

## Church Decorations and Flowers

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1. Seasonal Decorations - St. Pius X Church decorations have priority and may not be removed or moved for the wedding. Please take this into account when planning a wedding for seasons such as Christmas or Easter. The Director of Music and Liturgy can answer questions regarding typical flowers or colors of decorations in the church on the wedding date.
2. Placement of Decorations – The number or placement of flowers is not limited as long as they do not interfere with the wedding liturgy. *No flowers are permitted on top of the altar.*
3. Pew Décor – Flowers, bows, ribbons, candles, etc. may be attached to the pews using a snap-on hook or elastic band. No tape or nails are permitted.
4. Candles – If requested St. Pius X can provide a candelabra and unity candle stand free of charge. The candles for the candelabra are provided but the couple must provide their own candles for the unity candle. The unity candle is three inches in diameter and the side candles are one inch. The couple's florist may decorate the candelabra or unity candle stand, however no tape is permitted. Any other candles the couple wishes to use should be enclosed in a globe to reduce the possibility of wax on the carpet.
5. Not permitted
  - a. *Aisle runners* – The use of aisle runners are a tripping hazard and unnecessary as our main aisles are carpeted and vacuumed regularly.
  - b. *Flower petals* – Flower petals stain the carpet if stepped on. Silk or fake flower petals may be used if picked up immediately after the ceremony.
  - c. *Glitter of any kind* – This includes florist and hair glitter.
  - d. *Rice or bird seed* – To avoid any hazard to safety and to minimize custodial work these are not permitted. Bubbles are allowed only outside the church and any containers must be picked up immediately following the ceremony.

***Brides Room and Kennedy Hall*** - A room in the school may be used for the bride and the female members of the wedding party to dress and prepare for the wedding. (Gentlemen typically dress before arriving at the church.) Kennedy Hall may be used for food and beverages before the wedding. If there is no other event before the wedding these rooms are available four hours before the ceremony.

1. **Keys** - A key for the Bride's Room and Kennedy Hall must be checked out from the parish office by the last working day before the wedding. A \$50 deposit is put down for these rooms. (Please be aware that the Parish Office is closed on most national holidays and closes at noon on Fridays in the summer.) We are not responsible for any loss or damage of valuables, so please do not leave the room unlocked when unattended. The keys are to be returned to the parish office the first business day after the wedding.
2. **Clean up** - The couple will be responsible for ensuring all rooms used are cleaned up and of all trash from food, flowers, etc. are disposed of before leaving for the reception. If the room is found in good condition and no custodial work is needed after the wedding, the deposit check will be returned when the keys are returned.
3. **Absolutely no smoking** is permitted inside the St. Pius X School or Church.
4. **Absolutely no alcoholic beverages** on St. Pius X property the night of the rehearsal or the day of the wedding ceremony. If the bride, groom, or any member of the wedding party is found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol prior to the wedding, the wedding will be cancelled.

***Reception*** – Please contact the parish Office Manager regarding the use of the parish halls for the reception or dinner. They will answer any questions regarding regulations and fees.