

# Marriage and Family Life Supplement

A special section of The Criterion celebrating Christian marriage

## Events and programs keep Tell City Deanery focused on marriage and family

By Natalie Hoefer

The Tell City Deanery spreads across Crawford and Perry counties and portions of Spencer County in the southwest corner of the archdiocese. More than 2,100 families find their faith home in one of the predominantly rural region's 10 parishes.

Whether rural, suburban or urban, all Catholic families share the same ministerial needs and hallmarks: marriage preparation, milestone anniversaries of sacramental marriage and raising holy families.

This article focuses on just three of the ways the Tell City Deanery and its parishes support marriage and the family: a new Witness to Love marriage preparation program at the parishes of St. Paul in Tell City and St. Mark in Perry County; consecration to the Holy Family at the faith communities of St. Isidore the Farmer in Perry County and Holy Cross in St. Croix; and a deanery-wide Mass celebrated by Archbishop Charles C. Thompson for couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage.

### 'Adaptable and still fruitful'

When it comes to marriage preparation, Father Anthony Hollowell likes to provide various options at St. Paul and St. Mark parishes, which he serves as pastor.

"We get so many situations with our engaged couples," he explains. "Our [marriage preparation] programs vary to meet the variety of situations engaged couples come to us with."

So, when Gabriela Ross, director of the archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life, told Father Hollowell about the Witness to Love marriage preparation program a year ago, he researched it.

"I was attracted to the fact it's based off Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, 'Amoris Laetitia,'" he says. "I thought that was very wise to build on the foundation of the wisdom of [a successor of] Peter and to have best

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Bill and Eva Guillaume of Holy Cross Parish in St. Croix pose at a reception at St. Paul Parish in Tell City following a special Mass last October celebrated by Archbishop Charles C. Thompson for couples of the Tell City Deanery married for 50 or more years. The Guillaumes have been married for 69 years. (Submitted photo)

## 'My House' pornography recovery and prevention site is work of the Holy Spirit

By Gabriela Ross

The struggle with pornography, and the need to provide resources for recovery and education, is not something new. However, in the last one to two

years, the issue came to the forefront in several ways on the national level and in our own state of Indiana.

Those signs of the times spurred me to make our archdiocesan response to

pornography on the pastoral ministry side a priority.

I began the work of piloting the "Safe Haven Sunday" pornography awareness weekend with two of our parishes during Lent of 2025 (see article on page 12). Around the same time, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops re-released their pastoral statement on pornography "Create in Me a Pure Heart," which endorsed and recommended Safe Haven Sunday as a resource for dioceses.

After the successful pilot program, it was my hope to share Safe Haven Sunday with the wider archdiocese. However, there were some other pastoral priorities that took precedence at the

time. One of the priests who piloted the program encouraged me to trust in God's timing, and I took that to heart. I didn't know at the time that God had bigger plans that would come to fruition just eight months later at the October 2025 meeting for the priests of the archdiocese.

After all the business updates at the meeting were done, the floor was open for any concerns that the clergy wanted to share with the archbishop and his leadership team. There was a priest who courageously stood up and shared how pornography is a growing issue that he was encountering in the confessional, and he felt like the faithful needed more to support them outside of/in addition to the sacrament of reconciliation.

The priest asked if the archdiocese could offer recovery resources to support on-going education and restoration for the faithful who struggle with this issue. I was able to respond with some of the resources I knew about that would help with recovery.

Then another priest chimed in and said something along the lines of, "If there are so many resources [for men, women, wives, married couples, parents, etc.], then this must be an increasingly serious issue. Is there more that we can do about it, as an archdiocese?"

The Holy Spirit took it from there. In just under two weeks' time, I

was given the opportunity to promote Safe Haven Sunday as an optional observance for parishes that wished to participate. And I was given the bigger task of revamping the archdiocese's "My House" website, originally launched in 2018, which hosted our resources for pornography addiction recovery.

I was amazed as all the people who would normally need to approve this project made their way through my office door, one after the other, answering my questions and giving their support and approval. I understood then that this was God's timing, and his plan had been so much bigger than mine.

