

Marriage Preparation



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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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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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.eriecnd.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.

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Deciding on a Preparation Experience

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

yes →

NOVA

The NOVA mentorship program covers the basics for a happy, holy marriage AND offers specific sessions tailored for those with children or entering a second marriage, such as blending families and integrating past experiences. 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.



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Schedule 2024

Sundays, Feb 18 & 25
St. Peter Cathedral, Erie
8:30a-noon, Mass included
RSVP 814-453-6677

Saturday, June 22
Sacred Heart, Saint Marys
8:00a-5:15p
RSVP 814-834-7861 ext. 1

Saturday, March 16
Queen of the World, St. Marys
9:00a-6:15pm, Mass included
RSVP 814-834-4701

Sunday, July 14
St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie
8:00a-6:00p, Mass included
RSVP 814-824-1216

Sunday, April 7
St. Walburga School, Titusville
8:30a-5:30p
RSVP 814-827-4636

Sunday, September 8
Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek
8:00a-5:00p, Mass included
RSVP 814-899-6132

Friday & Saturday, April 12 & 13
Our Lady of Peace, Erie
Fri, 5p-9p & Sat, 9a-1p
RSVP 814-833-7701

Saturday & Sunday, Oct 12&13
Church of the Good
Shepherd, West Middlesex
12:00 noon-4:00p
RSVP 724-813-4848

Sunday, April 21
Holy Trinity, Ramey
9:00a-4:00p, Mass included
RSVP 814-378-7552

Sunday, Nov 3
St. George, Erie
8:00a-4:00p
RSVP 814-864-0622

Sunday, April 21
St. James, Erie
9:00a-5:00p, Mass included
RSVP 814-899-6178

Mentor Cohort Schedule

Cohorts forming in
February and October.
RSVP 814-824-1261



Engagement Encounter at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie
Friday, Jan 19-Sunday, Jan 21
RSVP 814-824-1261