

Fall Marriage Supplement

A special section of The Criterion celebrating Christian marriage

New preparation program strives to strengthen marriages in faith

(Editor's note: Twice a year, The Criterion produces a Marriage Supplement celebrating recent and upcoming Catholic marriages while sharing the works of the archdiocese's Office of Marriage and Family Life. This current supplement features 52 couples who submitted their wedding announcement to The Criterion, an article on a new marriage preparation program in the archdiocese, an article about the Office of Marriage and Family Life's new Hispanic Divorce Ministry, as well as a schedule of upcoming marriage preparation programs and how to submit information for our next Marriage Supplement in February 2024.)

By Sean Gallagher

A new form of marriage preparation is being developed to help strengthen marriages rooted in the faith.

"Marriage has an ecclesial dimension," explained Father Jeffrey Dufresne, pastor of St. Neri Parish in Indianapolis where this approach was recently piloted. "It is a sacrament to build up the body of Christ. The domestic Church must be connected to the local Church."

Not just a new program, this "marriage catechumenate" model is an effort to return to the early Church's approach to forming adults to be received into the Church. It has its roots in the four stages of the Order (formerly Rite) of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): inquiry, catechumenate, purification and enlightenment and mystagogy.

Like OCIA, this model would include a series of rituals, such as a reception of candidates, a ritual of entry into the marriage catechumenate and a rite of betrothal.

By moving to this model of formation for the vocation of marriage, Father Dufresne said the Church hopes "to form more couples to live this ecclesial mission in their marriage."

Inquiry: Connecting faith and marriage

In the OCIA process, the first stage is called "inquiry," when participants start to learn about the faith and what it can mean for their lives.

Similarly, the initial stage of the marriage catechumenate model is a time to lay a broad foundation of faith on which preparation for marriage would be built, said Gabriela Ross, director of the archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life.

"It's a moment where the couple is asked to look at their Catholic faith—if they're Catholic—and to deepen their baptismal commitment," she explained. "If they are not Catholic or have been away, there's space and time for that [faith] to be proclaimed to them and for them to really be able to know who Jesus is and what the Church is inviting them to before they request a sacrament from the Church."

Father C. Ryan McCarthy, pastor of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis, has taken a catechumenal approach to marriage preparation throughout his now 22 years of priestly ministry.

In an interview with *The Criterion*, Father McCarthy said that, at the start of marriage preparation, he'll talk with couples for up to six hours during several sessions about the basics of the Catholic faith.

"We use this as a means to jump off in a conversation about marriage," he said. "When we talk about sacraments, we talk about all the sacraments. But when we get to marriage, it's a much more in-depth conversation about what marriage is and the role marriage plays in the life of the Church."

Such a stage, Ross said, is an invitation to engaged couples "to reflect on their Christian faith and to make that connection between their faith and their marriage very explicitly from the get-go. ... This moment gives them a chance to see how those fit together and to understand what they're asking for in marriage."

Catechumenate: 'What marriage is'

As in the OCIA catechumenate phase, couples continue to learn—in this case, about the connection between the faith and their call to marriage.

Although a catechumenal approach to marriage preparation is rooted in ancient practices of the Church, Father McCarthy sees it as especially relevant in contemporary society where a secular understanding of the nature of marriage has departed so far from the Church's vision of it.



Deacon Michael East witnesses the exchange of wedding vows of Blake Davidson, right, a grandson of Deacon East, and Lacy Joslin on Oct. 26, 2019, at St. Ambrose Church in Seymour. (Submitted photo)

"I don't think there's any way to presume that people understand what marriage is, much less the theological, Christological and sacramental understandings of it that Catholics add to it," he said.

"So, people don't really know what they're getting into. You can't help people understand it unless you help them understand the basics of who Christ is, how he reveals himself to us and particularly how he reveals himself to us in the sacraments. Without doing that basic work, people can't understand what marriage is."

Enlightenment and Purification: Rituals

During this stage of the OCIA process, those who wish to continue in their formation to be received into the Church participate in rites that take place at parish Masses around the start of Lent.

In a catechumenal model of marriage preparation, rituals that take place at various points in the process will place marriage preparation in the context of the broader life of the parish.

"Parishioners in the pews will be involved in the vocations to marriage that are happening in the parish," Ross said. "It'll no longer be the case that a couple would go to their pastor, have meetings at the office, have their wedding on a Saturday with no parishioners there and then be on their way."

"This is a vision for engaged couples who are discerning this vocation to be supported in prayer by their community."

The encouragement of this approach to marriage preparation is in its beginning stages in the Church. Consequently, some of the rituals have not yet been developed, although the Rite of Betrothal, a blessing of

a couple's engagement, is available.

Mystagogy: 'Actually living it out'

With a catechumenal approach to marriage preparation seeking from the start to strengthen the overall faith of engaged couples, this stage in the marriage catechumenate parallels the mystagogy stage of OCIA, which is a period after adults have been received into the Church.

"Mystagogy is kind of that processing of the sacrament received," Ross said. "It's also a revisiting of the earlier catechesis now that you're actually living it out. You're drinking from a fire hose on the front end. Once you're actually in the vocation, you're getting to revisit some of the teachings."

This stage also helps newly married couples find the help they need with hardships in their life together that inevitably come along.