Again, in under two weeks' time, we had revamped the My House website ([marriageandfamily.archindy.org/myhouse](http://marriageandfamily.archindy.org/myhouse)). It includes Church teaching; pornography recovery and prevention resources and support for men and women of all age levels, as well as for couples and families; resources for pastoral leaders; Safe Haven Sunday information for parishes; and information available in multiple languages. There is also a training course called "Three Pillars to Purity" available for clergy; two members of the clergy have signed up to take the 15-hour self-paced class.

By December, the site had been shared with all of the archdiocese's priests, deacons and parish catechetical leaders.

I have already seen some fruit come from this initiative. Parishes have been linking to the My House site on their parish websites, promoting it through their bulletins and handing out My House referral cards in the confessional. There are new parishes signing up to preach on the topic of pornography during Safe Haven Sunday, which takes place on Feb. 21-22 in our archdiocese this year.

I hope that more clergy will take the opportunity to grow in their knowledge of how to spiritually accompany the faithful in this area; that more parishes will be courageous in breaking the silence about the harms of pornography, encouraging every home to be a Safe Haven against pornography; and that parents, teachers and parish leaders will work together to educate our young people on the dignity of every human life and how pornography is an affront to that dignity.

I'm so grateful to have witnessed how God worked through this project—in his own perfect timing—and the fruit it has already begun to bear. I can't wait to see what happens next.

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practices applied to the local culture. It's very adaptable and still fruitful."

He notes a unique feature of the program is that the couple chooses their own mentor couple—a couple they admire as model witnesses of sacramental marriage.

The engaged couple completes an inventory then meets with their mentor couple monthly for six months to discuss a book that is part of the program, with a workbook providing "homework" for the engaged couples between meetings.

Father Hollowell says he has heard positive feedback from the 10 couples who have completed the program.

As current mentors of two engaged couples through St. Mark, Mary Lee and Houston Smith also praise the program.

"It teaches [engaged couples] about virtues like patience, understanding, commitment, plus things like communication, finances [and] parenthood," says Mary Lee. "If couples aren't talking enough to know and understand each other, this book opens up conversations they can talk about and maybe see things they want to do better."

The Smiths, who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary on March 2, say the book included in the Witness to Love program has benefited them as well as the engaged couples.

"It's made us look at our lives a little different," says Houston. "The balance, the commitment of marriage—it opens your eyes."

Mary Lee agrees, saying the program "has made us have more conversations. It opens doors to think about things you don't think about otherwise—even after 53 years."

The program also "creates a close bond of friendship" between the engaged and mentor couple, she notes.

"We just finished our last chapter [with one of the engaged couples]," says Mary Lee. "They said, 'We don't want to quit,' and we said, 'We don't either.' We're talking about continuing to meet once a month after the wedding."

"It's just a very good program," Houston adds. "We recommend it to any engaged couple."

## Life 'interconnected with the Holy Family'

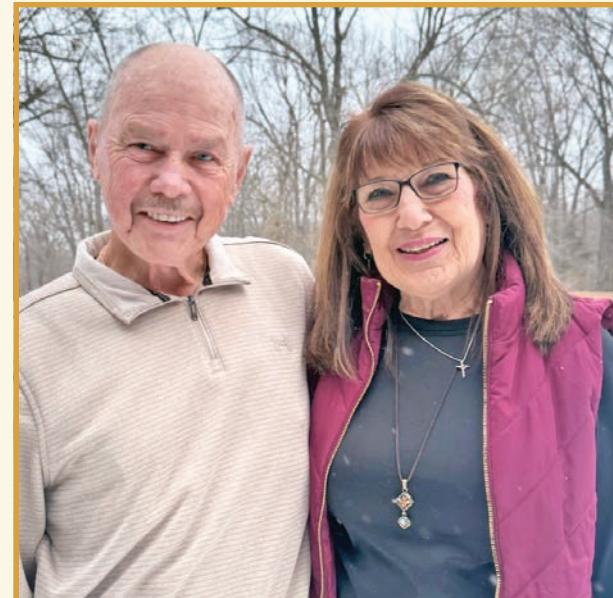
About eight years ago, two seemingly unconnected events led to a beautiful focus on the family in two Perry County parishes.

