## Setting the Date

- 1. Both the bride and groom must be free to marry. If either party has been married previously, they must consult with a priest/deacon and ensure that they are free to marry in the eyes of the Catholic Church.
- 2. Wedding dates can be requested by contacting the parish office at least six months in advance, but not more than two years from the requested date.
- 3. To reserve a date on the church calendar a deposit is required. This deposit is refundable if the wedding is canceled. The deposit is \$200\* for parishioners of St. Pius X \*\* and \$400\* for non-parishioners.

\*If any church fees pose a financial hardship, please speak with the pastor. \*\*A parishioner is a registered and contributing member of the parish for at least one year prior to the wedding date. Sons or daughters of parishioners are considered parishioners of St. Pius X.

- 4. We strive to give priority for dates and times of weddings to parishioners. Non-parishioners will be given the choice of a Friday evening, Saturday morning at 11:30am or before, or a Sunday evening wedding when the request is more than 6 months in advance. Within six months of the requested date, the time may be changed to a later time on Saturday if available.
- 5. If another Rochester parish is under construction and the pastor of that church requests the use of St. Pius X, the above will not apply.
- 6. Weddings are discouraged during Lent due to the solemnity of this church season. Weddings will not be scheduled on Christmas Eve or Day or the weekend of Easter.
- 7. No date will be considered final until all the marriage preparation requirements have been completed.