"When you face those challenges, do you know to lean on the Church to work through them?" Ross said. "And are you already plugged into a community that will help you do that? There's a real accompaniment combined with that mystagogy."

'Hungry for a deeper relationship with God'

A pilot program of a catechumenal approach to marriage preparation took place at St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis from last fall through spring this year and was geared for the largely Hispanic population of the faith community.

Engaged couples met together monthly at the parish. The meetings started with a potluck dinner and included

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Pre-Cana Retreat, 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 Retreat, 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 in Indianapolis and New Albany, and in Spanish in Columbus. The upcoming Pre-Cana Retreats are as follows:

Indianapolis: Two-day retreats are from 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. each day and cost \$200 per couple. There is one upcoming retreat on Sept. 23-24 at the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St.,

in Indianapolis. For more information or to register, go to www.archindy.org/precana.

Columbus: There are no Pre-Cana Retreats currently scheduled in Columbus. For more information, call St. Bartholomew Parish at 812-379-9353 and dial ext. 1235 for Maria Nieto or email mnieto@stbparish.net.

New Albany: Workshops are held from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Mount St. Francis Center for Spirituality, 101 St. Anthony Dr., in Mt. St. Francis, and cost \$125 per couple. The next retreats will take place on Oct. 14 and on Feb. 3, 2024. For more information, call 812-923-8355 or go to catalystcatholic.org/precana.

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 \$298, which includes program materials,

meals, snacks and two rooms for two nights. The next retreat will take place on Sept. 15-17. To register, go to www.archindy.org/fatima/calendar/tobit.html. For registration questions, contact Lisa Coons at lcoons@archindy.org or 317-545-7681. For more information about the program and its contents, contact Jennifer Burger at jburger@archindy.org or 317-545-7681, ext. 106.

One in Christ marriage preparation, which includes a medical panel to address questions on reproduction and fertility, is a three-day program spanning a weekend and the following Saturday. The Saturdays are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and the Sunday is 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., and the third day is 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The cost is \$300 per couple, which covers meals and materials.

There is one upcoming One in Christ opportunity:
—Oct. 7, 8 and 21 at St. Elizabeth

Seton Parish, 10655 Haverstick Road, in Carmel, Ind. (Lafayette Diocese)

To register or for more information, call 317-600-5629, e-mail info@OICIndy.com or go to www.OICmarriage.org.

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 \$105.

For more information or to register, go to lnkiy.in/MarrPrepFall2023. †

Ministry for divorced Hispanic Catholics 'brings hope and healing to families'

By John Shaughnessy

Considering the pain she endured and the challenges she faced from the heartbreak of having her marriage end in divorce, Maria Nayeli Vazquez could have easily resisted becoming involved in a new archdiocesan ministry designed to help Hispanics through this same difficult journey of life.

Instead, the 43-year-old mother of four decided to follow the example of her grandmother, a woman who always tried to give spiritual support to people who were struggling, who always told them that God was with them in their struggles.

Admiring that approach, Vazquez became a facilitator for the divorce ministry program for Hispanics that was started earlier this year by the archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life—sharing both her pain and her path to healing with the help of God.

"I think no one expects divorce after forming a family with four children and 19 years of relationship," notes Vazquez, a member of St. Patrick Parish in Indianapolis. "I know it was difficult for all, and for both sides of our families. Our children suffered a lot through this long process. It was a long and slow process. It was painful."

Amid that pain, Vazquez also worked to maintain a perspective that focused on the well-being of her children.

"It is important to let our children visit both families—and do not talk bad about your ex in front of your children. I try to keep good relations with my ex for the sake of my children. Every day, we continue walking in our recovery together. Now, we only remember how we went through so many things together. We can see how in each situation, God was always with us, showing us his great love for us.

"And there were always people to give us support. I thank God for all the people who were in those moments. They always supported me with their prayers. The challenges were many, but thanks to my Father God I was able to overcome them."

Helping Spanish-speaking people who are divorced and separated overcome the grief of those realities and find a path to peace and healing are the main goals of the archdiocese's Hispanic divorce ministry program.

"For several years, there have been courses just for the community in English," says Claudia Corona, coordinator of events for the archdiocese's Office of Marriage and

Family Life, who took a training program about surviving divorce. "After this course, I saw how much pain is behind a divorce, and the benefits if we implement this program for the Spanish community.

"The goal is to help those divorced or separated from the Hispanic community overcome the trauma of a divorce.

Teach them that they are not alone, that the Church welcomes them. Teach them how to overcome the different stages through which a divorce passes. It is important that they are well not only for themselves but also for their children, who are also affected by the trauma of a divorce."

Corona stresses that the archdiocesan program is based upon the teachings of the Church regarding people who are divorced or separated.

"We clarify that if you had the sacrament of marriage and are divorced or separated without having annulled your marriage, it is not right to date another person. And as long as they are faithful to their marriage vows, they can receive Communion," she says. "We also give them brief information about the annulment process."

The program also shares the ways the Church can help and guide them on this journey.

"They have many challenges in their loneliness," Corona says. "We invite them to turn to the sacraments, Eucharist and reconciliation frequently, and to monthly gather for eucharistic adoration."

Henry Hernandez was among the two men and four women who participated in the first program, which consisted of 10 90-minute sessions focusing on such topics as self-image, stress, anger, blame, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness and happiness.