The first event occurred late in 2017 when the Knights of Columbus organization launched a Consecration to the Holy Family program for parishes. Its goal is to revitalize faith communities by encouraging families "to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph," according to the Knights' website.

The following summer, St. Martin of Tours Parish in Siberia was merged with St. Isidore the Farmer Parish.

"We were looking for programs to unite the [members of the] combined parishes," says Ryan Borden, a member of St. Isidore. As head of family programs for the parish's Knights of Columbus Fr. Timothy Sweeney Council #17069 at the time, the new Holy Family consecration came to mind.

He received approval from the parish's pastor, Benedictine Father Luke Waugh. Then he set the wheels in motion for the consecration to take place on the feast of the Holy Family, the Sunday after Christmas—although the consecration can be made anytime throughout the year.



Houston and Mary Lee Smith. (Submitted photo)

"Everyone thinks the consecration is a one-day thing, but it's actually a one-week process," explains Borden, a fourth-degree Knight who has held several positions with his parish's council, including past Grand Knight.

Material is handed out to parishioners a week prior to the consecration. It explains the consecration, promotes daily prayer and discussion in the family, and encourages each family member to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

The consecration takes place after Mass on the designated day.

"The Knights hand out a card with the prayer," Father Luke explains. "After Mass, I bless the congregation, then everyone says the prayer."

The consecration doesn't end there, Braden emphasizes. Families are encouraged to continue praying together regularly, perhaps creating a small altar or corner in the home "for prayer and meditation, with a crucifix or small statue," he says.

"I have friends say they started praying more with their family at home" after the consecration, Braden says. "That helps a lot of the kids see it's alright to practice your faith more than just going to Mass."

Consecration to the Holy Family has taken place at St. Isidore and at Holy Cross Parish in St. Croix—where Father Luke is also pastor—almost every year since 2018.

"I think within our parish communities, it helps the understanding that there's a deep spirit of family life that is interconnected with the Holy Family," he says. "It has been a big blessing at my parishes."

## 'Moments to be cherished'

Each year the archdiocese hosts a Wedding Anniversary Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, almost always with the current archbishop as the principal celebrant.

But the cathedral is about a three-hour drive from the Tell City Deanery.

"That's quite a trip for people to make from here, especially when they're older," says Becky Hubert, a member of St. Mark Parish.

She thinks it was her position on the parish council that led a parishioner to tell her in 2021, "We should have an anniversary celebration like they do in Indianapolis," Hubert recalls. "She planted a seed in my mind" for a locally-held, deanery-wide wedding anniversary Mass with the archbishop.

Hubert took the idea to the council.

"One of the goals for the [archdiocesan] pastoral plan at the time was recognizing and celebrating marriage," says Father Hollowell. "Becky pointed out that we had a lot of couples who'd been married a long time. I was surprised at the numbers—the deanery had over 200 couples married for 50 or more years."

The idea was approved. Hubert formed and headed a committee, and in 2022 the first Tell City Deanery Wedding Anniversary Mass honoring couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage was celebrated with Archbishop Charles C. Thompson in St. Paul Church, followed by a reception in the parish hall.

The celebration was held a second time at St. Paul last fall, again with the archbishop. The plan is to continue the tradition every five years going forward.

"With the archbishop and other deanery parishes involved and the music, it's an awe-inspiring experience," says Hubert.

She also noticed older couples from different parishes interacting at the reception.

"At their age, many don't have that opportunity to visit with others from other parishes," she says.

Father Hollowell notes the celebration uplifts families, too.

"I've heard several people say, 'The last time we had a photo with Mom and Dad was that Mass,' or 'That was the last time all the family got together was that Mass,'" he says. "They were grateful to have that opportunity. Those are moments to be cherished."

About 90 couples celebrating milestone anniversaries attended the Mass last fall, says Hubert—including her and her husband Paul.

