



SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN'S PREMIER
Historic Estate Wedding Venue



Happily ever after. It's what we do.

STONEGATE MANOR & GARDENS

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Where Classic Elegance Meets Country Charm

OUR STORY

*"Everything was perfect from the staff to the Venue!!
If I could give more than 5 stars I would."
~ Tasha, 2020*

STONEGATE MANOR is Southwest Michigan's premier estate wedding venue. In the heart of wine country, enjoy the charm of the country and the classic elegance of this beautiful estate founded in the 1800's.

Take a step back in time to an era of refinement and sophistication while simultaneously sipping cocktails and playing a rousing game of Corn Hole or Giant Jenga on the lawn. Located 10 minutes from picturesque downtown St. Joseph, beautiful Lake Michigan beaches, wineries and breweries, the weekend becomes a mini-vacation for your guests.

Start your day in our Wedding Cottage or the newly restored Manor House. Furnished with period antiques and full of charm, both have ample space for you and your wedding party, plus everything needed to make you picture-perfect!

Say "I Do" in one of two beautiful outdoor ceremony locations on the property. The antique bar, the pond and extensive grounds create an upbeat atmosphere and space for conversation and cocktails. Don't let the summer heat get you down. Enjoy dinner and dancing beneath the crystal chandeliers in the air-conditioned Riverside Room. Or, dance the night away on the lawn...



If the Manor House could talk, it would have many tales to tell! Located on the Paw Paw River, it was an active center of commerce frequented by both settlers and the Potawatomi tribe. Once used as a station on the [Underground Railroad](#), the stately Manor House was built in 1847. It remains as beautiful as it was the day it was built. With lots of picturesque nooks and crannies, it is a photographer's dream for beautiful wedding pictures.

Purchased in 2015 by Tom & Prudy Nelson, the estate has been transformed into Southwest Michigan's premier estate wedding venue - a hidden gem offering couples the comfort and amenities of today, surrounded by the charm and elegance of a bygone era.

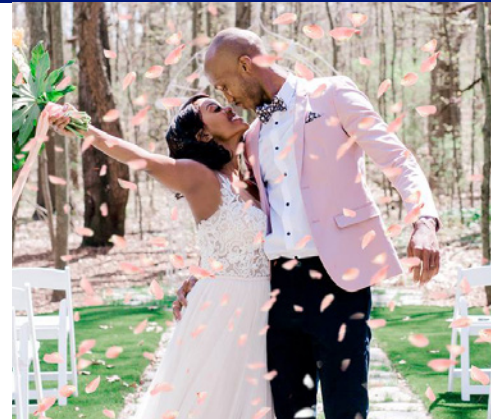




| Package | Base Price | Guest Price | *Minimum |
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| Riverside Room Reception & Ceremony Package (up to 135 guests) <i>Dine and dance inside</i> | \$4450 | \$5000 | \$4050 |
| The "Let's Party!" Reception & Ceremony Package (up to 160 guests) <i>Dine inside; move the party outside for dancing</i> | \$5200 | \$5750 | \$4800 |
| Outdoor Tented Reception & Ceremony Package (up to 160 guests) <i>Dine and dance outside</i> | \$5200 | \$5750 | \$4800 |
| Mega-Manor Reception & Ceremony Package (160 to 250 guests) <i>Dine inside & outside; dance inside or out, your choice.</i> | \$5750 | \$6300 | \$5350 |
| "Day Of" Manor House Rental (with booked ceremony/reception packages - not available with Elopement or Petite packages) | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 |
| All-Inclusive Petite Wedding Package (up to 50 guests) Sunday - Wednesday \$5000 Fridays \$5600 | | | |
| Elopement/Micro-Wedding Package Monday - Wednesday (0 - 8 guests) \$1200 (9 - 16 guests) \$1400 Sundays (0 - 8 guests) \$1600 (9 - 16 guests) \$1800 | | | |
| 3-Day All Manor All Weekend Package Friday - Sunday (max 7 people) \$12,500 - 3 day use of estate including use of Manor house for lodging | | | |

**Holiday weekends may differ • Active-Duty Military discounts available*

CHECK OUT OUR **NEW** Outdoor, Petite & Elopement Options!



Effective 3/22 - Prices subject to change

WHAT'S INCLUDED



"Our venue was the best part of our wedding! Stonegate Manor is absolutely breathtaking."

