

Bri Lasaponara + Ruben Anguiano: June 27, 2026

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Chicago, IL 60656
Bri - (773) 425-5483

Ceremony: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish (St. Bartholomew/St. Pascal)

Betty Arena: barena@archchicago.org

- Couple must request copies of sacramental records in January 2026
- Couple and wedding party may arrive 1.5 hours prior to the ceremony
- There are no separate holding areas and no bridal room — the bride must arrive fully dressed
- **Brides typically wait in the limo or bus upon arrival**
- No dress code for bridal party or vendors
- Vendors may not be on the altar
- **Floral access is allowed after 11:00 AM unless there is a funeral, which may delay access by 1 hour**
- **No aisle runners, rice, or flower petals may be thrown or used**
- **Pew or chair decorations are allowed but must be removed immediately after the ceremony (4:00 PM Mass setup begins at 3:30 PM)**
- Unity candles: If the couple plans to use one, confirm in advance. If it's a memorial candle, bring it to the rehearsal for Fr. Mike to see
- **The church always has altar flowers; couples may add more if they wish but are encouraged not to overspend**
- Rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, June 25 at 5:00 PM; waiting to confirm if Thursday rehearsal is allowed
- Parking lots:
 - Melvina & Irving – across from the church (main lot)
 - Dakin Street – behind the church (not an entrance, but has a ramp)
 - Moody & Irving – across from the school, a bit further away

Venue: Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel (\$52,243.60)

Address: 5300 N River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018

NEW CONTACT: Bradley Jacobsen: bradley.jacobsen@loewshotels.com

Mary Ann Kenmotsu: maryann.kenmotsu@loweshotels.com (847) 447-4215

- ~~\$8,750 due by May 27, 2025~~
- ~~\$8,750 due November 26, 2025~~
- \$8,750 due May 27, 2026
- Final balance due June 23, 2026
- Setup includes: (2) large full length mirrors, water station, large trash cans
- **Getting ready room: 9AM-5PM Haylie or Ruben (Groom) to pick up keys at the front desk**
 - **All personal & valuable items must be removed by 5PM.**
- **Menu selections must be made 30 days prior to the wedding**
 - Individual guest entrée choices due **4 business days prior** (with name + entrée + allergies noted).
 - If the F&B minimum isn't met at that point, additions (champagne toast, specialty bar, desserts, etc.) **can be added before the event, but not day-of.**

- Final guest count due no later than 12PM 4 business days before the wedding (the hotel cannot accommodate or guarantee the same menu items for more than 3% over the guaranteed number of people)
- Menus can be customized during the tasting but the hotel does not print menu cards.
- **COI's are required (see contract for full terms – 5M insurance policy)**
- Multiple space rentals: rehearsal, getting ready room, and ballroom for reception
 - Ceremony 6-6:30PM is planned in the Avedon Ballroom
 - Reception 6:30-7:30 is planned in the Artist Foyer
 - Dinner 7:30 – 12:30AM is planned in the Avedon Ballroom
 - Ceremony Rehearsal 5-6PM – Room TBA
 - Bride's Changing Room 8-5PM – Room TBA
 - Groom's Changing Room 8-5PM – Room TBA
 - Holding Room 5-6PM – Room TBA
- Food & Beverage minimum of \$35,000 (this excludes 22% service charge, 11.25% tax, and 3% admin fee). This also excludes room rental, labor, or AV charges
 - Picasso Wedding Package \$14 x 250 people = \$3,500
 - 1 Extra Hour of Premium Open Bar (5 hours total) = \$1,500
 - Upgrade Tequila to Patron (no charge)
 - 4 Passed Apps
 - Sliced caprese bruschetta with Roma tomatoes
 - Churrasco skewers with chipotle steak & bell peppers
 - Miniature crab cake with saffron aioli & dill
 - Chicken & roasted vegetable quesadilla
 - Salad, Pasta Course, Freshly baked bread
 - Chicken Entrée \$107 x 100 people = \$10,700
 - Filet Mignon Entrée \$124 x 140 people = \$17,360
 - Vegetarian Entrée \$107 x 10 people = \$1,070
 - **Custom Wedding Cake for Half of the Guests (included?). The cake will be from Cake Chicago (Jo-Anne Buege) or The Baking Institute (Marina Elyash)**
 - Sweets Table \$22 x 250 people – \$5,500
 - If we did a cannoli station it would be \$20 per person with two fillings (traditional + chocolate ricotta), shells, dipping sauce, toppings. It would require 1 chef per 100 guests at \$175 each
 - Yes, dinner wine is happening
 - Food & Bev total with 22% surcharge, sales tax, 3% admin fee = \$51,642.63
 - Ceremony Room Rental \$500
 - Rented Chiavari Chairs \$8 per chair x 225 = \$1,800
- Teenager Pricing \$25 off adult package
- Ceremony chairs are \$9 per chair (if we provide our own then a \$500 room rental applies)
- **Late night snacks, candy or sweets table can be brought in from an outside approved vendor with a signed waiver – snack cart is confirmed**
- **Coat check attendants would be \$00 each (if needed)**
- Discounted Event Self-Parking \$10 a vehicles (validation required) + overnight self-parking at \$20 a vehicle
- **AV through the hotel must be confirmed 30 days prior**
- **Smoking is not permitted in all areas of the hotel to include guest rooms, suites, public spaces, etc**
- Décor restrictions – signs and banners are not allowed in the hotels public areas. Also no open flames, sparklers, confetti.
 - Venue does provide a small printed sign placed in the ballroom lobby sign slits
- Candles are allowed but only in glass hurricane or votive holders