"It was our 50th anniversary, so the Mass took on a different meaning for me this time," she says.

Father Hollowell credits Hubert for her leadership in turning an "abstract idea" from the former archdiocesan pastoral plan "into a real celebration for couples. It's made a real impact on how marriage is understood and celebrated in the area."

Hubert in turn credits the "wonderful, talented" members of the event's planning committee.

But in the end, what matters most is celebrating the love of family, she says.

"Every day is a gift," says Hubert. "Getting to celebrate it with your loved ones makes it even more special." †

## Consecration to the Holy Family



O Lord Jesus,  
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.  
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace  
as you prepared to fulfill your mission  
as our Redeemer.

**We entrust our family to you.**

O Blessed Mary,  
you are the Mother of our Savior.  
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus  
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.

**We entrust our family to you.**

O Saint Joseph,  
you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,  
and gave us a model of fatherhood  
while showing us the dignity of work.

**We entrust our family to you.**

Holy Family,  
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.  
May we be completely united  
in a love that is lasting, faithful  
and open to the gift of new life.  
Help us to grow in virtue,  
to forgive one another from our hearts,  
and to live in peace all our days.

Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,  
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.

May our home, O Holy Family,  
truly become a domestic church  
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!**



# Wedding Announcements

## Alexander-Annee



Sophia Taylor Alexander and Joseph Samuel Annee will be married on June 6 at St. Joan of Arc Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Chris and Margie Alexander. The groom is the son of Joe and Jenny Annee.

## Bierman-Rodriguez



Phoebe Marie Bierman and Alexander James Rodriguez will be married on June 26 at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Church in Floyd County. The bride is the daughter of Paul and Connie Bierman. The groom is the son of Jessica Pritchard and Rick Rodriguez.

## Brown-Costin



Sasha Rose Brown and Bradey Costin were married on July 5, 2025, at St. Martin of Tours Church in Martinsville. The bride is the daughter of James and Tracy Brown. The groom is the son of Steve and Staci Ralph.

## Farrar-Bergeon



Meredith Mosel Farrar and Andrew John Bergeon will be married on Feb. 14 at St. Joan of Arc Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of John and Gina Farrar. The groom is the son of Christopher and Annette Bergeon.

## Ferguson-Brown



Shelby Ferguson and Mason Brown were married on May 24, 2025, at St. Martin of Tours Church in Martinsville. The bride is the daughter of Steve and Tasha Ferguson. The groom is the son of James and Tracy Brown.

## Fischer-Davis



Kara Michelle Fischer and Matthew Louis Davis were married on Jan. 24 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Dr. Don and Beth Fischer. The groom is the son of Rick and Julie Davis.

## Gehrlich-Miano



Megan Brittany Gehrlich and Edward Rocco Miano were married on Oct. 18, 2025, at St. Mary Church in Greensburg. The bride is the daughter of Dave and Angela Gehrlich. The groom is the son of Sal Miano and the late Traci Ware, and the stepson of Amy Miano.

## Prewitt-Newett



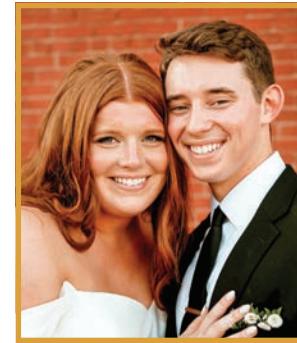
Riley Prewitt and Tyler Newett were married on Dec. 27, 2025, at St. Roch Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Tanya Prewitt. The groom is the son of John and Toni Newett.

## Hudepohl-Schepers



Annalise Elizabeth Hudepohl and Benjamin Joseph Schepers will be married on July 18 at St. Nicholas Church in Ripley County. The bride is the daughter of Andrew and Angela Hudepohl. The groom is the son of Brennan and Lori Schepers.

## Samuelson-Lewis



Riley Samuelson and Dylan Lewis were married on Aug. 9, 2025, at St. Barnabas Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Ryan and Angie Samuelson. The groom is the son of Nate Lewis and Shaune Harlow.

