

## Saint Ambrose Catholic Church

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## Dear friends:

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding and thank you for considering Saint Ambrose Catholic Church on the Hill in Saint Louis for your wedding celebration. My hope is that if you choose Saint Ambrose, you will feel the warmth and presence of God in the pastoral care/actions of the parish; the wedding staff will seek to help you prepare spiritually and practically for your special day.

One of the uncomfortable areas surrounding weddings are the fees. I know this and I have discerned the following fee structure for weddings at Saint Ambrose. If you compare the fees to other iconic Catholic Churches in St. Louis—the Old Cathedral, the Shrine of Saint Joseph, Saint Francis Xavier College Church, the New Cathedral—I think the fee structure is fair and reasonable for Saint Ambrose.

## Fee Structure:

Sincerely,

- a) Parishioner fee: \$750.00 (a parishioner is defined as someone who has been registered in the parish for 6 months prior to finalizing the wedding date at St. Ambrose.)
- b) Visitor fee: \$1,500.00

When considering that Saint Ambrose uses these wedding fees and needs these wedding fees to help keep the Church structure in pristine condition; knowing how much everyone wants to support Saint Ambrose; when considering the costs associated with a wedding: rehearsal dinner, reception hall, wedding dress, etc.; when considering that the sacrifices of those in the past have created this beautiful Church and it is our responsibility to sustain this beauty for the next generation, I think these fees fall in line. Please note that there are no exceptions; this fee does not include the cantor/musician/priest/parish wedding coordinator. These are listed in the parish protocols you will receive.

Again, congratulations on this special time in your lives. If you choose Saint Ambrose, I promise we will do all we can to make sure that your wedding day is filled with grace, peace, and dignity. Please sign this document and return it to the office to secure Saint Ambrose for your wedding date.

Reverend Jack Siefert
Pastor: Saint Ambrose Catholic Church

Bride and Groom Signature

Date