



St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish – Wedding Music

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Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Music is an integral element to Catholic worship and plays an important role in your wedding liturgy. Music has a great power to lift the heart and mind to God, for the edification of those present at the wedding, and to adorn this most beautiful sacrament of matrimony.

Please note that the basic wedding music fee is \$350, which covers planning with the Director of Sacred Music, and an organist and cantor for your wedding Mass, ceremony, or convalidation. Typically, the Director of Sacred Music will be the organist and cantor for all weddings at St. John Paul II Scioto unless otherwise arranged *and approved* at least 3-months in advance. See the St. John Paul II Scioto Wedding Guidelines (revised May 2025) for additional guidelines and information. For those desiring more elaborate choral or instrumental music, these situations can be assessed case-by-case in collaboration with the Director of Sacred Music.

All wedding music in a Catholic wedding Mass or ceremony must align with the Church's teaching that Sacred Music must be truly *sacred*, that is, set apart and ordered to the worship of God. This means we must leave to the side any music which is profane (worldly), sentimental, or otherwise "personal" rather than universally sacred and beautiful. Therefore, popular music, secular music, things you hear on the radio, your favorite movie theme – these can be enjoyed at the reception, but do not belong in the sanctuary. Instead, we select beautiful and dignified sacred music that fits the Church's criteria.

To help you plan a beautiful wedding, we have provided a list of selections from which you may choose for your wedding music. Representative recordings are provided for your reference. Please reach out to Patrick Torsell, Director of Sacred Music, at ptorsell@sciotocatholic.org or 740-354-4551 x1013 with any questions.



St. John Paul II Scioto Wedding Music Planning Template

Your Names: _____

Wedding Date & Time: _____

Wedding Church: _____

Please make one selection for each category below:

Bridal Party Procession

- ☐ *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, Bach (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbQktZ1pOSk>)
- ☐ *Sheep May Safely Graze*, Bach (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kx-R9MMze4g>)
- ☐ *Air on the G String*, Bach (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hm17vLRnIRw>)
- ☐ *Air from Water Music*, Handel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qzop5TgogMI>)

Bride's Procession

- ☐ *Hornpipe from Water Music*, Handel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbEq8VlkCB8>)
- ☐ *Trumpet Voluntary*, Clarke (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xB1fgn8MGU>)
- ☐ *Trumpet Tune*, Purcell (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avGJfGHVgRY>)
- ☐ *Canon in D*, Pachelbel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukA2xvsA1qg>)
- ☐ *Ode to Joy*, Beethoven (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Szwm-WfvVSc>)

Offertory Hymn

- ☐ O God Beyond All Praising (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQkn2rQAH3U>)
- ☐ Come Down, O Love Divine (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WrxR9Oip4lc>)
- ☐ Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQrNMJrgbyM>)
- ☐ Now Thank We All Our God (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sR6Kajdt3M>)

Recessional

- ☐ *Toccata from Symphony V*, Widor (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YhYfgmRNoA>)
- ☐ *Finale from Symphony IV*, Widor (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAQO18Si2F0>)
- ☐ *Toccata in G*, Dubois (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNdWos0fV5Q>)
- ☐ *Fanfare in D*, Lemmens (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6neeAvP9bEw>)
- ☐ Or, you may select one of the Procession pieces above:



Additionally, please select a Responsorial Psalm and Alleluia verse from the selections below:

Responsorial Psalm

- ☐ Ps 33: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord
- ☐ Ps 34: I will bless the Lord at all times
- ☐ Ps 34: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord
- ☐ Ps 103: The Lord is kind and merciful
- ☐ Ps 103: The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear Him
- ☐ Ps 112: Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands
- ☐ Ps 128: Blessed are those who fear the Lord
- ☐ Ps 128: See how the Lord blesses those who fear Him
- ☐ Ps 145: The Lord is compassionate toward all His works
- ☐ Ps 148: Let all praise the name of the Lord

Alleluia

- ☐ 1 Jn 4 7b: Everyone who loves is begotten of God and knows God
- ☐ 1 Jn 4 8b, 11: God is love. If God loved us, we also must love one another
- ☐ 1 Jn 4 12: If we love one another, God remains in us and His love is brought to perfection in us
- ☐ 1 Jn 4 16: Whoever remains in love, remains in God and God in him