

Ministers of the Celebration

The bride and groom minister the Sacrament of Marriage to each other. A priest, or a Deacon and at least two witnesses are required to be present. A priest must be present for a marriage to be celebrated at a Mass. If the couple is friends or relative to another priest not of this parish, arrangements can be made for him to join in the celebration. This should be discussed at the time of the 6-month appointment.

Lectors

Friends or family members who have the necessary gifts for proclaiming God's Word effectively and reverently may be asked to serve at the wedding.

Eucharistic Ministers

Friends or family members who serve in this ministry in their home parishes may be asked to serve at the wedding. These people bring the bread and cup of God's presence among us and should be those whose lives give spiritual nourishment to the people they meet.

Music Ministry

Ordinarily, the music ministry of the parish may be contacted to provide music for the celebration of weddings. The usual fees for cantor are \$55 and an organist is 100.00. Music will be arranged *directly* between the couple, and the musicians. Couples need to meet with the musicians at least two months prior to the wedding date.

If the couple requests to use the services of a music minister other than those who serve the parish, the Liturgy Coordinator or other representative of the parish music ministry will meet with that musician to explain the parish policy on liturgical music particular the weddings.

Ministry of Hospitality

The groom's attendants (ushers) perform the ministry of hospitality which is familiar to St. Maximilian Kolbe.

It is a mature and gracious gesture for all members of the wedding party to greet members of the assembly as they gather to celebrate, putting the community at ease and drawing them into the celebration.

Ring Bearers/Flower Girls

While couple often like to involve the children of relatives or friends as Ring Bearers or Flower Girls, a good deal of thought needs to be given to this. Very young children find it difficult and a little frightening to participate on the actual day of the service, and often draw a lot of attention to themselves, away from the principals of the service.