## Kunkel-Wirey



Amber Nicole Kunkel and Justin Lee Wirey were married on July 12, 2025, at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Ron and Sonya Kunkel. The groom is the son of Rick and Jacki Wirey.

## Tatarek-Fon



Grace Marie Tatarek and Stephen Joseph Fon, Jr., were married on Dec. 20, 2025, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Stephanine Tatarek. The groom is the son of Stephen, Sr., and Phyllis Fon.

## Lecher-Sander



Melissa Rose Lecher and Joshua Albert Sander will be married on June 6 at St. Raphael Church in Dubois, Ind. The bride is the daughter of Steve and the late Edith Lecher. The groom is the son of Steve and Marla Sander.

## Waggoner-Simpson



Corrina Sue Waggoner and Alex Richard Simpson will be married on May 16 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Monte Cassino in St. Meinrad. The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Sue Waggoner. The groom is the son of Richard and Dorothy Simpson.

## Newett-Da Silva



Ainsley Marie Newett and Leonardo Augusto Sala Da Silva will be married on July 3 at Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of John and Toni Newett. The groom is the son of Carlos and Claudeine Da Silva.

## Wilson-Bertin



Kierra Marie Wilson and Matthew Michael Bertin will be married on June 20 at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Brian and Heather Wilson. The groom is the son of Randy and Karen Bertin.

## Couples may announce engagement or marriage this summer

Engagement announcements will be published in the July 10 issue of *The Criterion* for couples planning to marry between July 12, 2026, and Jan. 31, 2027, in a marriage that is recognized by the Church as a valid sacramental or valid natural marriage.

Submissions may also be sent by couples who wed in a marriage as described above between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2026, if they did not publish their engagement in *The Criterion*.

The wedding announcement form is available online at [cutt.ly/CriterionWeddings](http://cutt.ly/CriterionWeddings).

An engagement or wedding photo may be sent to [alewis@archindy.org](mailto:alewis@archindy.org). Digital photos must be clear, high-resolution images with the couple close together. Photos can also be mailed to Ann Lewis, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN, 46202. To receive the photo back, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Due to print quality, Xerox copies of photos will not be accepted. Submissions are due by June 24. †

## Safe Haven Sunday creates path for clergy to preach on harms of pornography

By Natalie Hoefer

When Melinda Rivelli thinks of her six boys, she fears “it’s not a matter of ‘if’ but ‘when’” they are exposed to pornography.

“Kids can stumble across it innocently enough,” she says. “A lot of schools give students devices today. [The devices] may have security blocks in school, but not necessarily at home. It’s so addictive, and it’s just everywhere.”

Father John Hollowell agrees.

Since his ordination in 2009, he says he’s noticed an increase in the mentioning of the moral struggle with pornography “in the counseling and all the different ways I work with teens, young adults and adults.”

The U.S. bishops addressed the growing issue with their 2015 document, “Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography.” The document raised awareness of the harms of pornography addiction and suggested resources for prevention and healing.

A 10th anniversary edition of the document was issued last year and renamed “Create in Me a Pure Heart.” Its introduction holds some discouraging news:

“During the decade since the first publication of this pastoral response to pornography, opposition to this grave evil has weakened among the general population.”

That statement was based on two Gallup polls, one in 2015, the other in 2022. The first showed that 34% of Americans deemed pornography morally acceptable—a figure that rose to 41% in just seven years.

But the document offers more than sobering statistics. It also provides suggestions for parents, lay and civil leaders, educators and clergy to protect those they care for from pornography’s harm.

One suggestion for dioceses and parishes is to implement the “Safe Haven Sunday” program.

### ‘It brings evil to the light’

The program, created by the faith-based organization Covenant Eyes, provides tools for dioceses and parishes to designate a weekend during the liturgical year to

address and preach on the harms of pornography. On its website, Covenant Eyes notes the program was inspired by the 2015 “Create in Me a Clean Heart” document.

Father Hollowell sees merit in the idea, noting, “If the Church talks about pornography, it brings evil to the light.”

