

OUR LADY

OF PERPETUAL HELP

Frequently Asked Questions

About Weddings at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

If a couple would like to be married at OLPH, how do they begin planning?

The couple should call OLPH Secretary Laura Kearney at 847.729.1525 Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5pm. They will be scheduled for an initial, private meeting with one of the parish priests to discuss premarital preparation classes and wedding planning.

How soon in advance of the wedding should a couple contact OLPH?

The Archdiocese of Chicago requires an advance notification of at least four months for all weddings. OLPH suggests at least six months, possibly a year in advance for certain dates and times.

Does the couple need to be OLPH parishioners to be married here?

OLPH requires that at least one member of the couple be a registered parishioner, or that a parent or grandparent of either bride or groom be a registered parishioner. We regret that we are not able to hold wedding services for couples who have no parish affiliation. Several parishes in the area do offer wedding services for non-parishioners, and you may wish to contact them.

What if one person being married is Catholic and their future spouse is not? Is that a problem?

Usually not, but a special type of Church permission called a dispensation is required.

What if someone was previously married and is now divorced? How does this affect planning for the wedding?

There are a number of issues that must be addressed surrounding the matter of previous marriage. The couple will need to meet with one of the parish priests to discuss their situation.

Does the couple need to attend a marriage preparation class before their wedding?

We require that couples participate in one of three forms of marriage preparation, also known as PreCana. The Archdiocese of Chicago offers both one-day PreCana and weekend programs. In addition, OLPH offers its own PreCana program. Once you have scheduled your wedding liturgy with

Laura Kearney, please contact parishioners Julie and Chris Lizak at 847.724.5125 or julielizak@hotmail.com to arrange for PreCana preparation.

What are the suggested fees for a wedding service at OLPH?

The suggested wedding offering is \$575, and includes the required services of the parish Director of Music, Russell Stern. All questions concerning music at your ceremony will be discussed with Mr. Stern after initiating the wedding process. A \$100 deposit is required at the time of booking the wedding date. The wedding offering helps to cover not only the expenses incurred by the parish in helping the couple, their friends and families to celebrate a most joyous day; but also goes toward the maintenance and upkeep (including heating and air conditioning) of the building in which weddings take place. Wedding offerings also help support the ministries and outreach programs for which OLPH is known.

Is the church air-conditioned?

OLPH is fully heated and air-conditioned.

May Ministers from other denominations participate in the wedding ceremony?

A wedding at OLPH Church is a celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. This sacrament must be witnessed by a priest or deacon of the Catholic faith. Ministers from other denominations are welcome to participate in the wedding ceremony. Please inform us at least two months in advance if you would like other ministers or priests to take part in your liturgy.