One of the most powerful parts of the program for Hernandez and the others was the opportunity to share "my testimony, to be heard and understood, and to meet people who like me are going through this situation in different ways."

"At the beginning, I suffered depression and anxiety. I thought she was the love of my life," says Hernandez, who is 38 and a member of St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis. "[After the divorce,] I had financial and emotional problems. It was also very painful not living with my son. Living without family is hard. I needed to learn how to live alone. I began to value my son more for not having him around."

He also found the value in drawing closer to God during that time.

"At the time of my divorce, I was not close to God. When I decided to go to St. Mary Church, I found real

friends. That's how I met priests and friends who helped me."

The divorce ministry program had a similar impact for him.

"This program is wonderful. It helps to unburden. It helps you grow," he says. "There are some aspects that you didn't even realize you were failing at. Listening to the testimonies drives and motivates one to understand—understand that it is possible to overcome it. I would tell people not to waste time, that it is possible to heal wounds."

His positive reaction to the program is similar to the evaluations that the other participants shared at the end of the course, Corona says.

"They expressed that they liked the course, that the program helped them to forgive, to not keep resentment, and to have the courage to talk to their ex-partner, knowing that it is important for the children," she says.

"Hearing testimonies from their peers and facilitators made them realize that they are not the only ones to go through this trauma. It also helped them to see what the facilitators who have gone through the trauma of a divorce have achieved with God's help—leading a stable life, living close to God and being there in the care of their children."

While Vazquez was thrilled to be part of the program as a facilitator, she just had one regret about it.

"I would have liked to attend a program like this one when I was suffering the conflicts in my marriage," she says. "I was looking for a program like this one, but I did not find it. I am grateful that now the archdiocese opened this program in Spanish. I give thanks to God for this new ministry. I feel joy to see how people are connected with our experiences, how they find support in the group—to listen how their life was transformed."

She has seen that transformation in her family and believes the program can help other families in their journey, too.

"This program brings hope and healing to families. If the parents have peace in their hearts, they will transmit this peace to their families," Vazquez says. "I invite all people who are divorced or are suffering problems in your marriage to find the source of peace in the Church. Jesus will heal us."

(The archdiocese's Office of Marriage and Family Life is planning another Spanish-speaking program for divorce and separated people in May of 2024. For anyone who is interested in the program or would like to have more information about it, contact Claudia Corona at ccorona@archindy.org or call her at 317-800-9306.) †



Maria Nayeli Vazquez



Claudia Corona

El ministerio para católicos hispanos divorciados 'aporta esperanza y sanación a las familias'

Por John Shaughnessy

Teniendo en cuenta el dolor que soportó y los retos a los que se enfrentó por la angustia de que su matrimonio acabara en divorcio, María Nayeli Vázquez podría haberse resistido fácilmente a involucrarse en un nuevo

ministerio arquidiocesano diseñado para ayudar a otros hispanos que atraviesan ese difícil recorrido en su vida.

Pero en vez de ello, esta mujer de 43 años, madre de cuatro hijos, decidió seguir el ejemplo de su abuela, una mujer que siempre intentaba dar apoyo espiritual a las personas que enfrentaban dificultades, quien siempre les

decía que Dios los acompañaba en sus luchas.

Inspirada por ese enfoque y compartiendo tanto su dolor como su camino hacia la sanación con la ayuda de Dios, Vázquez se convirtió en facilitadora del programa pastoral del divorcio para hispanos que puso en

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marcha la Oficina de Matrimonio y Vida Familiar de la Arquidiócesis a principio de este año.

“Creo que nadie se espera un divorcio después de formar una familia con cuatro hijos y 19 años de relación,” señala Vázquez, miembro de la parroquia de San Patricio de Indianápolis. “Sé que fue difícil para todos, y para nuestras respectivas familias. Nuestros hijos sufrieron mucho durante este proceso fue largo, lento y doloroso.”

En medio de su dolor, Vázquez se esforzó para mantener una perspectiva centrada en el bienestar de sus hijos.

“Es importante dejar que los hijos visiten ambas familias y no hablar mal de su ex delante de sus hijos. Intento mantener una buena relación con mi ex por el bien de mis hijos. Cada día, seguimos caminando juntos en nuestra recuperación. Ahora solamente recordamos todo lo que pasamos juntos. Somos capaces de ver que en cada situación Dios estuvo siempre con nosotros, mostrándonos su gran amor.

“Y siempre había gente que nos daba apoyo. Doy gracias a Dios por todas las personas que estuvieron allí en esos momentos. Siempre me apoyaron con sus oraciones. Los retos fueron muchos, pero gracias a mi Padre Celestial pude superarlos.”

Ayudar a las personas hispanohablantes divorciadas y separadas a superar el dolor de esas realidades y a encontrar un camino hacia la paz y la sanación son los principales objetivos del programa del ministerio hispano de divorcios de la Arquidiócesis.

“Desde hace varios años ha habido cursos únicamente para la comunidad de habla inglesa,” afirma Claudia Corona, coordinadora de eventos de la Oficina de Matrimonio y Vida Familiar de la Arquidiócesis, quien participó en un programa de formación sobre cómo sobrevivir al divorcio. “Después del curso me di cuenta de todo el dolor que acompaña un divorcio, y los beneficios que tendría si implementamos este programa para la comunidad de habla hispana.