So, when he and Father Jonathan Meyer, the priests who lead All Saints Parish in Dearborn County, were approached by the archdiocese last year to pilot the Safe Haven Sunday program at the faith community, they agreed.

So did Father Thomas Schliessmann, pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis. The program was rolled out in both parishes on the first weekend of Lent last year.

Rivelli, pastoral associate at St. Joan of Arc, oversaw the implementation at her parish.

At no cost, Covenant Eyes “provides everything you need to roll [Safe Haven Sunday] out—sample letters for the priest to send out before the weekend, bulletin inserts, social media posts, homily guides for the priests,” she says. “You can do as much or as little as the priest and parish are comfortable with.”

For the St. Joan of Arc implementation, Father Schliessmann mailed an explanatory letter to parishioners a few weeks prior to the Safe Haven Sunday weekend.

“Between that [letter] and bulletin announcements, it wasn’t a shock” when parishioners heard him preach on the sensitive topic, says Rivelli.

The parish also provided a table with information after each Mass that weekend “to try to offer resources to protect children and also for healing if any adult in a family is addicted to pornography,” she says. “Obviously the sacraments are a huge source of help, but they need something more intentional to help them break the cycle of addiction.”

All Saints “took advantage of all the things that Covenant Eyes offers for the parish to roll out the program,” says Father Hollowell.



Melinda Rivelli

For the homilies that weekend, “We followed Covenant Eyes’ suggestion of using the phrase ‘explicit material’ instead of ‘pornography’ to keep young people from saying, ‘What’s pornography?’ and looking it up online,” he says.

### ‘Who else is going to tell the truth?’

The program was well-received at All Saints, says Father Hollowell, noting, “People thanked me for talking about [the issue],” he says.

The program spans four years, each with a different focus for the Safe Haven Sunday weekend. The first year’s theme is “Safeguarding Children,” followed by “Having Critical Conversations,” “Safety Through Connections” and “Healing Marriages and Fatherhood” in years two through four.

Both All Saints and St. Joan of Arc will participate in Safe Haven Sunday this year, although All Saints will offer it on the weekend of Feb. 28-March 1 rather than on Feb. 21-22, the first weekend of Lent.

“I feel really passionate that we need to do more to equip parents especially, but people in general, to avoid the hazards of pornography,” says Rivelli. “It ruins marriages, it affects mental health, it destroys self-confidence.”

Father Hollowell agrees.

“When Jesus said, ‘If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out,’ that passage relates to the sin of lust,” he says, referring to Matthew 5:27-30. “He knows how numbing those sins are to our soul, so we should take any steps necessary to avoid that temptation.”

“Pornography is obviously a major issue in our world and culture. If the Church is silent, who else is going to tell the truth about it?”

(To read the U.S. bishops’ document “Create in Me a Pure Heart,” go to [usccb.org/pureheart](http://usccb.org/pureheart). For information on Safe Haven Sunday, go to [covenanteyes.com/safe-haven-sunday/catholic-resources](http://covenanteyes.com/safe-haven-sunday/catholic-resources). Parishes seeking more information on implementing the program can contact Gabriela Ross, director of the archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life, at 317-592-4007 or [gross@archindy.org](mailto:gross@archindy.org). †

## Pre-Cana Retreats, Tobit Weekend and One in Christ program prepare engaged couples for marriage

Criterion staff report

Three marriage preparation programs offered in the archdiocese—the Pre-Cana Conference, Tobit Weekend and One in Christ—help prepare engaged couples for the sacrament of marriage as well as the challenges of married life.

Early registration is recommended for all programs, as each fills up quickly.

**Pre-Cana Retreats** cover skills for marriage, a catechesis on the sacrament of marriage and an introduction to the science and morals behind natural family planning. They are offered in English.

Two Pre-Cana retreats are scheduled at the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis, as follows:

—March 14 and 15, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. each day, \$200 per couple, register by March 4.

—Sept. 19 and 20, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. each day, \$200 per couple, registration opens on March 14.

More information and registration are available at [tinyurl.com/IndyPre-Cana](http://tinyurl.com/IndyPre-Cana).

