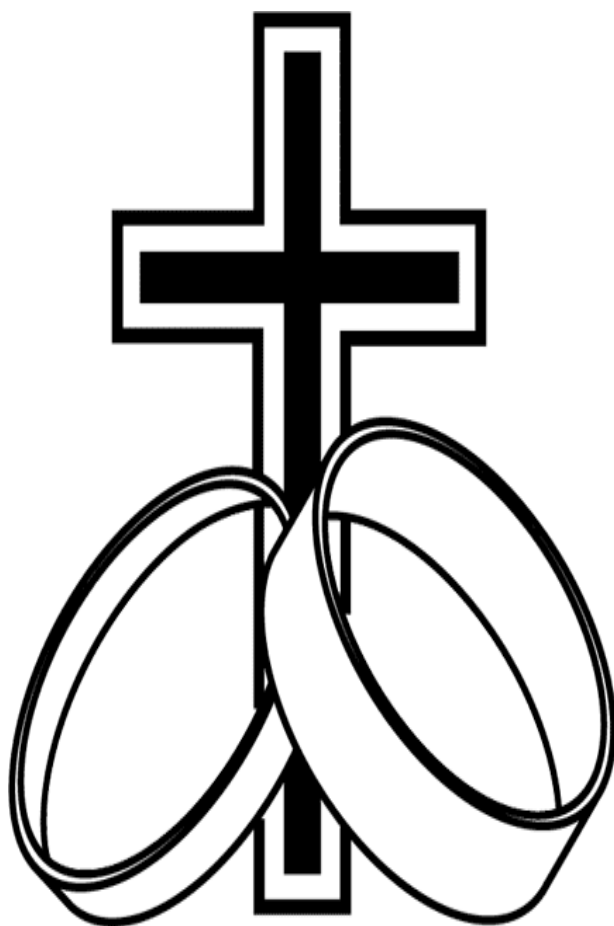


Wedding Guidelines



*St. Alban Roe Parish
Wildwood, MO*

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding. We hope this is a faith filled and joyous occasion for you. These guidelines are offered to help you prepare for one of the most important days in your life. God is love, and your love for each other is a sharing in, and a participation in, the very love of God himself. We pray that your life together will always be lived in union with the Lord.

The following information describes the basic procedure for weddings celebrated at St. Alban Roe. Any questions you may have which are not identified here should be discussed with the priest or deacon who is celebrating your wedding ceremony.

**St. Alban Roe Parish follows the Common Marriage Policy for the
Catholic dioceses in the state of Missouri:**

The Common Policy calls for the couple to contact the Church at least six (6) months prior to the proposed date for the wedding.

The Catholic party or parties will need to provide a copy of the Baptismal certificate which has been filled out within the last six months. A person baptized in another Christian church can either provide a certificate or the date of the baptism and the name of the church.

The priest / deacon will fill out the Prenuptial Investigation Form and give the FOCCUS Survey to the couple.

The couple will need to participate in one of several preparation programs offered by the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The priest or deacon will provide information about these programs.

A state marriage license is required. The marriage ceremony must occur within 30 days from the date of issuance of the license or the license is void.

**The following information is particular to
St. Alban Roe Parish:**

Please contact one of the Wedding Coordinators (Marianne Davies or Ann Leonard) and the Music Director (Lisa Johnson) as soon as possible after your first meeting with the priest or deacon.

Contact information

Marianne Davies, 314.306.3839 or Ann Leonard, 314.954.3401 and Music Director, Lisa Johnson, 636.458.2977 ext. 236

The date and time of the wedding rehearsal should be scheduled as soon as practical once the wedding date is set and confirmed with the priest/deacon.

The Church is available for weddings on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons. You may use the Church one hour before the wedding and after the wedding for set-up and photos.

Please note, on Saturdays your wedding and photos must be finished by 3:00 pm.

Non-flash photography and videotaping is permitted during the ceremony. Flash photography is permitted prior to and after the ceremony.

NO alcohol is to be brought to church.

Music: Music is an integral part of the wedding liturgy encouraging guests to participate in the prayerfulness and celebration of the day.

- All music should be sacred in nature for the liturgy & will be provided by St. Alban Roe musicians.
- We are happy to welcome additional musicians and ask that you do not hire anyone before consulting Lisa Johnson.
- Arrangements or the music should take place two to three months prior to the wedding day.
- Additional questions regarding music for the wedding celebration may be directed to the Music Director.

Decorations:

Flowers may be placed on either side of the tabernacle in front of the Ambo or at the foot of the Procession cross.

- The center aisle is 57 feet long and there are 14 rows of pews.
- Ribbons, pipe cleaners or rubber bands may be used to secure flowers, bows, greenery, etc. to the pews.
- Rice, bird seed, bubbles, balloons, etc. are not allowed on Church property because of liability.
- A unity candle is permitted but it is the responsibility of the couple to provide it if they wish to use one. A unity candle holder is available for use during the ceremony.

Fees and Stipends:

- A stipend to the priest/deacon in an amount determined by the couple is customary.
- A stipend of \$20 each for each server is customary.
- The Wedding Coordinator's stipend is \$150.
- The Music Director's stipend is \$200.

The fee for the use of the church is:

Parishioners –good will offering is encouraged

Non-parishioners - \$750

Payment is due one month prior to the wedding, please mail or drop off at the parish office.

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Parish Office: 636.458.2977

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