- They also have a total of 48 nights of rooms reserved from Wednesday 6/24 – Tuesday 6/30. Cutoff date is Wednesday, May 27, 2026
 - Deluxe King \$199 Single | \$219 Triple/Quad
 - Deluxe Double \$199 | \$219 Triple | \$239 Quad
 - One Bedroom Suite for Bride and Groom – COMPED (\$199, \$219, \$239)
 - Executive Junior Suites for Parents of the Bride & Groom – COMPED (\$199, \$219, \$239)

DJ: Don Carlo Events: \$4,300

DonCarloEvents@gmail.com (630) 488-7909

- \$200 Deposit
- Final balance \$4,100 due 1 month before the wedding date
- 6 hour event package w/upgraded sound system
- Don Carlo will arrive 3 hours before the event begins to allow for setup and 1 hour for tear down
- CO2 add on
- 20 up lights included
- Overtime rate is \$450 per hour
- Equipment provided DJ booth furniture, 2 wireless microphones, 1 microphone stand, microphone antenna, 4 subwoofers, 2 top speakers, 4 lighting tubes, and 2 LED moving heads
 - DJ CO2 effects are permitted if kept at dancefloor height (not aimed upward as it could trigger smoke alarm)
- No tablecloth or table is needed
- No dietary restrictions

Photography: Gabriella Francesca Design & Photo: \$4,000

Gabriella Melchiorre gabriellafrancesca.dp@gmail.com

- \$500 deposit made
- Final balance due 10 days before wedding date
- 10 hours of coverage | two shooter
- **Shot list is due 1 week prior to the wedding**
- **\$200 an hour which includes the second photographer staying as well**
- Photos will be delivered 1 – 1 1/2 months after the event. Unlimited photos. Sneak Peeks delivered 48 hours after the wedding
- No dietary restrictions

Videographer: Eddie Echevaria Jr (\$2,400)

Eddie (773) 841-6879 e_echevarria@me.vom

- \$200 deposit paid
- Final payment of \$2,200 due
- 10 hours of coverage | 2 shooters
- Highlight film 7-10 minutes | Recap is 45-60 minutes
- Videographer arrives 30-60 minutes ahead of coverage time
- \$200 overtime fee
- No dietary restrictions
- officiant and groom mic'd up
- Shooting drone footage

Floral: Infinity Event Productions (\$10,233)

