

**Costs associated with marrying at St. Thomas More**

**Payment and Church Fee**

The biblical call of stewardship indicates a 10% tithe in appreciation to God for all that God has given us. One tenth of the total cost of a wedding (the gowns, tuxedos, the reception, flowers, invitations, limousine, photographer, and so on) can be a large amount. Rarely would a couple offer to pay 10% of the cost of a wedding for the use of the church.

If that is your situation the minimum suggested offering for the church is \$400. The cost of your wedding to the parish includes several hours of staff time, a rehearsal coordinator for rehearsal and wedding day set up, administrative fees to the counselor, training of lead couples, heating and air conditioning in season, etc. If this is a hardship, speak with the pastor. Checks are to be made out to St. Thomas More church with the bride and grooms names on the note line and mailed or dropped off at the parish office the week of the wedding.

ITEM	COST
Fee covering use of church facilities	please see below
Counseling Session (paid to counselor) **	\$200
Lead Couple (in-home preparation)	None
<b>&lt; OR &gt;</b>	
Engaged Encounter Weekend	\$225
New Baptismal Certificate from parish of baptism	Usually none
Jackson County Marriage License	\$50/\$60
God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage Workshop	\$50
<b>&lt; OR &gt;</b>	
Natural Family Planning Course	\$120 - \$175

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Thomas More pays \$150 administrative fees