“El objetivo es ayudar a los divorciados o separados de la comunidad hispana a superar el trauma de un divorcio y enseñarles que no están

solos, que la Iglesia los acoge, así como también enseñarles a superar las diferentes etapas por las que se atraviesa durante un divorcio. Es importante que estén bien no solo por ellos mismos, sino también por sus hijos, que también se ven afectados por el trauma de un divorcio.”

Corona subraya que el programa de la Arquidiócesis se basa en las enseñanzas de la Iglesia sobre las personas divorciadas o separadas.

“Aclaremos que si la persona tomó el sacramento del matrimonio y está divorciada o separada sin haber anulado su matrimonio, no está bien salir con otra persona. Y mientras sean fieles a sus votos matrimoniales, pueden recibir la Comunión,” afirma. “También les damos una breve información sobre el proceso de anulación.”

Además, el programa comparte de qué manera la Iglesia puede ayudarles y guiarles en este viaje.

“Enfrentan muchos retos en su soledad”—asegura Corona—. “Les invitamos a acudir con frecuencia a recibir los sacramentos, la Eucaristía y la reconciliación, y a reunirse mensualmente para la adoración eucarística.”

Henry Hernández fue uno de los dos hombres y cuatro mujeres que participaron en el primer programa, que consistió en 10 sesiones de 90 minutos centradas en temas como la autoimagen, el estrés, la ira, culpar y sentir culpa, la soledad, el perdón y la felicidad.

Para Hernández y los demás, una de las partes más poderosas del programa fue la oportunidad de compartir “mi testimonio, de que me escucharan y sentirme comprendida, y de conocer a personas que como yo están pasando por esta situación de diferentes maneras.”

“Al principio, sufría depresión y ansiedad. Pensé que era el amor de mi vida”—afirma Hernández, de 38 años y miembro de la parroquia de Santa María de Indianápolis—. “[Luego del divorcio,] tuve problemas financieros y emocionales. También fue muy doloroso no vivir con mi hijo. Vivir sin familia es muy difícil. Necesitaba aprender a vivir solo. Empecé a valorar más a mi hijo por no tenerlo cerca.”

También descubrió el valor de acercarse a Dios durante ese tiempo.

“En el momento de mi divorcio, no estaba cerca de Dios. Cuando decidí ir a la iglesia de Santa María, encontré verdaderos amigos. Así conocí a sacerdotes y amigos que me ayudaron.”

El programa del ministerio del divorcio tuvo un impacto similar en él.

“Este programa es maravilloso. Te ayuda a desahogarte, a crecer”—afirma—. “Hay algunos aspectos en los que uno ni siquiera se da cuenta de que estaba fallando. Escuchar los testimonios impulsa y motiva a comprender que es posible superarlo. Le diría a la gente que no pierda el tiempo, que es posible curar las heridas.”

Su reacción positiva al programa es similar a las evaluaciones que los demás participantes compartieron al final del curso, comenta Corona.

“Expresaron que les gustó el curso, que el programa les ayudó a perdonar, a no guardar rencor y a tener el valor de hablar con su expareja, sabiendo que es importante para los niños”—asegura—. “Escuchar los testimonios de sus compañeros y facilitadores les hizo darse cuenta de que no son los únicos que pasan por este trauma. También les ayudó ver lo que los facilitadores que han pasado por el trauma de un divorcio han conseguido con la ayuda de Dios: llevar una vida estable, vivir cerca de Dios y estar ahí para cuidar a sus hijos.”

Aunque Vázquez estaba encantada de formar parte del programa como facilitadora, solo lamentaba una cosa:

“Me hubiera gustado asistir a un programa como este cuando tenía problemas en el matrimonio”—recuerda—. “Buscaba un programa como este, pero no lo encontré. Agradezco que ahora la Arquidiócesis haya abierto este programa en español. Doy gracias a Dios por este nuevo ministerio. Siento alegría al ver que la gente se conecta con nuestras experiencias y encuentran apoyo en el grupo, al escuchar que su vida se ha transformado.”

Ha visto esa transformación en su familia y cree que el programa puede ayudar también a otras familias en su camino.

“Este programa aporta esperanza y curación a las familias. Si los padres sienten paz en el corazón, la transmitirán a sus familias”—afirma Vázquez—. “Invito a todas las personas divorciadas o que sufren problemas en su matrimonio a que encuentren en la Iglesia la fuente de su paz. Jesús nos curará.”

(La Oficina de Matrimonio y Vida Familiar de la Arquidiócesis está planeando otro programa en español para divorciados y separados en mayo de 2024. Para quien esté interesado en el programa o desee más información, comuníquese con Claudia Corona en ccorona@archindy.org o llámela al 317-800-9306). †

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witness talks given by married couples and presentations of the faith in general and more particularly on marriage by Father Dufresne.

“As soon as the formation began, it was clear that these men and women were hungry for a deeper relationship with God,” he said. “In fact, if a couple had to miss a meeting for one reason or

another, they were often sad.”

Father Dufresne plans to continue the program at St. Philip Neri and to begin one at nearby St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis, where he began ministry as pastor in July.

As executive directors for 12 years of One In Christ, a marriage preparation program approved by the archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life, Mark and Michelle Overholt have worked with engaged couples using the principles of a catechumenal approach

to formation for the sacrament of matrimony.

