

“I, N., take you, N.,
to be my husband/wife.
I promise to be faithful to you
in good times & in bad,
in sickness & in health,
to love you & to honor you
all the days of my life.”
- *Catholic Wedding Vows*

“I will make a covenant for them on
that day...
I will betroth you to me forever,
with justice & judgment,
with loyalty & compassion,
I will betroth you to me with fidelity.
- *Hosea 2:20-22*



WHY ‘ENGAGED’?

To ‘engage’ is to go *all in* on an endeavor. Engagement for marriage is a *vulnerable & sacrificial time* for the maturation of spousal love to help you give your *whole self* for life in marriage, after the manner of Christ’s *all in* on Calvary. Christ *engages* you to Himself through your spouse, inviting you to give your generous YES to each other to receive *all* He wants to give you. Marriage is difficult, but with God’s help it is not only *possible*, but a *worthy & humanizing call* to establish your family in God’s covenant promise. ENGAGED brings you excellent theological & spiritual content to prep you for marriage.

RESOURCES

St. Mary’s Hudson Wedding Page:
<https://www.stmaryhudson.cc/sacraments/matrimony>

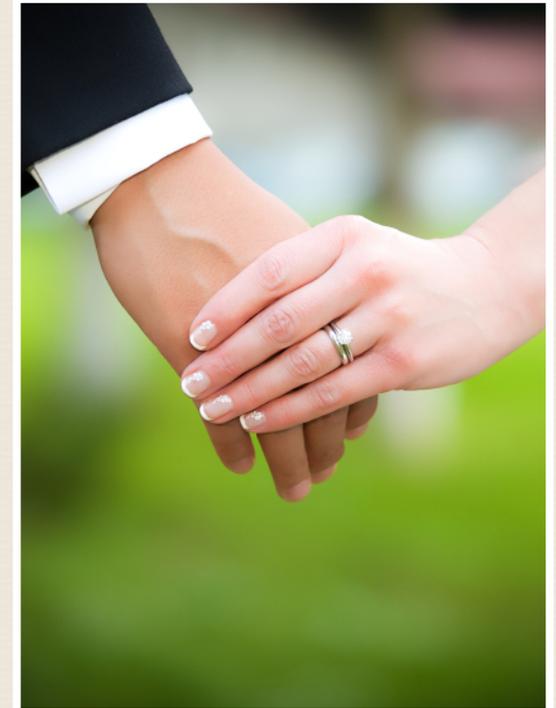
Catholic Couple League (NFP Info):
<https://ccli.org>

Pre-Cana Listings:
<https://ccdocle.org/program/pre-cana>

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ENGAGED

for marriage



Group sessions to prepare you & your spouse for a free, total, faithful, & fruitful marriage in Christ.

ENGAGED is a theologically & spiritually rich supplement to the rest of your marriage prep.

Contact frscott@stmaryhudson.cc for info.





2019 SCHEDULE

Marriage & Sexuality (CORE: Choose 1 date)

Saturday, January 26 @ 12:00 pm (Chapel)

Sunday, April 28 @ 12:45 pm (Chapel)

Sunday, November 10 @ 12:45 pm (Chapel)

Marriage & Covenant (CORE: Choose 1 date)

Sunday, February 24 @ 12:45 pm (Chapel)

Saturday, May 25 @ 12:00 pm (Chapel)

Saturday, November 9 @ 12:00 pm (Chapel)

Spousal Prayer (ELECTIVE)

Saturday, March 16 @ 12:00 pm (Chapel)

Saturday, September 21 @ 12:00 pm (Chapel)

Baptism for Children (ELECTIVE)

Saturday, April 27 @ 12:00 pm (Chapel/Church)

Saturday, October 19 @ 12:00 pm (Chapel/Church)

Generous Givers (ELECTIVE)

Saturday, June 1 @ 12:00 PM (Chapel)

Saturday, November 16 @ 12:00 pm (Chapel)

Live the Faith (ELECTIVE)

Tuesday, February 26 @ 7:00 pm (Chapel)

Wednesday, August 14 @ 7:00 pm (Chapel)

CURRICULUM

To complete your formation for marriage at St. Mary's Hudson, you & your fiancé will need to attend together:

BOTH Core Classes:

- Marriage & Sexuality
- Marriage & Covenant

TWO Elective Classes

- Spousal Prayer
- Baptism for Children
- Generous Givers
- Live the Faith

Email frscott@stmaryhudson.cc with the dates you both will attend. Fr. Scott will email you location details.

You will receive a certificate upon completion of the course.

MARRIAGE & SEXUALITY

CORE

Discover theology of the body in terms of spousal love. Sexuality is given by God for union & procreation. Assess your love's maturity with the four marks of readiness (*free, total, faithful, fruitful*) needed for a sincere gift of self. Learn how distortions of love threaten this gift of self & how grace-filled growth in purity safeguards the greater YES to spousal love..

SPOUSAL PRAYER

ELECTIVE

Prayer is vital for everyone, yet many find it difficult to sustain a consistent prayer life. Praying with others can seem forced. Learn about prayer as a dialogue with God where you share the substance of your heart: your thoughts, feelings, and desires. We will cover the fundamentals of Christian prayer & discover deeply meaningful ways to pray with your spouse and children.

MARRIAGE & COVENANT

CORE

Explore salvation history from Genesis to Revelation guided by the theme of God's "Covenant" with Israel. Marriage *is the covenant sign* that God, in Christ the Bridegroom, fulfills His promise to remain faithful to His Bride, the Church. Married spouses *embody this covenant* of Christ and His Church, bestowing the great dignity of a divine calling on Christian marriage.

BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN

ELECTIVE

Divine Life For Your Children. Consider your family from the eternal perspective of helping your spouse & children get to heaven. Baptism bestows the first grace of divine life on your child by giving him or her the life and sonship of Jesus: Priest, Prophet, & King. Learn the theology of baptism, the various parts of the rite, your role as Christian parents, and the role of godparents.

LIVE THE FAITH

ELECTIVE

The 5 Catholic Things: Mass on Sundays & Holy Days, Annual Confession, Eucharist at Easter, Fasting, Providing for Church Needs. These are known as the 5 precepts of the Church to ensure Catholics are living the fundamental elements of their faith for their salvation. Content is friendly to non-Catholics & those who may have fallen away from full practice of the faith.

GENEROUS GIVERS

ELECTIVE

On Holy Giving. Review your relationship with your possessions. God has a plan for the time, energy, gifts, and money you have received from Him, a plan already rooted within your heart. Learn to place your gifts back into God's hands so that with a generous faith you can provide for the real needs of your family & then generously give what remains for the sake of charity.