Lector (Reader).** The lector proclaims the Old and New Testament readings and may read the petitions of the general intercessions. The priest/deacon will proclaim the gospel. It is suggested that you have at least two (2) people chosen to serve in this ministry. Ordinarily the lectors should be Roman Catholic. In choosing whom you want to read, be sensitive to the following questions:
 - Do the persons have experience as a lector?
 - Are they comfortable reading in front of a group?

- Do they have the necessary gifts for proclaiming God’s Word effectively and reverently? This includes good posture, good eye contact, projection, and the ability to proclaim slowly, with meaning and good diction.

The lectors’ presence at your wedding rehearsal is required. This will give them the opportunity not only to practice in the worship space with the sound system, but also to be informed of logistics.

- **Gift Bearers.** If you are having a nuptial Mass, another way for family members and/or friends to participate is by bringing up the gifts of bread and wine for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Two (2) people are sufficient for doing this. Here again, they should plan on being present at your wedding rehearsal.
- **Eucharistic Ministers.** If you are having a nuptial Mass, you or members of your wedding party, family members, and/or friends who are Eucharistic ministers in their home parishes may serve in that capacity at your wedding. They also must attend the wedding rehearsal so that they can become familiar with the worship space and logistics.
- **Ushers (Ministers of Hospitality).** In addition to seating the guests, handing out and picking up the orders of worship, and attending to other physical details, ushers help to offer a warm, welcoming atmosphere for celebration by extending a smile and greeting of some sort to those entering church. This simple gesture helps ease the stranger coming to our church for the first time. Prior to your rehearsal, each usher should be given a copy of Appendix B – Usher’s Responsibilities. Ushers are expected to be at your rehearsal.
- **Attendants.** Only two witnesses are actually required for the celebration of marriage. It is strongly recommended that only children over the age of five participate as ring bearers or flower girls.

Rehearsal / Wedding Day

Following are some helpful questions/answers related to your rehearsal and wedding day.

1. Will my wedding coordinator be able to work with parish staff in planning my wedding?

Due to our insurance regulations, we cannot permit hired “wedding coordinators” on our premises for the wedding rehearsal or the wedding ceremony itself because they are sub-contractors. The pastoral staff will guide you through every issue related to a dignified celebration of the Catholic wedding ritual and related ceremonies without additional expense. Sorry, there can be no exception to this exclusion.

2. When is the wedding rehearsal?

The wedding rehearsal is the evening before your wedding at a predetermined time.

3. What is needed at the wedding rehearsal?

In addition to the members of your wedding party, readers, gift bearers, Eucharistic ministers, and ushers, you will need to bring the following items:

- copies of your wedding program (orders of worship)
- any fees for musicians not already given to the Director of Liturgical Music
- your General Intercessions (if you have chosen to write your own)
- your marriage license.

Your rehearsal will begin promptly at the assigned time, and the rehearsal will take no more than 30 minutes. In consideration to all concerned, please be on time.

4. Are photography and videotaping of the wedding allowed?

Yes, with certain restrictions. Please see Appendix C – Photography and Videotaping.

5. May the wedding party consume alcohol at church?

No. There will be no drinking of alcohol at the church for either the rehearsal or the wedding. Please remember what this day is about. You are celebrating a Sacrament and asking God to bless your union and be part of your life. This is not the time or place to inhibit your awareness of what you are doing.

6. What address for the church should we include on our invitations?

The location of St. Margaret Mary Parish for wedding invitation purposes is:

St. Margaret Mary Parish
3970 North 92nd Street (corner of 92nd St. & Capitol Drive)
Milwaukee, WI 53222

RESPECT FOR SACRED SPACE

We ask the couple to remind their family and friends involved in the rehearsal and in the wedding that they are in a place of worship and should always conduct themselves in a way that shows reverence for this sacred space. This includes proper attire for the rehearsal as well.

FEES / OFFERING TO THE PARISH

- \$200.00 payment payable to the parish at the time of scheduling the wedding on the parish calendar.
- An additional \$200 is due at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled wedding date for a total fee to the parish of \$400.
- Musicians fees can be on Appendix D – Music Guidelines for Christian Marriage

AFTER YOUR MARRIAGE

After your wedding, we hope you will continue to be parish members. Please feel free to call on us to help you in any way we can and notify us of your change of address.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

As mentioned earlier, as much care should be taken in planning and preparing your liturgy as is taken for planning all the other aspects of your wedding. If you have any questions along the way, feel free to ask any of the parish ministers involved in your wedding preparation. May your celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage truly be a

joyous occasion, reflecting God’s love for you, as well as your love for God and the community that celebrates with you.