Now that the Church is starting to advocate more strongly for this approach, they see One in Christ (OIC) as well-positioned to spread its use, especially through married couples who were prepared for the sacrament through the program in the past.

“OIC alumni [can] become mentors to help accompany the next generation of engaged couples,” Michelle said. “Therefore, the more pastors we can

serve, the more we can help them build strong, well-formed marriage mentors to help their parishes thrive.”

‘God as the author of marriage’

While the Overholts, members of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis, see OIC as helping engaged couples prepare for marriage, they have observed its positive effect on the broader faith lives of the couples.

“Over and over again, OIC couples are telling us they are revived in their faith,” Mark said. “They are going to confession and attending Mass. They are praying together. They are quitting pornography. They are stopping to use contraception and desire to learn Natural Family Planning.

“They want to give back to the Church and become active volunteers—especially in marriage ministries. They are now evangelizing their families, friends and co-workers. They are excited to get married in the Catholic Church and desire to be open to life to grow their family and to help each other get to heaven.”

The Vatican document promoting a catechumenal approach to marriage preparation also addresses how newly married couples should be supported by their parish community for years after their wedding.

Ross noted that a catechumenal approach to marriage preparation, which is being encouraged in parishes throughout the archdiocese, will help couples before and after their wedding in order to help them contribute to the overall mission of the Church through their married vocation.

“The goal is for couples to be accompanied from engagement to their wedding day, as newlyweds, and throughout their married life,” she said. “With this approach, married couples will form an integral part of the parish community precisely in their vocation as married couples.” †



Aaron, left, and Ava Pfeiffer pose with their son Ezra with Michelle and Mark Overholt on April 22 at St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis at the “Together in Holiness” marriage ministry conference. The Overholts are executive directors of One in Christ, a marriage preparation program in the archdiocese. The Pfeiffers participated in One in Christ before their wedding. (Submitted photo)

Wedding Announcements

Artalejo-Goff



Adriana Isabel Artalejo and Garrett Thomas Goff were married on May 20 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Daniel Artalejo and Luz Henao. The groom is the son of Charles and Nancy Goff.

Carroll-Carroll



Allyson Nichole Carroll and Sean Rourke Carroll will be married on Jan. 20, 2024, at St. Simon the Apostle Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Brian and Madonna Carroll. The groom is the son of Sean and Lisa Carroll.

Curley-Meyers



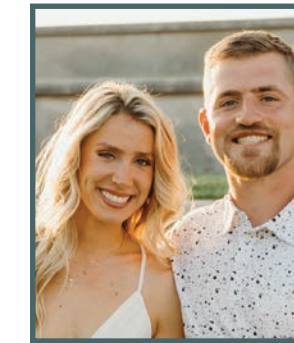
Colleen Marie Curley and Matthew John Robert Meyers were married on July 22 at St. Mary-of-the-Woods Church in St. Mary-of-the-Woods. The bride is the daughter of Robert and Patricia Curley. The groom is the son of Annette and the late Mark Meyers.

Goetz-Johnson



Allison Elizabeth Goetz and Ryan Mikel Johnson will be married on Sept. 23 at Christ the King Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Donald and Cheryl Goetz. The groom is the son of Richard and Tanya Johnson.

Jahnke-Roland



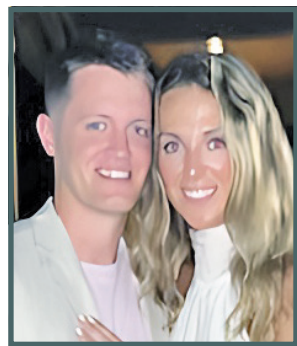
Isabella Grace Jahnke and Marc James Roland will be married on Oct. 14 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of David and Amy Jahnke. The groom is the son of Marc and Jamie Roland.

Marciano-Massaró



Carmela Laura Marciano and Michael Anthony Massaró were married on May 25 at Cattedrale di Monreale in Monreale, Italy. The bride is the daughter of Steve and Rosalia Marciano. The groom is the son of Michael and Rose Massaró.

Asher-O'Conner



Josie Shane Asher and Derek John O'Conner were married on July 15 at St. Barnabas Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jamie and Diann Asher. The groom is the son of BJ and Kelley O'Conner.

Cech-Hayes



Jennifer Rose Cech and Johnathan Frank Hayes were married on July 29 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of John and Marilee Cech. The groom is the son of Terence and Janice Hayes.

Dirienzo-Baker



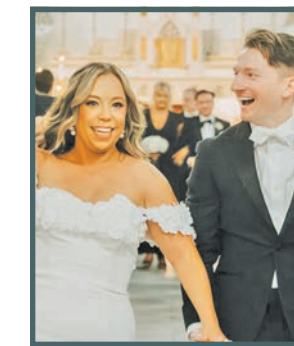
Deena Ray Dirienzo and Karlyn Matthew Baker were married on June 24 at St. Mary Church in Lanesville. The bride is the daughter of Ray Dirienzo and Susan Listenfeldt. The groom is the son of Don and Theresa Baker.

Goss-Krakowiecki



Adriana Nicole Goss and Collin Joseph Krakowiecki will be married on Sept. 16 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Gordon and Lisa Goss. The groom is the son of Kelly and Lynley Krakowiecki.