**Tobit Weekend** retreats take place at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis, and are offered in English. The cost is \$400 per couple, which includes program materials, meals, snacks and two rooms for two nights.

The next retreats will take place on June 5-7 and Sept. 25-27.

More information and registration are available at [fatimaretreathouse-indy.org/tobit](http://fatimaretreathouse-indy.org/tobit). For Tobit retreat or registration questions, contact Lisa Coons at [lcoons@archindy.org](mailto:lcoons@archindy.org) or 317-545-7681.

**One in Christ** marriage preparation, which includes a medical panel to address questions on reproduction and fertility, involves an online pre-seminar course (\$99 per couple) and a three-day seminar (\$300 per couple) spanning a weekend and the following Saturday. On Saturdays, the program runs from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and on Sunday it runs from 9:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Meals and materials are included. Scholarships are available for those with financial difficulty.

There are two upcoming One in Christ opportunities: April 11, 12 and 18, and June 27, 28 and 11. Both will be held at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 10655 Haverstick Road, in Carmel, Ind. (Lafayette Diocese).

To register, go to [oicmarriage.org/seminar-info](http://oicmarriage.org/seminar-info). For more information, including the possibility of financial assistance, call 317-600-5629, e-mail [info@OICmarriage.org](mailto:info@OICmarriage.org) or go to [oicmarriage.org](http://oicmarriage.org).

**Parish-led marriage preparation retreats in Spanish** are available throughout the archdiocese. For a current list, go to [tinyurl.com/PrematrimonialesEnEspanol](http://tinyurl.com/PrematrimonialesEnEspanol).

Live retreats offer an invaluable experience for engaged couples and are the expected formation option.

However, for couples who experience significant difficulties attending a live retreat, including but not limited to preparing for marriage while out of state or country, being deployed in the armed forces or inflexible shift work at a hospital or factory, the online and self-paced Joy-Filled Marriage course ensures that no one misses out on valuable and comprehensive marriage formation. It is available in English and Spanish, and the cost is \$124.95.

For more information or to register, go to [tinyurl.com/Pre-CanaOnline](http://tinyurl.com/Pre-CanaOnline). †

## Archbishop Thompson will celebrate Wedding Anniversary Mass on Aug. 30

The archdiocesan annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Charles C. Thompson at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis, at 2 p.m. on Aug. 30. A reception will follow across the street at the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center.

The Mass and reception, sponsored by the archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life, are for couples of the archdiocese married sacramentally in the Catholic Church and

celebrating an anniversary ending in 0 or 5 (for example, 5th, 10th, 45th, 60th, etc.).

All couples celebrating an anniversary ending in 0 or 5 who register will receive a certificate.

The event is free, but registration is required and will open in May at [tinyurl.com/WedAnniversaryMass](http://tinyurl.com/WedAnniversaryMass).

For additional questions, contact Claudia Corona at 317-236-7310 or [ccorona@archindy.org](mailto:ccorona@archindy.org). †

## Catholic speed dating event will take place at St. Joan of Arc Parish on April 18

“Holy Flirtation,” a speed dating event for Catholic singles, will take place at St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 Central Ave., in Indianapolis, from 1:30-5:10 p.m. on April 18.

The event includes a catered dinner with wine, 12 six-minute speed dates and time for mingling.

Upon registering, participants will receive a link to a compatibility survey. The survey results determine the 12 people each person will “date” during the event. Toward the end of the event, participants will receive a survey to note which people they would like to get to know better. Mutual matches will be shared by email the following day.

Immediately after the event, all are invited to worship at the 5:30 p.m. vigil Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church.

April 18 marks the third “Holy Flirtation” event, created and operated by St. Joan of Arc parishioner Josh Matthews. The previous events involved 200 participants, with an even balance of men and women.

There is no age limit to register. While the majority of attendees of past events were 22-32 years old, participants have ranged from 20-55 in age.

The cost is \$35 plus \$1.92 online processing fee.

For more information or to register, go to [tinyurl.com/HolyFlirtation3](http://tinyurl.com/HolyFlirtation3). †