~Lauren B.

Indoor (Riverside Room) Reception & Ceremony Package

- › Dining set-up for up to 135 guests and dancing inside the air-conditioned Riverside Room
- › Full use of the 40' x 60' Wedding Tent for cocktails, conversation, lawn games and more!
- › On-site ceremony in the Fairy Garden or the Pergola

Outdoor Tented Reception & Ceremony Package

- › Dining set-up for up to 160 guests and dancing outside under the 40' x 60' Wedding Tent (clear sides available if inclement weather)
- › Full use of the air-conditioned Riverside Room – handicap-accessible bathrooms, food service, catering prep area, vintage buffets, casual seating for guests and more
- › 20' x 20' dance floor
- › On-site ceremony in the Fairy Garden or the Pergola

The Mega-Manor Reception & Ceremony Package

- › Dining set-up for up to 250 guests both inside the Riverside Room and under the 40' x 60' Wedding Tent
- › Dance floor may be inside or under the tent – your choice
- › Full access to all amenities of both Riverside Room and Wedding Tent

The Let's Party Reception & Ceremony Package

- › Dining set-up for up to 160 guests inside the Riverside Room with dancing under the 40' x 60' Wedding Tent (clear sides available if inclement weather)
- › 20' x 20' outdoor dance floor included
- › Full use of the Wedding Tent for cocktails, conversation, lawn games and more!
- › On-site ceremony in the Fairy Garden or the Pergola
- › Janitorial services
- › Selfie frame and ring light

The Ceremony

- › Use of the elegantly furnished and air-conditioned Wedding Cottage from 12 pm-12 am
- › Choice of 2 ceremony locations – the wooded Fairy Garden and the classic Pergola on the lawn
- › Set-up and take-down of white ceremony chairs
- › Availability of grounds for 1 hr. Engagement Photo Shoot
- › Rehearsal (1hr) may be scheduled the morning of the day before or the Thursday before your event

All Receptions Include:

- › Tables and chairs – round for guests; rectangular for buffet, head table, etc.
- › Access to Estate (reception spaces and grounds with beautiful pond, fountain and gardens) from 12 pm - 12 am
- › Two ornate antique buffets for desserts and appetizers
- › One large vintage table for gifts
- › 8' custom indoor bar
- › 4' vintage outdoor bar
- › Up to 4 high/low cocktail tables
- › Covered patio
- › String lights on porch
- › Free use of Stonegate Boutique items, an eclectic collection of décor items
- › Caterer prep room with private entrance and refrigerator
- › Large, elegant restrooms with handicap access
- › Parking lot with plenty of handicap parking



Elopement/Micro-Wedding Package

Max = 16 Guests

2-hour rental of Manor House and Estate grounds, + Choice of 2 outdoor ceremony sites + Officiant + Bouquet(s) or Boutonniere(s) for couple + Speaker for Ceremony Music + Small Wedding Cake

**Scheduled no sooner than 3 months in advance*

All-Inclusive Petite Wedding Package

Max = 50 guests

5-hour rental of Manor House, Wedding Cottage, Riverside Room, Estate Grounds & Gardens + 1 Hour rehearsal time + Choice of 2 outdoor ceremony sites + Officiant + Bouquets + Boutonnieres + Speaker for Ceremony & Reception music + Tables/Chairs; Tablecloths + Centerpieces + Two-tiered cake + Charcuterie Grazing Table + Non-alcoholic Punch + Champagne Toast + Selfie Frame & Ring Light + Lawn Games

3-Day All Manor All Weekend Package

Indoor/Outdoor Reception + Ceremony + 3 day use of estate including use of Manor house for lodging (max 7 people) – Great for rehearsal dinner, Sunday brunch and all your wedding festivities.

THE MANOR HOUSE

DAY OF RENTAL (NOON – 8 PM)

The chandeliers, the elaborate woodwork, the antique furnishings, the incredible tin ceiling.... Everywhere you look there is a new and beautiful background for unique and jaw-dropping pictures. Truly a photographer's dream!

Used as a place to relax and get ready for Micro- and Petite weddings, this is a great space for your family to relax while helping with preparations. You are welcome to have lunch catered in or host pre-event cocktails for your family and wedding party! It's yours to be enjoyed from Noon – 8 pm.