Jensen-Zachary



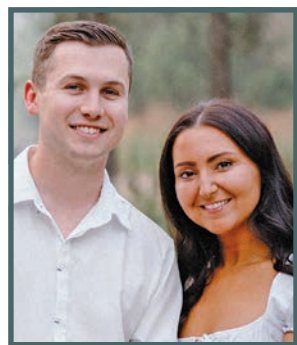
Katelyn Jensen and William Zachary were married on June 3 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Kris and Laura Jensen. The groom is the son of Jack and Katie Zachary.

Nascimento-Stephenson



Claudia Nascimento and Adam Joseph Stephenson will be married on Sept. 16 at St. Barnabas Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Carmen Nascimento Santos and the late Francisco Santos Neto. The groom is the son of Dennis and Patti Stephenson.

Ave-Baker



Olivia Marie Ave and Nicholas Owen Baker will be married on Oct. 6 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Chuck and Ana Ave. The groom is the son of Todd and Kristen Baker.

Chatterson-Kluesner



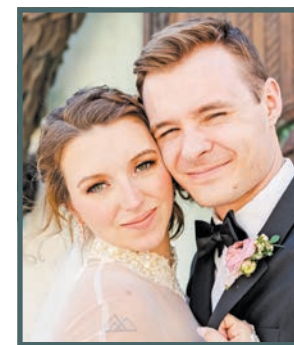
Taylor Ann Chatterson and Samuel Evan Kluesner will be married on Nov. 11 at SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Church in Greenwood. The bride is the daughter of Mark and Jill Chatterson. The groom is the son of Anthony and Lynne Kluesner.

Dusard-Hubler



Laura Ellen Dusard and Larry Robert Hubler were married on July 1 at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Bedford. The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Cynthia Zajac. The groom is the son of Larry Hubler and Marcia Buckley.

Grosh-Query



Madeline Marie Helen Grosh and Dylan Russell Query were married on April 15 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Gannon and Stacey Grosh. The groom is the son of Kyle and Shanna Query.

Johnson-Prather



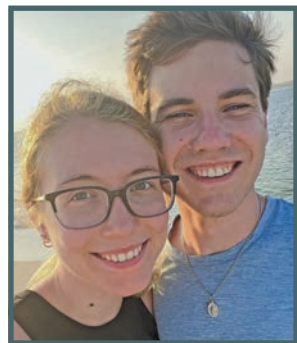
Marcia Ann Johnson and William Prather were married on June 24 at St. John the Baptist Church in Dover (a campus of All Saints Parish in Dearborn County). The bride is the daughter of Bob and Betty Heidi. The groom is the son of Kermit and Karen Prather.

Northam-Stevens



Sabra Bailey Northam and Michael Christopher Stevens will be married on Oct. 14 at Christ the King Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Brian Northam and Toni Tomlinson. The groom is the son of George and Linda Stevens.

Brewer-Leszczynski



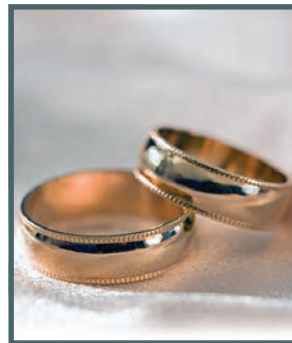
Kathryn Maria Brewer and Robert Addison Leszczynski will be married on Aug. 12 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Tom and Carolyn Brewer. The groom is the son of Bobby and Beth Leszczynski.

Cobler-Campbell



Holly Jo Cobler and Daniel George Campbell were married on Aug. 5 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Bloomington. The bride is the daughter of Mark and Linda Cobler. The groom is the son of Kenneth and Susan Campbell.

Feick-Peterson



Jennifer Michelle Feick and Derek Robert Peterson were married on July 15 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of John and Deborah Feick. The groom is the son of Robert and Carol Peterson.

Hartman-Napoleon



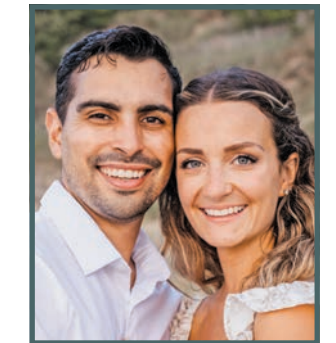
Kelli Ann Hartman and Jack Conrad Napoleon will be married on August 19 at St. Louis Church in Batesville. The bride is the daughter of Bill and Barb Hartman. The groom is the son of Bob and Carolyn Napoleon.

Laudick-Sucietto



Adalyn Marie Laudick and Noah Anthony Sucietto will be married on Nov. 11 at St. Joseph Church in St. Leon (a campus of All Saints Parish in Dearborn County). The bride is the daughter of Andrew and Michelle Laudick. The groom is the son of Richard and Teresa Sucietto.

Platt-Hathoot



Rachel Saturn Platt and Alexander Joseph Hathoot will be married on Aug. 26 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Philip and Gineen Platt. The groom is the son of Thomas and Michele Hathoot.

Bryans-English



Marisa Jo Bryans and William Patrick English will be married on Dec. 9 at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Beech Grove. The bride is the daughter of Kirk and Jenny Bryans. The groom is the son of Mike and Joanie English.

