



Diocese of Rockford – Marriage Preparation

2026 Course Calendar for Couples

Updated: 12/16/2025

Choose one course per section. Cost \$190

Couples, please register and select courses at:
www.rockforddiocese.org/life/marriage-prep

Credit card payment will be taken online to complete your registration.

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Pre-Cana Courses

(Choose one)

- SmartLoving Engaged (English)** - Available online 24/7
- Preparacion Matrimonial Catolica (Spanish)** - Available online 24/7
- Overnight Pre-Cana Retreat** – Beginning 6pm Friday and ending 5pm Saturday. Choose between an overnight retreat (includes housing) or non-overnight (housing not included).

Transformed in Love Retreat - English	Transformados en el Amor - Spanish
January 23 - 24, 2026 (Overnight) Nazareth Spirituality Center 717 N. Batavia Ave., Batavia, 60510 <i>Limited to 7 couples</i>	February 27 - 28, 2026 (Overnight) Nazareth Spirituality Center 717 N. Batavia Ave., Batavia, 60510 <i>Limited to 7 couples</i>
April 10 - 11, 2026 (Non-overnight) Sts. Peter and Paul Church 410 N. 1st St., Cary, IL 60013 <i>*Note: Couples will not stay overnight but will return to the parish on Saturday morning, time TBD</i>	April 24 - 25, 2026 (Non-overnight) St. Laurence Church 225 Jewett St., Elgin, 60123 <i>Note: Couples will not stay overnight but will return to the parish on Saturday morning, time TBD</i>
August 7 - 8, 2026 (Non-overnight) St. John Neumann Church 2900 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174 <i>Note: Couples will not stay overnight but will return to the parish on Saturday morning, time TBD</i>	August 28 - 29, 2026 (Non-overnight) St. Edward Church 3004 11th St., Rockford, 61109 <i>Note: Couples will not stay overnight but will return to the parish on Saturday morning, time TBD</i>
October 23 - 24, 2026 (Overnight) Bishop Lane Retreat Center 7708 E. McGregor Rd., Rockford, 61102	November 6 - 7, 2026 (Non-overnight) St. Monica Parish Church 90 N. John F. Kennedy Dr., Carpentersville, 60110 <i>Note: Couples will not stay overnight but will return to the parish on Saturday morning, time TBD</i>

**Pre-Cana Courses – Couples who have had a wedding with each other
not recognized by the Catholic Church 2 or more years ago**
(Choose one)

- Any of the Pre-Cana Courses listed on the previous page**
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend (English or Spanish) – Register first at www.rockforddiocese.org/life/marriage-prep. More information at alifetimeoflove.org.**

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Natural Family Planning (NFP) Courses
(Choose one)

- SmartLoving Fertility (English) - Available online 24/7**
- AprendePFN En Línea (Spanish) - Available online 24/7**
- Full Course of NFP from a Certified Instructor in English or Spanish – Register first at www.rockforddiocese.org/life/marriage-prep. Some instructors may require an additional fee.**
- In-person Gift of Self NFP Seminar – Saturday, 8:30am to 12:30pm**

Gift of Self NFP - English	Gift of Self NFP – Spanish
February 7, 2026 Christ the Teacher Church Newman Catholic Student Center 512 Normal Rd., DeKalb, 60115	March 7, 2026 St. Bridget Church 600 Clifford Ave., Loves Park, 61111
April 18, 2026 Holy Cross Church 2300 Main St., Batavia, 60510	May 16, 2026 St. Mary Church 312 Lincoln Ave., Woodstock, 60098
June 27, 2026 Holy Family Church 4401 Highcrest Rd., Rockford, 61107	August 8, 2026 St. Patrick Church 6N491 Crane Rd., St. Charles, 60175
September 12, 2026 Sacred Heart Church 323 N. Taylor St., Marengo, 60152	October 10, 2026 St. Edward Parish 3004 Eleventh St., Rockford 61107