

Couples' Checklist

✓ **Date**

9 – 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE CEREMONY

- _____ Send Wedding Inquiry

6 MONTHS BEFORE THE CEREMONY

- _____ Contact the Music Coordinator, Donna Finney, at finneyd@ssjwoodlands.com
- _____ Complete God's Plan For a Joy-Filled Marriage Seminar
- _____ Complete Natural Family Planning Classes
- _____ Begin Mentor Couple sessions
- _____ Contact place of baptism to request a baptismal certificate

2-3 MONTHS BEFORE THE CEREMONY

- _____ Complete the *United in Christ* booklet
- _____ Choose 2 readers for ceremony
- _____ Confirm with Music Coordinator to finalize music selections and choice of cantor
- _____ Prepare Program/Worship Aid (optional)
- _____ Contact Wedding Coordinator, weddings@ssjwoodlands.com, to plan ceremony

1 MONTH BEFORE THE CEREMONY

- _____ Meet with the Priest or Deacon to discuss your reading selections
- _____ Confirm with all ceremony participants – rehearsal time and responsibilities (readers, ushers, wedding party, etc.)

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED

- _____ If not registered at Sts. Simon & Jude, letter of permission from Pastor of Parish of record
- _____ Baptismal records (newly issued copy-within 6 months of wedding date)
- _____ Free Status Affidavits Completed and Submitted (2 for bride, 2 for groom, 4 total)
- _____ Prepare/Enrich Certificate of Completion
- _____ God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage Certificate of Completion
- _____ Natural Family Planning Certificate of Completion
- _____ Marriage License (at the Rehearsal)
- _____ Reading Selections from *United in Christ* booklet

FEES/STIPENDS PAID

- _____ Wedding Fee due at time of reservation of church and Priest/Deacon
- _____ Musicians and Photographers (on your own)
- _____ Clergy Stipend – given to Wedding Coordinator at wedding rehearsal

Please note: Stipends for Priest/Deacon – amount to be decided by the couple.