Cox-Ford



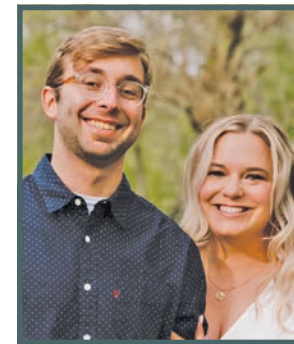
Delaney Rachele Cox and Alexander Clayton Ford will be married on Nov. 25 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jeremy and Rachel Cox. The groom is the son of Mike, Donald, Jr., and Linda Ford.

Fullenkamp-Henderson



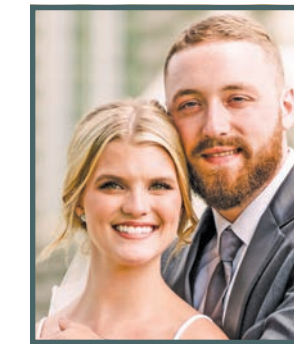
Meghan Renee Fullenkamp and Joshua Adam Henderson will be married on Oct. 14 at Holy Family Church in Oldenburg. The bride is the daughter of Leo and Theresa Fullenkamp. The groom is the son of Rodney and Loretta Henderson.

Hostetler-Naylor-Cook



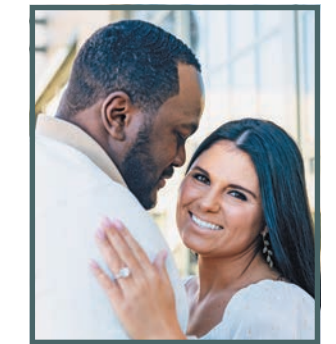
Stephanie Nicole Hostetler and Jackson Alexander Naylor-Cook will be married on Nov. 11 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jerrald and Frances Hostetler. The groom is the son of Bennett Cook and Patricia Naylor-Cook.

Little-Adams



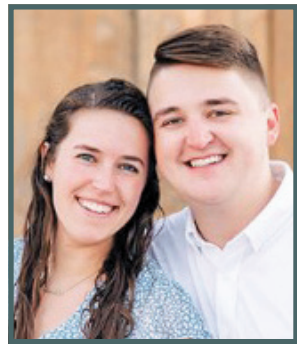
Bri Ann Little and Charles Aloysius Adams were married on July 15 at St. John the Baptist Church in Starlight. The bride is the daughter of Doug and Tara Little. The groom is the son of JoAnn Adams.

Pupko-Rodgers



Lauren Rose Pupko and Antonio Ralph Rodgers will be married on Nov. 11 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Rosanne Long and the late Daniel Pupko. The groom is the son of Lewis Mahoney and Annette Rodgers.

Burger-Lewis



Kelly Ann Burger and Bradley Paul Lewis were married on July 29 at St. Mary Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Paul and Jennifer Burger. The groom is the son of Dave and Lynn Lewis.

Cranert-Hutchinson



Amanda Erin Cranert and Samuel Edward Hutchinson were married on Aug. 5 at the Sisters of St. Francis Chapel in Oldenburg. The bride is the daughter of Francis and Lisa Cranert. The groom is the son of Edward and Dawn Hutchinson.

Gastineau-Pecoraro



Rachel Gastineau and Dominic Pecoraro will be married on Oct. 21 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Mike and Deby Gastineau. The groom is the son of Tony and Tricia Pecoraro.

Hudepohl-McFee



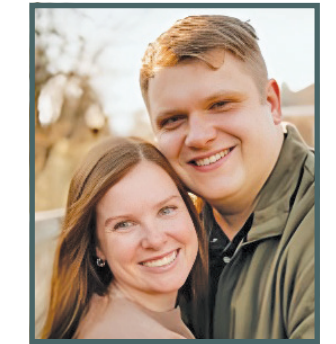
Abigail Marie Hudepohl and Lucas Richard McFee will be married on Sept. 2 at St. Joseph Church in St. Leon (a campus of All Saints Parish in Dearborn County). The bride is the daughter of Andrew and Angela Hudepohl. The groom is the son of Brian and Molly McFee.

Maldonado-Boley



Renia Ann Maldonado and Tyler Jay Boley were married on Nov. 11, 2022, at St. Mary Church in New Albany. The bride is the daughter of Dennis Pritchett and Shirley Grant. The groom is the son of Melvin and Tonya Boley.

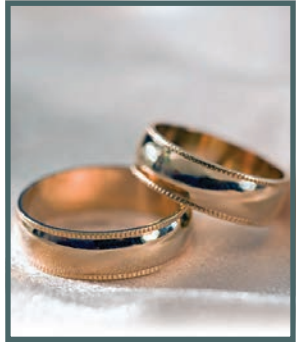
Rikke-Golab



Jessica Marie Rikke and Benjamin Joseph Golab will be married on Sept. 16 at Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Jim and Janet Rikke. The groom is the son of Adam and Michele Golab.

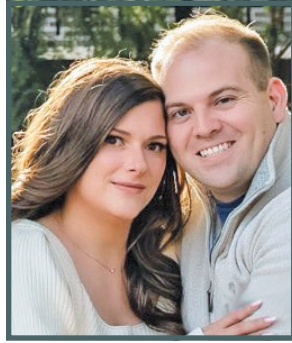
Wedding Announcements

Sanchez-Davey



Marisela Sanchez and John Charles Davey will be married on Nov. 4 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Ramon Sanchez and Maria de Lourdes Sanchez. The groom is the son of Brian and Bessie Davey.

