



GRACE MARRIAGE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Grace Marriage is an exciting ministry designed to enrich, protect, and grow your marriage. Using Biblical, grace-based materials you will have time to talk with your spouse and explore ways to enrich your relationship. Our marriage ministry is an intentional commitment to grow in your relationship with each other and the Lord.

Four times a year husbands and wives meet with other couples in various stages of life to explore different aspects of marriage. The sessions are called marriage coaching. Marriage coaching is an intentional and proactive approach to re-focus on positives in your relationship. Marriage coaching is *not* a lecture. It is *not* marriage counseling or group therapy. It is *not* a seminar or conference. It is *not* a place where you will be forced to share your deepest secrets. Quite simply, it *is* a Biblically-based marriage maintenance model that can revolutionize your relationship. Couples in their 20s to couples in their 80s are involved in Grace Marriage groups and have been greatly blessed by participating!

Who can attend?

Any married couple may attend. A couple does not have to be a member of our church to participate.

When are the sessions held?

2024 dates are February 18, April 21, August 18, and November 17. Sessions will be held at the Saint Wendel School from 2 pm - 6pm. Your meal and snacks are included.

Who will we be with?

You will be in a group with your spouse as well as other couples who want their marriage to grow. Participating couples, plus a trained facilitator couple, will walk through the day's material together. Spouses will have personal time together throughout the day to privately discuss the topics addressed. Groups will have mixed ages. Newly married couples as well as couples who have been married for decades will be involved. Remember, Grace Marriage is about spending time with your spouse, not about being with close friends. Although you will get to know others in your group better, the purpose is to spend time with your husband/wife and focus on your marriage.

What about childcare?

Free childcare will be available on site at Saint Wendel. Children will be supervised by adults and high school students. There will be a mix of structured activities (crafts, games, etc.) as well as time for free play. Snacks and dinner will be provided. Children will need to be registered in advance, and a diocesan waiver will need to be signed by a parent or guardian.

What does it cost?

What does a normal date night cost if you go out to eat and see a movie, or if you go to a ballgame or concert? \$75? \$100? More? The cost for four *days* of marriage coaching, including all materials, snacks, dinner, and childcare is just \$200 per couple *for the year*. That is \$50 a date! Also included in the fee, couples will have access to additional online tools for support and



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encouragement. We encourage you to consider your participation fee as an investment in your marriage. What a great Christmas, birthday, or anniversary gift.

How do we sign up?

Go online at <https://faithformation-sfx-sw.weebly.com/marriage-enrichment.html> and click "Register Now" at the bottom of the page. You may also sign up at the Grace Marriage signup table after weekend Masses.

How do we pay?

You may pay at the Grace Marriage signup table or drop off/mail payment to Sherie Cooley in the Saint Wendel parish office (10542 W Boonville New Harmony Rd, Evansville, IN 47720).

A *non-refundable* fee of \$200 payable to "Saint Wendel" is due by the first session on February 18.

Is there a deadline?

Yes. Participants must be registered by **Sunday, February 11**. Don't hesitate - go online and sign up today.

Please contact Sherie Cooley at 764-427-8199 or scooley@evdio.org for more information or with any questions.

QR code to registration page:

