

Marriage Formation for Ste. Anne & Good Shepherd Parishioners

During the months leading up to your wedding, you will have the opportunity to be deeply engaged in a marriage formation process that allows you to experience:

The Prepare Enrich premarital inventory

A Witness to Love mentor couple preparation process

Marriage Prep Retreat weekend

You will be joined on this journey by the priest or deacon who will celebrate your wedding, our parish Marriage Coordinators, and your Mentor Couple of choice. We truly believe that this process of preparing for marriage will set a strong foundation for your life together and will also deepen your relationship to one another during your engagement.



How do I choose my Witness to Love Mentor Couple?

1. A couple you both admire, respect and are comfortable with.
2. A couple who has been married in the Catholic Church for at least five years.
3. A couple willing to open their hearts and homes to you.
4. A couple who is active and joyful in the practice of their faith, and preferably a member of one of our parishes.
5. A couple who can both encourage, inspire and challenge you to growth as a couple preparing for marriage.
6. A couple you can look at and say “I would be happy to have a marriage like that,” or “I love the way they talk to each other and to their kids.”
7. Take time to pray together about who may be a suitable mentor couple to share this special time with you.

Can an immediate relative be our Mentor Couple?

It is preferable that the mentor couple not be an immediate relative, unless the couple that you both are most comfortable with, and admire, happens to be a relative. The mentor couple should not, however, be the parents of either bride or groom.



Embarking on the Journey of your Love



*Witnessing to Couples during
and after their walk to the altar.*

Witness
to Love

How to Help the
Next Generation Build
Marriages that
Survive and Thrive



Congratulations on your engagement!

We are so happy that you have chosen to have God as a foundation for your life together, by choosing to have your marriage in the Church. Weddings in the Catholic Church are not only beautiful to behold, they are also a blessing for our whole world.

Since we believe in the tremendous blessings of the sacrament of Marriage, we have worked diligently to provide you with the very best journey of marriage preparation. Not only will you be able to benefit from a faith-based marriage prep retreat, you will also get to choose a mentor couple to be a witness to married love during your engagement period. This couple will connect you to our welcoming parish communities.

Our approach to marriage prep is based on integrated principals of psychology, to help couples facilitate an authentic dialogue about their relationship, and to provide you with a strong support in faith.

Marriage Prep Retreats

Ste. Anne Parish

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Good Shepherd Parish

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Marriage Prep Retreats 2020/2021

October 2/3, 2020
February 26/27—October 1/2, 2021

Retreat is held on:

Friday: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday: 12pm Mass
(Blessing of engagement &
Parish Welcome)

Total Fee for the marriage prep
process is **\$200.00** per couple

Please note: the Marriage
Preparation Retreat is best to be
completed **NO LATER than 6
months prior** to your wedding.

To register, please fill out the
attached registration form,
enclose your cheque made out to:

Ste-Anne Parish or
Good Shepherd Parish

REGISTER EARLY! APPLICATION FORM

Date Preferred:

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Please PRINT clearly:

Miss _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Age _____

Email _____

Religion _____

Parish _____

Mr. _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Age _____

Email _____

Religion _____

Parish _____

Date of Wedding _____

Church _____

Do you have food allergies? _____

If so, to what? _____

Are you a vegetarian? _____

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