



**Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church
109 Ann Street
Michigan City, Indiana 46360**

MARRIAGE DATE REQUEST FORM

Proposed Date of Marriage: _____

Name of Bride: _____

Phone Number: _____ (home)

_____ (cell)

Religion: _____

If Catholic, Church Parish Membership: _____

Prior Marriage: YES____ **NO**____

Name of Groom: _____

Phone Number: _____ (home)

_____ (cell)

Religion: _____

If Catholic, Church Parish Membership: _____

Prior Marriage: YES____ **NO**____

Groom Signature: _____ **Bride Signature:** _____

If taking Marriage preparations at another Parish, please provide the following information:

Church Name and Address: _____

Priest Name & Phone Number: _____

(revised: 4/5/18)

Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church, Michigan City, Indiana

Marriage Policies

Father Walter Ciesla, Pastor 219-879-9281
Jeff Duszynski, Organist 219-874-8420

Wedding Stipend for Celebrant: \$200.00, Organist: \$175.00 Soloist: \$175.00
Church Usage Fee for Non-Parishioner due upon reservation of date: \$200

1. The Marriage Ritual "Order of Celebrating Matrimony" is utilized. Scripture Readings and Universal Prayers of the Faithful are from the ritual. Before the celebration of Marriage, all paperwork must be in order and is kept on file in the parish office.

The marriage civil license is filled out and signed (5:30 p.m.) before the Friday rehearsal in the sacristy. It is the responsibility of the couple to file the marriage license with the County Clerk's Office afterwards. THE REHERSAL IS AT 6:00 PM THE NIGHT BEFORE THE WEDDING ON FRIDAY. ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ON TIME. The Saturday wedding ceremony starts promptly at 1:00 p.m.
2. PAYMENT of the celebrant and musicians is done after the Friday rehearsal.
3. The church is a place deserving respect and reverence. Smoking, gum chewing, and alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Small children must be properly supervised. Children are not permitted to light candles. In the interest of liability, no rice or bird seed may be thrown. No flowers may be scattered by flower girls in the aisle. Bubbles may be blown OUTSIDE ONLY. Because of the tile floor, a runner is NOT PERMITTED. The church is open for flower arrangements, etc. on Saturday at 11:00 a.m.
4. Photographs in the Sanctuary: Picture taking is permitted during the rehearsal. Formal pictures may NOT be taken BEFORE the wedding ceremony. The church may be used for picture taking during the service and immediately after the wedding. During picture taking, sacred furniture may not be moved and an atmosphere of respect must be maintained.
5. After the wedding, the church must be vacated by 2:15 pm when confessions are scheduled and preparations are made for the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass. All personal items (unity candle, special decorations, etc.) MUST be removed after the wedding. DO NOT LEAVE items of value unattended in the church or the hall. The Church will NOT assume responsibility for stolen items. Lock vehicles.
6. Music: Couples are to meet with the Parish organist, Jeff Duszynski, in planning the music for their wedding. Unless otherwise specified, Jeff Duszynski is the organist at parish weddings. All wedding music must meet with the approval of the organist. Suitable secular music is permitted in the context of a prelude before the ceremony. Secular music is NOT permitted during the Wedding ceremony. Musical instruments other than the organ and outside musicians may be utilized with permission of the organist beforehand.
7. The Celebrant for marriages is the Pastor, Father Walter Ciesla. Guest priests may Concelebrate with permission of the Pastor. Guest priests may celebrate with permission of the Pastor and Gary Diocese beforehand.

Revised: 10/10/17

IMPORTANT REMINDER

For Marriage Preparation Couples working with a priest or deacon outside the Parish or Diocese, please remind your priest or deacon to send your marriage file *at least two weeks before your wedding* to either of the following:

**Diocese of Gary Marriage Tribunal
9292 Broadway,
Merrillville, Indiana 46410**

**Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church (Attention-Father Walter Ciesla, Pastor)
109 Ann Street,
Michigan City, Indiana 46360**