SUMMARY CHECKLIST

- _____ Obtain a Wedding Information Packet from the Parish Office.
- _____ Meet with The Pastor to schedule the wedding date.
- _____ Await a call from a married couple of the parish to schedule, and eventually complete, discussions using the FOCCUS inventory.
- _____ Schedule, and eventually complete, the Archdiocesan Enrichment Program at your earliest convenience at www.archmil.org
- _____ Obtain recent copies of your baptismal certificates – dated within 6 months of your wedding.
- _____ Choose the scripture readings for your wedding liturgy.
- _____ Call the Director of Liturgical Music to plan your wedding music. Neal Bardele at 414-530-2508.
- _____ Finalize scripture readers and other liturgical ministers for your wedding liturgy.
- _____ Create and print your orders of worship.
- _____ Obtain your marriage license thirty (30) to eight (8) days before your wedding. Bring your marriage license to the Parish Office by 4 pm Wednesday afternoon, prior to your weekend wedding.
- _____ Distribute copies of the information attached to the florist, photographer, and ushers (Appendix A, B and C).
- _____ Ensure that everyone will be at your rehearsal on time. Bring the items listed on page 5 of this booklet.
- _____ Wedding Day! Take a deep breath. In a simple prayer, offer yourselves to God who brings you to this day and loves you more deeply than you can even imagine.

APPENDIX A
(MAKE SURE THE FLORIST RECEIVES A COPY OF THIS!)

THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE WORSHIP SPACE

Flowers

Many desire to place floral arrangements in the church. Please observe the following when making arrangements with your florist:

- 1) *“Flowers ... are particularly apt for the decoration of the liturgical space, since they are of nature, always discreet in their message, never cheap or tawdry or ill-made.”* (Environment and Art in Catholic Worship, #102)

- 2) Floral *“decoration should never impede the approach to or the encircling of the altar or any of the ritual movement and action, but there are places in most liturgical spaces where it is appropriate and where it can be enhancing”* (EACW, #102). Floral arrangements may be placed at either side of the altar on pedestals provided by the florist or ones that the parish furnishes, or in the front of the altar. Floral arrangements are **not** to be placed **on** the altar or **attached in any way to the unity candle stand**. Floral arrangements may be placed in front of the ambo (lectern) or on pedestals against the back wall of the sanctuary.

- 3) *The whole space is to be considered the arena of decoration, not merely the sanctuary.”* (EAWC, #102) Floral arrangements may be placed in the back of church at either side of the main aisle. These flowers, especially if they are fragrant, would be a gracious sign of welcome. If flowers are to be used to decorate the ends of pews, they should be used at regular intervals along the entire length of the aisles.

- 4) We welcome any floral arrangements you may wish to leave in the church after the celebration of the wedding. Your flowers would continue to enhance parish worship and be a fine gift to the Parish. We also respect your plans to take these arrangements to your reception hall.

- 5) Finally, in all instances, we remind you that there may be no alteration of the seasonal church decorations, especially that of the Christmas and Easter seasons.

Aisle Runner

Unfortunately, aisle runners are not allowed since they pose a liability risk to our parish and are dangerous for handicapped and elderly guests.

APPENDIX B
(PLEASE MAKE SURE EACH USHER RECEIVES A COPY OF THIS!)

USHERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Be present at the rehearsal and learn the locations of the sacristy, bride's room, and the restrooms.
2. Arrive at the church 45 minutes before the wedding.
3. Be available to assist the priest with the moving of and placement of any sanctuary furniture.
4. Obtain the orders of worship. Place enough copies at the places where the bride and groom and attendants will be seated. Distribute the orders of worship to the other guests when you usher them into their pews.
5. **Begin to seat the guests no later than 20 minutes before the ceremony is to begin.** Please seat the guests by filling pews from front to back, leaving only the necessary pews for the parents and families of the wedding couple and the wedding party in the front.
6. Be alert to seat any latecomers down the side aisles.
7. During the ceremony, position yourself so that you can keep an eye on the entire assembly, including the wedding party. If anyone becomes dizzy or ill, immediately help them out of church with as little commotion as possible.
8. At the end of the ceremony, after the wedding couple recesses up the aisle, be prepared to escort the parents from the Church.
9. After the ceremony, the ushers should:
 - a. Help move the sanctuary furniture back to its original position.
 - b. Check the vestibule, rest room and bride's room for any empty flower boxes and wrappings, and dispose of them.
 - c. Pick up any orders of worship left in the pews and check for forgotten photographic equipment and clothing.
 - d. See to it that pew decorations, flower boxes, flowers (if they are going to the reception), and all personal belongings are taken.

