

Marriage preparation process

- I. Contact with Fr. Kenneth Borowiak**
 - A. Number of Sessions with Priest (2-3)**
 - B. Determine Freedom to Marry**
 - C. Outline the Process of Marriage Preparation**
 - D. Review Diocesan Marriage Policy**
 - E. Review St. Michael Parish Marriage Policy**
 - 1. Introductory Formation**
 - a. Weddings at St. Michael's Parish**
 - b. The Diocesan Marriage Policy**
 - c. Marriage Instructions**
 - d. Documents Required**
 - e. Cohabitation**
 - 2. Pages 1-3**
 - F. Administer the FOCCUS**
 - G. Give the couple contact information for Kim Breitfelder and Marlene Beyke, Wedding Coordinators**
 - H. Assign "Things I Wish I'd Known Before We Got Married" by Gary Chapman**
 - I. Assign the couple to one of the Married Couple Mentors**
- II. Married Couple Mentors**
 - A. Number of Sessions (4-6)**
 - B. Engaged couple and married couple meet**
 - C. Process**
 - 1. Review FOCCUS**
 - 2. Discuss the book "Things I Wish I'd Known Before We Got Married" as it relates to FOCCUS**
- III. Faith Formation**
 - A. Number of Sessions (4)**
 - B. Church Teachings** (Andy and Casie Otte)
 - 1. Sessions on sections of the Catechism**
 - a. Creed**
 - b. Sacraments**
 - c. Commandments**
 - d. Prayer**

- IV. **Parish Formation** (John and Diane Sullivan)
 - A. **Becoming Involved in the Parish Church (1)**
 - 1. **Registered Member – Active Member**
 - 2. **Promotion of Stewardship**
 - 3. **Promotion of the value of Catholic Schools**
 - B. **Verify participation in FOCCUS Inventory and Review/Engaged Encounter/Natural Family Planning/Faith Formation**

- V. **Catholic Engaged Encounter (1 Weekend)**

- VI. **Natural Family Planning (1 Session) Family Life office (402-488-2040)**
 - A. **Michelle Chambers**
 - B. **Family Life Office at John 23rd**
 - C. **Covers Natural Family Planning and Theology of the Body**

- VII. **Wedding Ceremony at St. Michael**
 - A. **Kim Breitfelder – Wedding Coordinator** 402-805-4226 (H)
402-613-2378 (C)
Marlene Beyke – Wedding Coordinator 402-540-7539

 - B. **Couples are to meet with Kim and/or Marlene before making wedding plans at St. Michael**