



St. Jude's Photo Ministry

Sharing memories of our worship, celebrations, and other parish events to bring our community together

Overview of St. Jude's Photo Ministry

The St. Jude's Photo Ministry creates, maintains and shares a photographic history of St. Jude's life. It's a joyful, creative, and challenging ministry, with great opportunities to show people the beauty of St. Jude's in fun and often moving ways.

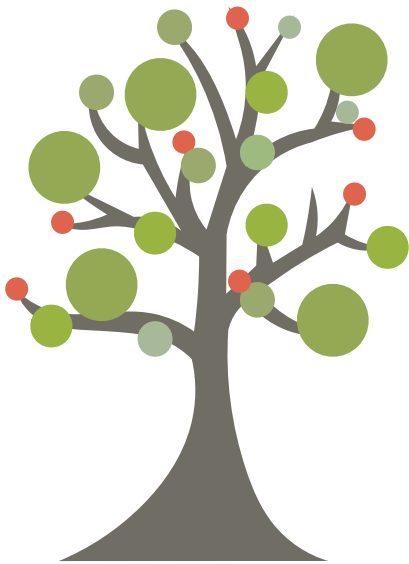
The Photo Ministry work can be divided into multiple parts, though they can be accomplished by one person if preferred. These are: taking the photographs at our events, celebrations, and services; sorting the pictures; uploading the pictures to albums on the St. Jude's account on Flickr; and editing pictures as needed. Sharing recent photos to the St. Jude's Facebook page and creating slide shows for events such as the annual Stewardship dinner and Annual meeting are other parts of the ministry that keep us connected as a community.

History of Photo Ministry

The ministry has been an ongoing endeavor for many years, with several photographers. Photos prior to 2004 or so were scanned in preparation for the 50th Anniversary party in 2012.

Many digital photos were added to these scanned photos, and they were all placed in a "50th Anniversary" album on the Flickr account. In 2013 and 2014, there was a separate album for each calendar year, plus separate albums for some major events. Starting in 2015, there are many more events with no combined year-end album. Our current St. Jude's Flickr account can be found at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/saintjudescupertino/>. It is a publicly viewable account, so the link address is not shared on Facebook or on the church website, but is available upon request.

Taking Pictures



A variety of pictures creates a beautiful and lasting cache of memories.

The first part of the Photo Ministry entails taking representative pictures of St. Jude's events. Shots that show action and interaction between parishioners are preferred. Taking many pictures allows deleting of pictures that are blurry or uncomplimentary, have lighting or exposure issues, or don't meet our photo policies. It also makes sure the pictures include a variety of people from the congregation of different ages and ethnicities. Other parishioners may take photos at an event; these members should be encouraged to share their photos. (The 2019 parish photo was taken by a phone camera and this turned out very well.) If an event can't be attended by the Photo Ministry, asking someone else to take some photos would be helpful. For more information on taking pictures for St. Jude's, see the information in the document *Photo Standards for the St. Jude's Flickr Account*.

All of the photos taken should be stored first (prior to sorting) on a personal Flickr account or photo handling software such as Apple Software *Photos* by someone in the Photo Ministry.

Here are some of the occasions that it would be very useful to have pictures taken:

- Worship services showing current clergy throughout the church year
- Special services, including Pet Blessing and Rogation Sunday
- Christmas services, including children's play
- Palm Sunday, Easter, and Pentecost
- Baptisms and Confirmations (including group picture)
- Bishop's visits (including picture with vestry)
- Mens and Womens getaways (at least a group picture)

4th of July and Parish Campout
Annual Meeting and Stewardship Dinner
Special visits and forums
Large outreach events
Occasional church school and choir pictures
Major changes to facilities

Sorting Pictures



Separating the best from the rest will enable us to enjoy the pictures more.

After all the photos have been taken, they should then be sorted to delete those that are blurry, uncomplimentary, or don't meet our photo policies or standards (see below). Those that have unwanted content in the background that do not have duplicates available without the issue should also be cropped at this time. Editing to correct issues such as color, lighting, exposure, etc. can occur now or after pictures are uploaded to the Flickr.

Sorting is also very important because the total number of photos that should be uploaded should not be more than 30 per event. This means that a large number of similar pictures should be discarded (or passed along privately to the photo subjects), and the remaining photos should be reviewed so that the ones that are to be uploaded to St. Jude's Flickr have a good balance that shows the whole event.

Photo Policies

Our current photo policies are fairly simple. The St. Jude's Flickr account is only for events that are open to all members of St. Jude's (or all men/women in the case of the getaways). Other events, including weddings/anniversaries/parties where the entire congregation is not invited should have a few pictures saved and uploaded to a separate album entitled, "Other [year] events". Secondly, it is important that if children's faces are shown in a picture, we have agreement from the parent/guardian that they can be in a picture or we have a photo release. We also take down any pictures from Facebook and Flickr if requested by anyone.

For more information on sorting pictures for the Flickr account, see the information in the document *Photo Standards for the St. Jude's Flickr Account*.

Uploading Photos

Photos should then be uploaded to the St. Jude's Flickr account, tagging each picture and placing it in an album. For what tags to use and the naming conventions for albums, see *Photo Standards for the St. Jude's Flickr Account*.

Once the albums are on the St. Jude's Flickr, they do not need to be modified unless someone asks us to take down a picture. The pictures can be viewed and downloaded by members without any need for the Photo Ministry to be notified first. If editing is done on a particular picture for color/exposure/lighting, it would be helpful to re-upload the changed photo to the same album so that it can be used by others as well.

Slideshows

The Photo Ministry also creates slide shows for two occasions during the year: the Annual Meeting and the Stewardship Dinner. These slide shows are composed of photos taken during the previous calendar year of St. Jude's from the albums posted on the Flickr account. Organizers for these events will determine how many pictures will be shown.

This ministry is a valued part of St. Jude's as we walk our journey of faith, helping us to share treasured memories and grow in our ties together as a faith community. Help with the Photo Ministry is always appreciated.