



UPDATE



**A Great Opportunity
for Parishioners!**



**FREE Parish Directory
and 8 x 10 Photo**

DETAILS...

Q: What is going on?

A: We are creating a new parish photo directory this summer!

Q: Can I sign-up online?

A: Our families will appreciate the convenience of reviewing the schedule and signing up online. The link <https://ucdir.com/schedule/login.php> is posted on our website, on our Facebook page, and in Friday's Email communications. Call the parish office at (218) 236-5066 if you prefer an alternate method of signing up.

Q: Can I bring my pet?

A: Yes, pets are allowed to be photographed with church members. Please leash or hold your pet at all times while on church property. Poses with pets **are not permitted** in the parish directory.

Q: What do I wear?

A: Colors and patterns that complement each other; they do not need to be all the same! Vivid prints are colorful and fun; soft colors are perfect too. The background for the family section of the directory will be gray with a **vertical** pose. Tip: Keep in mind your clothing choices and how the portrait may look on wall mounted prints.

Q: Where do I get my picture taken?

A: Photography sessions take place in the St. John Newman Room. Please arrive in The Gathering Place fifteen minutes prior to your scheduled appointment.

Q: What is the cost?

A: You receive the photo session, 8"x10" print and the Parish directory **ALL FOR FREE** if you get your picture taken. The free 8"x10" will be the image individuals/families choose for the directory pose. As soon as parishioners are photographed, the photographer will take you to choose the directory pose and you may order more pictures at that time.

A: If you would like to order additional pictures from Universal Church Directories, you will choose the picture(s), background choice, and pay for those during your session (credit and debit cards, cash, and checks accepted). There are many different sizes and packages are available at different costs starting at \$25.

A: If you would like the digital file of all your pictures, the cost is \$25 per image if additional pictures are purchased, or \$195 if no additional pictures are purchased.

A: A mobile directory is a web based version of our directory and will be available to all parish members as well. Parishioners will receive an access code from the parish office which will include hot links for your phone numbers, emails, and addresses.

Q: What if I can't make it to one of the listed sessions?

Please notify the Parish office or call Universal Church Directories at 1-888-742-5823 and they will search for an appointment for you. There are other churches in the area that are having photography sessions that may work with your schedule.

Q: What will my picture be used for?

A: At check-in, you will be asked to provide and/or verify your current contact information, as well as sign a photo release to allow St. Joseph Catholic Community to publish your picture in the new Parish directory and other church communications. The free 8"x10" will be the image individuals/families choose for the directory pose. Parishioners select the pose they want to go into the directory. All backgrounds are gray and the orientation of all photos is vertical. As soon as parishioners are photographed, the photographer will take you to choose the directory pose and you may order more pictures at that time.

Q: Do all Parishioners get their picture taken?

A: Hopefully-that is the goal! Our parish directory is a wonderful keepsake for parishioners, a way to put a name to a face, and allows us to know our community better. Father Larry will be first in line - please join him!

Q: What are the precautions being taking during the Covid-19 pandemic?

A: Universal Church Directories is providing comprehensive photography session safety protocols. These protocols follow the guidelines and recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards related to COVID-19.

Q: How can I help out?

A: We are in need of volunteers to assist during each photo session to check-in families. Please contact Shawn at the parish office if you can help!

Q: When will I receive my Parish Directory, 8"x10" photo and/or ordered pictures?

A: Parishioners will receive their Portraits and Christmas cards about three to four weeks after photography. If parishioners order additional portraits, the free 8"x10" will be mailed included in their package and mailed to their homes. If parishioners do not order any images, the free 8"x10" will be mailed to their home.

**Contact the parish office
at (218) 236-5066
for any other questions!**