USHERS - If you have any questions about your responsibilities, ask the priest/deacon at the rehearsal.

APPENDIX C

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOTAPING

The celebration of marriage is a sacred moment of rejoicing in prayer, song, and gesture. We understand the desire to record this moment, and so we have studied carefully the different locations from which pictures might be taken without disrupting the assembly's prayer. We ask you to observe the following so that the sacred joy of this day will not be marred by photo and taping equipment and those who operate it:

1. Flash photography is not allowed during the liturgy.
2. Videotapers are not permitted to roam about the church during the liturgy.
3. Photographers and videotapers are not permitted to interfere with the processional and recessional.
4. Additional microphones for video may be placed in the sanctuary only if they are wireless and do not interfere with the sound system of the church and its wireless frequency.
5. Only the lighting already available in the church may be used. No additional lighting may be brought into the church for the ceremony.
6. Before and after the wedding, the church will be open for the taking of pictures (flash allowed). If group photographs are to be taken before the wedding, arrangements should be made with the priest/deacon to ensure that there are no conflicts with other scheduled liturgies.
7. Photography may be taken during the ceremony from the **perimeter** of the seating area only. Video cameras must be stationary during the entire ceremony and set up either in the back of church or along the sides of the church.
8. Pictures after the wedding should be limited to avoid conflict with other services. Respect should always be given to the parish's place of worship.

If there are any questions, please check with the Presider prior to the service.

APPENDIX D

MUSIC GUIDELINES

For Christian Marriage

St. Margaret Mary

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

“Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am in their midst.” Matthew 18

These words from scripture remind us of the sacred nature of all Christian prayer. Whenever we gather together as people of faith in worship, Jesus Christ is present with us, offering our prayers to God. As the Church teaches us: *all Christian worship is the action of Christ our Lord and of the Church which he founded.*

All the Sacraments (Christian Marriage included) are the public prayer of the Church. They take place and are celebrated with sacred and time honored prayers and rituals adapted by the Church for our use throughout the centuries. The music used in the celebrations is first and foremost *sung prayer*, and, as such, is an essential part of our Sacramental worship. Therefore, the choices that are made must always be reflective of that purpose and, as such, are subject to guidelines.

The Prelude Music – Musical preludes are intended to serve as “mood setters”, preparing and forming the people who are present into a community of faith and inviting them to enter fully into this celebration. The prelude says, *“Welcome to this holy place and to this holy occasion.”* Thus, the choice of prelude music at the celebration of Christian Marriage is an invitation from the bride and groom that the invited guests join them in praising God for the gift of their married love.

Ritual Music – There is some ritual music which is used at all Liturgical celebrations: i.e. the *Responsorial Psalm* and the *Gospel Acclamation* during the Liturgy of the Word. If your Wedding is set within Mass, the *Holy, Memorial Acclamation and Great Amen* are used during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These are, of their nature, congregational song and are always sung. A familiar setting from the Hymnal will be used so that all in attendance may participate.

Other Music – Various other parts of the Wedding Liturgy are enhanced by music. Couples are asked to share their Scripture readings chosen for the day with the parish musician so that song texts may be chosen to echo the Scripture of the day. Other instrumental music should be classical or sacred in nature. All music used in Celebrations of Christian Marriage at Our Lady of Good Hope must be reviewed and approved by our Director of Liturgical Music.

Musicians – Our Director of Liturgical Music serves as the primary accompanist (organ, piano, and keyboard). **A Cantor that serves the parish will also be present for your Wedding.** Cantors/soloists from outside the parish, if approved, may be used. However, they should be active in practicing their faith (*since their role is a ministry*) and serve musically at their parish. Guest instrumentalists, pianists and organists are also welcome to minister at your Wedding, however they will need to meet with the Director of Liturgical Music to discuss musical selections and be well versed in the Catholic Liturgy. **All requests for guest musicians must be approved by the Director of Liturgical Music. In addition, any non-parish musician is to be remunerated by you. Neither the Director of Liturgical Music nor St. Margaret Mary Parish has any financial responsibility to outside musicians arranged by you.**

FEEES FOR MUSICIANS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Director of Liturgical Music: \$175

Parish Cantor: \$125

Additional Parish Instrumentalists are an additional \$100 each.

- **These fees are payable before the wedding rehearsal**