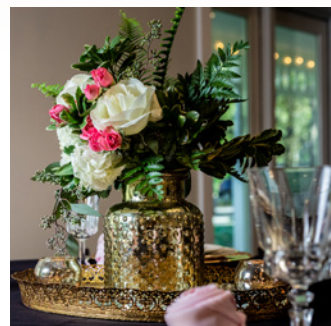
STONEGATE MANOR MONTH OF COORDINATION

NEED SOME HELP TYING UP LOOSE ENDS? LAST MINUTE DETAILS CAN BE OVERWHELMING.

At Stonegate Manor, we want you to enjoy your special event with your family and friends. Our coordinator will work with you to ensure your day goes off without a hitch. From coordinating vendors and organizing detailed timelines to assistance with executing your vision and packing up décor at the end of the evening, we will walk alongside you every step of the way on the path to your perfect event.

For more information, please contact:

alison@stonegatemanorevents.com | OR CALL 630-550-8332



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



WHERE ARE YOU LOCATED?

Stonegate Manor is located near Lake Michigan along Michigan's beautiful Sunset Coast. In the heart of Michigan wine country, boasting dozens of microbreweries and wineries, Southwest Michigan's coastline has become one of the Midwest's most popular destination wedding locations. Less than 10 minutes from downtown St. Joseph, 25 minutes from South Haven and 90 minutes from Chicago, Stonegate Manor combines convenience and beauty. Make sure to book early, especially if you have a specific date in mind!

HOW MANY GUESTS CAN YOU ACCOMMODATE?

The Riverside Room can accommodate 17 tables of 8. The tent seats 20 tables and Indoor/Outdoor option allows for 30 tables of 8 guests each.

CAN I SEE STONEGATE MANOR IN PERSON?

Absolutely! To schedule a visit, please email info@stonegatemanorevents.com or fill out a contact form- we'd love to show you around!

WHEN DO WE HAVE ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY?

Except for the specific hours of Elopement/Micro and Petite weddings, the property is rented from 12 noon until 12 midnight. All decorations must be removed by midnight when the property is vacated. Additional set-up/tear down time can often be accommodated at an additional charge.

WHERE IS THE WEDDING CEREMONY HELD?

While there are many areas on the property you may exchange your vows, we have two very special sites: The classic Pergola on the Lawn and the wooded Fairy Garden. A mossy, winding brick path leads you to the beautiful Pergola. The Fairy Garden is nestled in the woods and is bordered by dozens of hostas and ferns. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will work with you to find the perfect backup solution.



WHAT ABOUT SAME-SEX WEDDINGS?

We celebrate all love - the LGBTQ community is no exception! The wedding professionals on our Vendor List have been carefully vetted and share our philosophy.



WHAT ABOUT CATERING?

We do have two preferred caterers - [CK Catering](#) and [Classic Catering](#). However, any licensed caterer may be used with prior approval of the venue. It is essential they know what our resources are and we know they will treat our property with respect. Self-catering is allowed in the Manor House but not in the Riverside Room. The cost of catering service is not included in your rental contract.

DO WE HAVE TO USE CERTAIN VENDORS?

We maintain a list of vendors who, in our experience, provide excellent product and service. We are happy to provide you with that list upon booking. However, our list is not exhaustive and there are many other excellent vendors in the area from whom you may choose. All vendors must have a vendor agreement on file prior to working at Stonegate Manor.

DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR RECEPTION TABLES AND CHAIRS?

No, they are included in the rental price.

WHERE DOES THE COUPLE GET READY?

We have two options for that! The use of the air-conditioned and renovated 19th century Wedding Cottage is included with the ceremony. An additional space the Manor House, is available for "Day Of" rental. It has 3 dressing rooms and 1½ baths. Who gets ready where is entirely up to you!

WHAT ABOUT REHEARSALS?

If you are getting married on-site, you may have a one-hour rehearsal either the morning of the day before or the Thursday before your scheduled event.

ARE CHILDREN ALLOWED?

