

PARISH OF SAINT MARY ~ PRE - CANA CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, April 14, 2018 ~ 8:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

What is Pre - Cana?

The term "Pre - Cana" means "before the wedding". The Marriage Feast at Cana is the place where Jesus performed his first public miracle, that of turning water into wine.

(Even back then they had problems with the caterers!) Jesus, through his participation at the wedding feast as a guest and through his generous assistance of the bride and groom, indicates to us that he is part of each wedding celebrated in his name. By calling our marriage preparation seminars "Pre - Cana", we in the Catholic tradition acknowledge this fact and invite Jesus to be present in the marriages we witness. We invite you to welcome him in a special way into your lives as a married couple.



The Parish of Saint Mary is located:

From I96 exit from East & West.

Coming from the East: Off ramp to stop sign. Turn left (you're on 16th Ave) {Straight to State St. Turn right. Straight to stop sign, Stay right (you're on Berlin Fair Rd.) Continue to first cross road (24th Ave.) Turn right. Juniper Dr. is a very short distance once you go under the Expressway, Turn right, Saint Mary Church is on your left.}

Coming from the West: Off ramp to stop sign. Turn right, go to stop sign, Turn left (you're on 16th Ave.) Follow directions in the {brackets}

The Pre - Cana Conference is held in the Parish Hall which is on your right as you turn down Juniper Dr.

What happens at a Pre - Cana Conference?

The day is divided into several sessions. Each session consists of a presentation and is followed by "couple talk", a time for you and your fiancé to discuss the issue presented. Several sponsor couples join us during the day and facilitate small group discussions to supplement the sessions. A panel discussion at the end of the day allows those preparing for marriage to ask questions and hear the responses of these couples who have been married for a various number of years.

Topics to be covered include marriage as a sacrament, the wedding itself, communication and problem solving, finances, sexuality, and children.



The Conference includes Mass with a special blessing for the engaged couples.. Certificates are issued after Mass.

Donuts, coffee and hospitality will begin at 8:30 A.M.

Presentations start promptly a 9:00 A.M.

Lunch is included and served in the parish hall at Noon.

Capacity is 24 couples, apply early.

Your seats are reserved after we receive your completed form and check.

Send the registration form along with your \$60.00 fee to:

Parish of Saint Mary
Pre - Cana Conference
15164 Juniper Drive ~ Marne, Michigan 49435

If you have questions regarding the conference please call: Saint Mary Parish Office: 616.677.3934
Or e-mail: secretary@saintmarysmarne.org



Pre - Cana Conference Registration Form
Saint Mary's Parish / Saturday, April 14, 2018

Name of Bride _____ Religion _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State & Zip Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Name of Groom _____ Religion _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State & Zip Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Church of Wedding Celebration _____

Date of Wedding _____

Do either of you have any dietary restrictions?

If so please indicate: _____

Send completed form along with a check for \$60.00 to:

Saint Mary's Church—15164 Juniper Dr. ~ Marne MI 49435

When we receive this completed form along with your payment, we will reserve your seats and send you an email confirmation.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathie at 616.677.3934 or secretary@saintmarysmarne.org