Stahl-Watson



Candace Janell Stahl and Tyler Makabe Watson will be married on Sept. 22 at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Anthony and Doanie Stahl. The groom is the son of Kent and Jenny Watson.

Wagner-Burgener



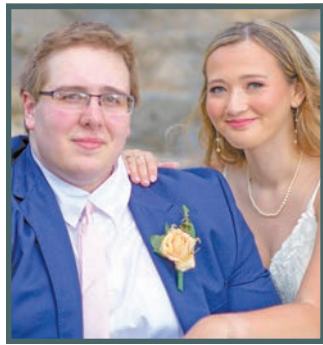
Zohie Elizabeth Wagner and Phillip Lawrence Burgener will be married on Jan. 20, 2024, at St. Rose of Lima Church in Franklin. The bride is the daughter of Elizabeth Brown. The groom is the son of Donald and Yolanda Burgener.

Sergi-King



Andrea Marie Sergi and Nicholas Raymond King will be married on Dec. 2 at St. Matthew the Apostle Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Steve and Anita Sergi. The groom is the son of Mike and Laurie King.

Stenger-Wiegand



Kirsten Corinne Stenger and Peter Timothy Wiegand were married on May 20 at the Sisters of St. Francis Chapel in Oldenburg. The bride is the daughter of Greg and Janelle Stenger. The groom is the son of Tim and Teresa Wiegand.

Wells-Archibald



Marley Nola Wells and Barrett Brown Archibald will be married on Oct. 28 at St. Mary Church in New Albany. The bride is the daughter of Blair and Michelle Wells. The groom is the son of Jacob Archibald and Mandy Stock.

Shaughnessy-Jeanfreau



Kathleen Marie Shaughnessy and Christopher Michael Jeanfreau will be married on Nov. 17 at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Greenville, S.C. The bride is the daughter of John and Mary Shaughnessy. The groom is the son of Ed and Cindy Jeanfreau.

Stonner-Storey



Mary Clare Stonner and Nicholas Allan Storey were married on June 2 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Edward and Trina Stonner. The groom is the son of Al and Peggy Storey.

Wilhelm-Scott



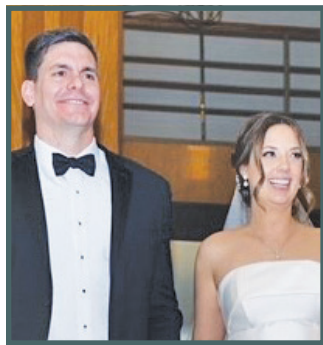
Sarah Marie Wilhelm and Adam Christopher Scott will be married on Jan. 13, 2024, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth Wilhelm. The groom is the son of Michael and Diana Scott.

Siler-Schmidt



Emily Anne Siler and David Peter Schmidt will be married on Nov. 4 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of John and Irene Siler. The groom is the son of David and Irmgard Schmidt.

Strasemeier-Niehauser



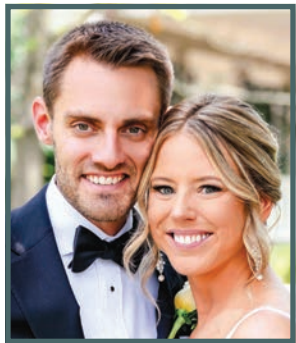
Katherine Ann Strasemeier and Brett Steven Niehauser were married on Jan. 15 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Aurora. The bride is the daughter of John and Julia Strasemeier. The groom is the son of Steven and Anne Niehauser.

Williams-Rombach



Cynthia Ann Williams and John Norbert Rombach will be married on Sept. 9 at St. Agnes Church in Nashville. The bride is the daughter of Donald and Judy Williams. The groom is the son of Norbert and Alice Rombach.

Smiley-Cook



Anne Marie Catherine Smiley and Anthony DeMartino Cook were married on June 24 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Anthony and Linda Smiley. The groom is the son of Mark and Sandra Cook.

Turbak-Aman



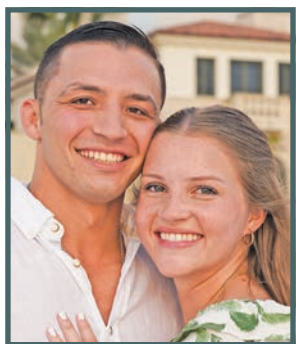
Emma Jean Turbak and Mitchell Thomas Aman will be married on Sept. 2 at St. Mary Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Timothy and Patricia Turbak. The groom is the son of Donald and Julie Aman.

Winkel-Vician



Tessa Winkel and William B. Vician were married on April 29 at St. Mary Church in New Albany. The bride is the daughter of Gary and Tricia Winkel. The groom is the son of Todd and Leslie Vician.

Smith-Venezia



Madeline Elizabeth Smith and Michael Anthony Venezia will be married on Sept. 14 at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church in Indianapolis. The bride is the daughter of Craig and Leigh Smith. The groom is the son of John and Michelle Venezia.

Couples may announce engagement or marriage next spring in *The Criterion*

Engagement announcements will be published in a February issue of *The Criterion* for couples planning to marry between Feb. 3 and July 12, 2024, 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 July 14, 2023, and Feb. 4, 2024, if they did not publish their engagement in *The Criterion*.

The wedding announcement form is available online at cutt.ly/CriterionWeddings.

An engagement or wedding photo may be sent to 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. †