St James Cathedral
CHICAGO
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Wedding Livestream Protocols
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St. James Cathedral's livestream service allows you to share your wedding liturgy with family and friends unable to attend in person, while providing a lasting recording of your special day. Using our in-house system of six (6) HD PTZOptics cameras and high-quality audio, we offer a multi-camera, broadcast-quality experience.

1. **How much does the livestream service cost, and how is the fee used?**

The flat, non-negotiable fee is $300, which is scheduled and paid alongside your primary wedding fees.

2. **What can we expect for video and audio quality?**

Similar to our Sunday services**,** we assign an experienced member of our livestream team to direct the production. They will control our cameras to dynamically capture your wedding ceremony from multiple angles. Also, the livestream's audio is connected to our in-house audio, directly capturing the officiant's microphone, ambo (lectern) microphone, and in-room music microphones. Here is a previous wedding livestream you may view to provide an example of what you may similarly expect for your own wedding.

3. **How do guests watch the ceremony live?**

The broadcast streams live on the Cathedral's YouTube channel and automatically begins 5 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. If you need the stream to start earlier (for example, to capture a pre-ceremony musical solo), please notify the livestream coordinator in advance.

4. **Will we receive a recording after the wedding?**

Yes! Following the service, you will receive an email with a unique link to view, replay, or download an HD digital file of the liturgy. The recording remains in the Cathedral's archive unless you request its removal.

5. **Does the livestream replace the need for a professional videographer?**

No. While it is an excellent, budget-friendly way to capture and share the ceremony, it is not a replacement for high-end, custom wedding videography. Coverage is strictly limited to the service inside the Cathedral and ends at the conclusion of the liturgy.

6. **What happens if there are technical difficulties?**

While rare, unforeseen network or hardware issues can arise. Our media team actively troubleshoots any live issues as they occur. In the event a technical failure prevents the broadcast, Cathedral staff will coordinate remediation.

7. **What is the deadline to reserve the livestream service?**

Reservations must be finalized at least **one month prior to your wedding date** to ensure staff availability. Please note that reservations can only be accepted once the signed Livestream Agreement (found on the next page) has been received by the Cathedral Wedding Coordinator. Requests submitted less than one month before the wedding will only be accommodated if a technician is available.

8. **Who can I contact if I have more questions?**

For questions or to reserve your date, contact Cathedral Wedding Coordinator John Williams at JWilliams@SaintJamesCathedral.org

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Wedding Livestream
Couple's Agreement

COUPLE'S NAMES: _____

WEDDING DATE: _____

We have read and understood St. James Cathedral's wedding livestream information.

We agree to the terms outlined above and have clear expectations regarding this service, including the fees, broadcast quality, possibility of technical difficulties, and overall procedure.

COUPLE'S SIGNATURES: _____

TODAY'S DATE: _____