

# **QUINCEAÑERA INFORMATION**

**Saint Dennis Church – 815-838-2592 – [www.Saint-Dennis.org](http://www.Saint-Dennis.org)  
1214 South Hamilton Street, Lockport, Illinois 60441**

Congratulations to you on your coming Quinceañera! Here is some information about the celebration of a Quinceañera at Saint Dennis Catholic Church, which honors the cultural heritage of our parishioners.

- Quinceañeras may be scheduled about a year in advance by established parishioners at a meeting with the pastor. The parents and their daughter meet personally with the pastor for this purpose.
- Quinceañeras may be celebrated on Fridays and Saturdays and at other times that do not conflict with weddings or funerals. Quinceañeras may not be celebrated on Sundays at our church.
- The Quinceañera Ceremony Plan document is completed at least one month before the date of the Quinceañera. The complete order of the liturgy is outlined in this planning document.
- One hour is provided in church for the ceremony of the Quinceañera. The church doors open about an hour before the ceremony and the church closes thirty minutes after the ceremony.
- A parish liturgical coordinator serves as sacristan and assistant to the celebrant of the ceremony. This coordinator approves and supervises the placement of flowers and any other decorations.
- Any rehearsal for the ceremony should be done in church about an hour before the celebration. The plan for the procession should be worked out in detail as part of the ritual planning document.
- The spiritual preparations for Quinceañeras are done either online or in person with an approved course, before the date for the Quinceañera may be confirmed by the priest and the parish.
- The Quinceañera ceremony should be bilingual, for the sake of those who are not fluent in the Spanish language. At our parish, a Quinceañera is celebrated at a ceremony instead of a Mass.
- In honor of the Quinceañera's Hispanic heritage, some part of the ceremony should be in the Spanish language. For example, the prayer of the Quinceañera should ideally be done in Spanish.
- The suggested donation to the church is \$100. The fee for the parish liturgy coordinator is also \$100. The fees for musicians are negotiated and paid privately to the approved parish musicians.
- Music for the Quinceañera shall be approved liturgical music, primarily from Hispanic sources. The music plan, along with the ceremony plan, shall be approved by the pastor in advance.
- Our parish facilities are not available for rent, so another venue should be selected for the family celebration that follows the Quinceañera. Thank you for your understanding in this regard.
- May God bless you on this special occasion which is part of your cultural heritage as well as part of your Catholic Christian faith! We look forward to your coming other sacraments as well!

<b>Quinceañera's Name</b>	
<b>Parents' Names</b>	
<b>Contact Information</b>	
<b>Requested Date</b>	