Diego (630) 634-5520 diego@ieproductions.net

- Color story: white florals, baby's breath throughout, Italian ruscus greenery accents, black satin ribbon (bridesmaids + groomsmen detail)
- Overall vibe: classic white, clean, romantic, slightly dramatic with black accents
- Bride personal flowers: white mini calla lilies, white roses, baby's breath accents, structured bouquet (modern/classic blend)
- Groom flowers: white mini calla lily, italian ruscus, baby's breath garnish
- Bridesmaids (9): white rose bouquet, layered with black bow, simple/minimal/cohesive with black dresses
- Groomsmen (9): plain white roses, black satin ribbon wrap
- Family:
 - Dads/grandpa – white rose, baby's breath, greenery
 - Moms/grandma- single white rose, baby's breath, Italian ruscus, white ribbon
 - Ringbearer – same as groomsmen (white rose, black wrap)
 - Flower girl – 3 white roses, baby's breath, white satin wrap
- Ceremony
 - Access allowed after 11AM unless a funeral delays access
 - flowers: baby's breath spheres placed on white pedestals (up to 6), the church already has altar flowers (per parish notes). No aisle runner, no petals allowed
- Reception
 - Guest tables (28 total)
 - Rectangle tables – 2 long tables **assume 10ft?**: baby's breath spheres, artificial white roses, 42" clarinet vase, stemmed candle holders surrounding base
 - Round tables – cluster of 6 cylinder vases, floating candles, 4 bud vases per table, single fully open white roses
 - Sweetheart table – 6 fully reflexed white roses in bud vases, assorted candles (**including sand candles on the floor – confirm with venue**), 36ft pipe and drape backdrop (**color TBD**)
 - **Candles allowed only in glass hurricane or votive holders**
 - **No open flames outside proper containment**
 - **No confetti or sparklers**
- Dance floor (\$2,300): large dance floor (24x24 – 576 sqft), suitable for 250 guests

Content Creation: The Candid Bee (\$750)

Sabeen Abbasi

- \$100 deposit was paid
- Final balance due 3 days before the event
- 10 hour package
- \$100 overtime rate
- Can do a social media takeover
- Equipment is a gimbal, detachable phone light and a mini microphone
- Dietary restrictions – no pork!
- Can do guest shout outs for an additional fee
- Capturing behind the scenes footage, candid moments, and other organic content for social media
 - 4x edited reels or highlight videos | delivered 48-72 hours

- o RAW footage delivered via dropbox 24 hours after wedding

Mariachi Los Palmeros Contrato (\$750)

Ramiro Zamora (773) 983-3565

- Deposit of \$200 is paid
- Balance of \$550 to be paid in cash at the wedding
- Performing from 6-7PM on June 27, 2026
- If the performance is canceled within 10 days of the date then they will keep 50% of the total fee
- If it ends up booking longer than 1 hour then the musicians are permitted a 10 minute break after each 55 minute set.

Dessert Carts – El Mercado Snack Bar + Cannoli/Italian Pastries

- Must provide a COI naming the hotel as additionally insured
 - o Brianna has their COI, will need to give to the hotel
- Signed waiver of liability by the couple or the vendor
- Hotel cannot help – vendors must handle all setup and teardown of their items, attend their carts and must supply their materials (plates, forks, napkins, heat lamps, chaffing dishes, etc)

Transportation: Signature Transportation Group (\$1,698.47)

info@signaturetg.com (312) 625-9100

- Reservation 12064*1
- Limobus 36 Passenger
- Hours are from 12PM – 6PM
 - o Pickup: Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel: 5300 North River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018
 - o Stop 1: 3923 North Ottawa Avenue, Chicago, IL 60634
 - o Stop 2: St. Pascal Catholic Church (Our Lady of the Rosary: 3935 North Melvina Ave, Chicago)
 - o Stop 3: Dominican University, 7300 Division Street, River Forest, IL 60305
 - o Drop Off: Loews Chicago
- Items left behind may be collected at the office or shipped with a shipping charge. A minimum \$250 fee applies for trash, spills or debris
- Couple can bring a cooler with alcohol on board (no Styrofoam coolers)
- The bus will have Bluetooth capabilities

Flower Wall: Lets Party Chicago (\$300)

Letspartychicago773@gmail.com (773) 969-2915

- Deposit of \$150 signed at retainer
- Final payment of \$150 due 6/20/26
- Drop off time is 5:00PM
- Event Time is 6:00PM
- Pickup Time: 11:45PM