HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH
NEWPORT, KENTUCKY

Wedding Music Policies

All music must be sacred in nature and appropriate for Catholic liturgy.

1. The parish music director (Noah Kaffenberger) must be contacted at least 3 months prior to the wedding date to begin planning the wedding liturgy.

2. The parish music director serves as the primary musician at all weddings. A separate fee from the facility fee is charged by the music director.
    a. Guest musicians may play for the wedding liturgy at the discretion of the parish music director.
        i. Guest musicians must use the piano and pipe organ in the choir loft.

3. Additional instrumentalists may be hired for an additional fee (fees can range from $175-$200) after discussion with and approval by the parish music director.

4. Recorded music is not permitted during the wedding liturgy.

5. **SECULAR MUSIC** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops decreed in their 2007 publication Sing to the Lord: Music in the Divine Worship that:

    "Secular music, even though it may emphasize the love of the spouses for one another, is not appropriate for the sacred liturgy. Songs that are chosen for the liturgy should be appropriate for the celebration and express the faith of the Church."

    In keeping with this decree and the wedding music guidelines set forth by the Diocese of Covington, Holy Spirit Parish requires that all song selections be sacred in nature and appropriate for the liturgy. Lyrics must be religious and clearly refer to God by name in a significant way. Popular songs that happen to mention God in an incidental manner do not qualify as sacred music. **Therefore, secular and popular songs are not permitted to be sung nor**

played as instrumental solos at any point before, during, or after the wedding liturgy.

6. A Bagpiper may be hired at the couple's expense to play for the recessional. Prior approval by the parish music director is required.