St. Frederick & St. Stephen Catholic Church

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Edisto Island, SC 29438

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WEDDING INFORMATION

- The Church requires all engaged couples to attend an approved pre marriage preparation program. This must begin no less than six months prior to the intended wedding date, and should be scheduled through the couple's home parish or the diocese.
- All wedding paperwork must be submitted to the Diocese of Charleston at least **3 months prior to the wedding date**. Your wedding is scheduled for _____. Therefore, all paperwork must be submitted to **St. Frederick & St. Stephen** by _____.
- If you are a member of another parish, you should invite your own priest or deacon to officiate at your wedding. The Pastor of SFSS is not available to officiate at weddings of non-parishioners.
- FEES: No fee is charged for active, registered parishioners. However, donations are appropriate and appreciated. For non-parishioners, the fee is $1500 plus a $500 administrative fee. Payment of 50% of the fee, plus the $500 administrative fee is due at the time that the wedding reservation is made. The balance is due 3 months prior to the wedding date. Please make checks out to St. Frederick & St. Stephen Catholic Church, PO Box 602, Edisto Island, SC 29438. Arrangements and payment for flowers, decorations, music, altar servers, and the celebrant are the obligations of the wedding couple.
- Only sacred, approved music is allowed. Contact our music director, Liam Johnson at 843-518-8319 for information.
- The wedding reservation includes: 3 hours in the church on the wedding day, a one- hour rehearsal on the day before the

wedding, the services of a wedding coordinator at the rehearsal and wedding, the services of a sacristan to set up the altar, the use of the sound system, organ, furnishings, and sacramental pieces during the ceremony.

- Weddings on Saturday can begin no later than 2 pm. The ceremony and pictures must be complete NO LATER than 3 pm. The parking lot must be cleared no later than 3:30 pm.
- Our parish wedding coordinators will help the bride and groom and will be responsible for implementing the policies and customs of our parish.
- If the couple wishes to have a worship aid for the ceremony, this must be done after consultation with the officiant and the music director.
- No strapless, spaghetti straps, backless or other revealing dresses are allowed.
- The rehearsal will be held at 5 pm or 6 pm the day before the wedding. It is limited to one hour. Church appropriate clothing is required.
- Flash photography is not permitted during the ceremony.
- Please read and sign the following:

We have read the policies concerning the celebration of weddings at St. Frederick & St. Stephen. We agree to comply with these and any subsequent additions to the policy of the parish and/or diocese. We understand and accept that we and all members of our wedding party as well as all people attending our wedding and/or rehearsal, must follow regarding personal conduct and the use of the parish facitilties. <u>We understand the importance of submitting the necessary paperwork on time, and we acknowledge that the wedding cannot proceed without the proper paperwork being processed by the Diocese of Charleston.</u>

Furthermore, we release St. Frederick & St. Stephen and the Diocese of Charleston from any and all claims and demands for

injuries and/or damages which may result while anywhere on the parish premises. We, the bride and groom, assume full financial responsibility for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal, communal, or church properties.

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Signature of Groom & date Signature of Bride & date