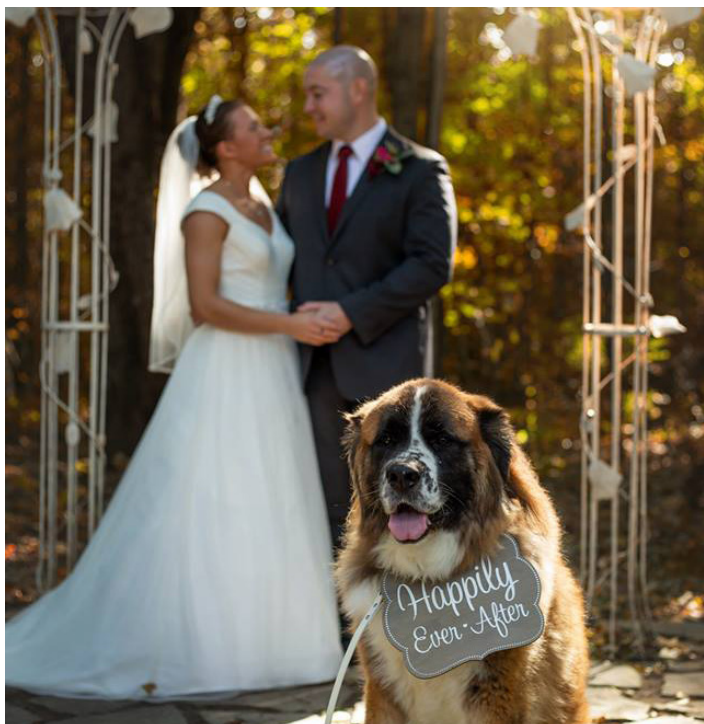
Stonegate Manor is located on 27 wooded acres and all sorts of temptations exist for children. We love kids and enjoy seeing them be part of the festivities in a safe manner. We require all children less than 16 years of age be closely supervised by an adult at all times. Diaper changing areas are available in both the male and female restrooms.

ARE YOU PET-FRIENDLY?

Yes! We welcome pets of all varieties on the property so long as they keep their humans on a leash, in a cage (amphibians) or in a bowl (fish)! And, their human ensure any "accidents" will be cleaned up. Out of respect for future guests with allergies, we do not allow any pets inside any of the buildings.

WHAT IS THE STONEGATE BOUTIQUE?

The Stonegate Boutique is a large eclectic collection of items...signs, vases, votives, chalkboards, milk glass items, doilies, mirrors, Victorian bird cage, old crates and much more. These are all free for you to borrow.



ARE THERE ANY LIMITATIONS ON DECORATIONS INSIDE THE RIVERSIDE ROOM?

We do not allow items to be glued, nailed, tacked or stapled to our facility. We have installed heavy duty decorative hooks along the walls to accommodate anything which you'd like to hang on the walls. All decorations must be entirely removed at the end of your event. We do not allow throwing of rice, glitter, artificial flower petals, etc. outside. Candles must be entirely enclosed - votives are fine. No fireworks or sky lanterns are allowed on the property. Balloons must be tethered, both inside and outside. Sparklers are allowed for a 15-minute "send off" period. Children must be assisted by an adult if using sparklers.

ARE YOU HANDICAP-ACCESSIBLE?

Yes! The Riverside Room and all three ceremony sites are fully handicap accessible, including the bathrooms. We have conveniently located handicap parking. The Manor House and the Wedding Cottage were built in the 1800's and, unfortunately, are not entirely handicap-accessible.

WHAT ABOUT ENGAGEMENT PICTURES?

Included in all packages is access to the grounds for a one-hour engagement photo shoot. Scheduling of this will be done with our venue manager.



IS THERE A SPECIAL AREA FOR THE CATERERS TO PREPARE?

Yes. We have a designated caterer's area with a private entrance, refrigerator and sink.

WHAT ABOUT ALCOHOL AND BAR SERVICE?

Stonegate Manor has a full-service bar staffed with professional bartenders. We offer an array of beverage packages designed to fit every budget and taste.

YOUR PROPERTY IS BEAUTIFUL BUT WHAT ABOUT BUGS?

We are happy to report that Stonegate Manor is regularly (and professionally) sprayed for mosquitoes so your guests will be comfortable enjoying all your outdoor activities!

DO YOU REQUIRE EVENT/WEDDING INSURANCE?

Yes, we do require \$1,000,000 event and host liquor liability insurance prior to your wedding. The price is usually less than \$175 and provides valuable protection and peace of mind. We have sources we can refer you to.

HOW DO I SECURE A DATE?

A signed contract and 50% rental down-payment (non-refundable) are required to secure your event date. Payments may be made by cash, check or credit card. Final payment is due 120 days prior to your event. Ready to book? Please email info@stonegatemanorevents.com and we will be happy to help.