

Wedding Décor for St. John's Church

Flowers are a beautiful way for each couple to personalize a wedding ceremony. It is with this in mind that we would like to offer some suggestions for floral arrangements in St. John's Church.

During the wedding ceremony it is customary for the bride, groom and priest to all stand in front of the altar of worship. Here at St. John's that area around the altar is restricted as the altar is placed on an island

The purpose of altar flowers is to accentuate the altar not over whelm the altar.



In order to help your florist, we have some pictures and dimensions that will help you in designing your floral arrangements. For arrangements which are placed next to the altar they should not exceed four feet in height. This includes the height of any pedestals or vases used. The width should not be any larger than eighteen inches and the arrangement needs to be set to the side of the altar as seen in pictures. This allows for movement of persons standing in front and behind the altar.



Another option for the placement of floral arrangements are on the pedestals that are here at St. John's and they are located behind the altar. It is suggested that these arrangements need to be at least 36 inches in height in order for them to be seen. The red arrangement pictured below is 48 inches in total height. The glass vase is approximately 28 inches in height.



This white arrangement is 26 inches in total height. These pictures show both option of placement for floral arrangements.



Many people choose not to use altar arrangements, below are some ideas that people have used in decorating for a wedding.



Pew bows are to be secured with a ribbon or other soft coverings. The pews are notched on the side so the ribbons will not slide.

Pew clips are not to be used as they scratch the pews.



The Baptismal font is a place of sacrament and not a place in which we can place flowers, programs, candles, etc.

HOLY SEASONS OF THE CHURCH

Thanksgiving Weekend Advent—Four weeks before Christmas

- The altar cloth is the color of the liturgical season, Advent – Purple

Christmas Season—Christmas Eve through the Baptism of the Lord.

Lent and Easter Season—Ash Wednesday through Pentecost

- Almost 14 weeks beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending on Pentecost 50 days after Easter
- The altar clothes are the color of the liturgical season -Lent - purple and Pentecost Weekend – Red.

When working with your florist, please keep in mind the Holy Seasons. During Holy Seasons decorations in the church cannot be moved.

- *All candles must be enclosed in glass and used only on back altar, the only exception is the Unity Candle.*
- *Aisle Runners cannot be used at St. John's due to the hazards of using them on tile floor.*
- *Luminaries, anything flammable, especially sparklers and fireworks are not allowed outside the church, or on the Campus of Creighton University.*
- *All decorations must be removed by the time allotted for your reservation.*
- *Rice, birdseed, confetti, flowers or petals (or similar items) may not be used/tossed inside or outside of the church.*