

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH DIRECTIVES FOR WEDDING FLORISTS

Wedding of _____

Date/Time of Wedding Liturgy _____

Florists are welcome to enhance the celebration of a marriage at St. Michael's. However, placement of flowers and other decorations must not conflict with the regular Mass schedule or other parish functions.

To insure smooth cooperation with the Parish Staff and show respect for sacramental events held in a holy place, florists (whether professional or amateur) are asked to observe the following directives:

- Florist may arrange flowers in their own containers
- Various urns are available – please be in touch with Gwen Coffey, gwen.coffey@stmichaelmemphis.com
- Elaborate floral arrangements are not necessary
- Pew nosegays and decorations must not conflict with Masses
- Altar flowers are to be left in church following the wedding
- Aisle runners are not allowed
- Tacks, nails or other hardware that can cause damage can not be used to attach decorative items to pews, church doors or other furnishings
- Access to pews or aisles may not be blocked with ribbon or swags as this impedes the movement of the Congregation
- Rose petals or other materials that may be dropped on the church aisle by flower-girls must be removed immediately following the wedding.

Weddings are customarily discouraged during the penitential season of Lent. When allowed, the decor should reflect the more reserved nature of this period.

If your wedding is scheduled within two weeks after Christmas or Easter Sunday: Please note that the parish altar flowers and other decor **may NOT be removed**.

The couple and/or florist should discuss options with the the social ministry coordinator, Gwen Coffey.

Due to the insurance liability, lighted candles may not be used, with these exceptions:

- 1)the two candles flanking the Front Altar and...
- 2) the candles on the Altar itself.

Note: the use of a Unity Candle is not permitted at St. Michael's.

Delivery of Flowers to the Church:

The Parish Office is not open on Saturdays, so a specific time for flower delivery must be arranged in advance. Florists should connect with Gwen during the week preceding the wedding to arrange a delivery time that will not conflict with other parish functions.

If you have questions not addressed above, or have never provided wedding flowers at St. Michael Catholic Church, please contact Gwen Coffey via email gwen.coffey@stmichaelsmemphis.com