Marriage Preparation

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MEET WITH YOUR PRIEST

Call the parish at least 6 months before your wedding to select the date for your wedding and arrange the remaining meetings with your priest or deacon.

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FOCCUS INVENTORY

FOCCUS is a tool designed to help couples deepen their discussions and build unity - it's not a compatibility test! 2-5 months before the wedding, your priest (or another facilitator) will give you directions to access the FOCCUS inventory and schedule a follow up meeting.

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DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP

Select and attend a marriage preparation opportunity 4-6 months before your wedding (or earlier, if you prefer)! See reverse for options.

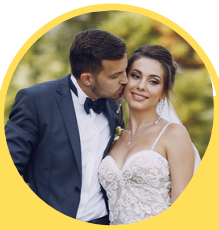
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LEARN NFP

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a scientifically supported, Church-approved method of learning about your shared fertility and planning your family. Learn more at www.eriercd.org/chastity/

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PLAN THE CEREMONY

Meet with your priest to plan your wedding ceremony 2-4 months before your wedding, you will choose readings, confirm music and decoration plans, and clarify expectations about the ceremony.

learn more

Deciding on a Preparation Experience

Are you preparing for a second marriage or bringing children into the marriage?

yes →

NOVA MENTORSHIP

The NOVA mentorship program covers the basics for a happy, holy marriage AND offers specific sessions tailored for those seeking convalidation, entering a second marriage, or marrying with children. NOVA mentorship is typically offered virtually in three 90-minute sessions. To book your NOVA mentorship, please call 814-824-1261.

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Which of the following most closely matches what you are looking for in a preparation experience?

ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

A retreat.
We want time to focus on our relationship, away from the demands of everyday life. Bonus points for a date-like feel and the opportunity to get to know others at a similar point in life.

PRE-CANA

Information.
Please give us the information and we'll figure out how to apply it on our own time!

MENTOR COHORT

Long term growth.
Give us a chance to bring our authentic selves into a community of experienced (mentor) and new (other engaged) couples that cares about us and helps us learn, process, and grow.

Learn or Register
Need help? Call 814.824.1261

Marriage Prep Schedule 2027

Sundays, Jan 31 & Feb 7
St. Peter Cathedral, Erie
8:30a-Noon; Mass included
RSVP 814-453-6677

Sunday, February 21
St. Walburga School, Titusville
8:30a-5:00p
no Mass included
RSVP 814-827-4636

Saturday, February 27
Queen of the World, St. Marys
9:30a-6:15p
Mass included
RSVP 814-834-4701

Sunday, April 11
Immaculate Conception, Clarion
9:00a-3:00p; Mass included
RSVP 814-226-8433 ext. 100

Sunday, April 25
St. James, Erie
9:00a-5:00p; Mass included
RSVP 814-899-6178

Fri & Sat, June 18 & 19
Our Lady of Peace, Erie
Fri, 5p-9p & Sat, 9a-1p
no Mass included
RSVP 814-528-3806

Saturday, July 10
St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie
8:00a-6:00p; Mass included
RSVP 814-824-1216

Sunday, August 29
Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek
8:00a-4:00p; Mass included
RSVP 814-504-3318 or 814-746-9559

Saturday & Sunday, Oct 9&10
Good Shepherd, West Middlesex
12:00 noon-4:00p; no Mass
RSVP 724-813-4848

Sunday, November 7
St. George, Erie
8:00a-4:00p; Mass included
RSVP 814-864-0622

Mentor Cohort
available by appointment
RSVP 814-824-1261

Engagement Encounter at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie
Friday-Sunday, February 5-7, 2027
RSVP 814-824-1261
https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/