

This article is designed to answer your most frequently asked questions. If you have a question that hasn't been answered here, please feel free to send me a line at studio@josefsamuel.com

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Wedding Related FAQs

1. What is your pricing for wedding and engagement photography?

A la Carte per-hour wedding photography coverage begins at \$300. Complete wedding day packages start at \$2700. My pricing is flexible. Do you only need coverage for the ceremony? Perhaps just some portraits? We can start with 1 hour of coverage and work our way up to a full day of coverage. Engagement photo sessions are \$300 and include up to 2 hours of photography coverage. There's no limits to locations or wardrobe changes! Please schedule a

meeting with me so that we can go over the full pricelist information with you :)

2. How can we reserve our date?

My studio requires 1. a **signed contract** and 2. a **retainer** to reserve a date. Keep in mind that I photograph and reserve only one wedding per day.

3. When is the final balance due?

The final balance deadline is **two weeks** before the wedding date.

4. Do you provide DVDs of high resolution files?

Yes. The DVD includes **high resolution** digital files, **medium resolution** digital files, and a **Limited Copyright Release**

. If you can, please make a backup of the files when you receive them. Of course I keep backups on my studio hard drives as well just in case something happens. The files on the DVD(s) come without watermarks, symbols, or copyright text and ready for printing or use for any personal project.

5. How many pictures do you take?

On average I deliver **1100-1500** photos to the client but I take many more on the day itself.

6. Will Josef Samuel be the photographer?

Yes. I'll be the primary photographer at your wedding :)

7. Have you photographed at the Notre Dame Basilica?

Yes. I'm very experienced at the Basilica and on campus. There are several rules at the Basilica and timing/punctuality is very important as there are multiple weddings at the Basilica during the weekends.

8. Do you have an assistant?

To be as inobtrusive as possible, I normally work without assistants. However, that could change if the client wishes to have a second photographer or a slideshow at the reception.

9. My wedding will take place outside the United States. Do you travel?

Yes. I'm quite experienced in this area too, and I know how to get the cheapest tickets. I'll be happy to provide you with an all inclusive quote.

Portrait FAQs

1. Do you do professional headshots?

Yes. Whether it be for LinkedIn, an application, or your blog I have a selection of backdrops that we can use for your professional headshot. We can photograph in my studio or even go outside if you prefer. The way I approach this is once we have all the lights set up, I usually take several photos and then let you look and see how they're turning out. Then after we make adjustments, we keep working on it until you get the perfect expression and results. This process is a collaboration and I work with my clients so the final images are just what you want. Then after we've taken the photos and made the final selections, I'll edit the final image and send you the high resolution file.

2. Do you do family photos?

Yes. I've photographed many families throughout the years. Kids, pets no problem! We have the option to do the photoshoot in the studio or outside in a park, by the lake, or a location of your choosing. Sessions are generally an hour that allows us to take different poses and even groups.

3. Do you do photos for models and social media influencers?

Yes. Having worked with professional models, I can help you develop your portfolio and possibly even connect you with businesses who would hire models for ad campaigns. I work in a professional manner and all shoots are discussed in detail before the work begins. Are you a blogger or looking to increasing your social media presence? It's no secret having amazing photos is one of the keys to success. Contact me if you'd like to work together to increase your social media following. I can help you become a star!

Other FAQs

1. Do you photograph baptisms?

Yes. I've photographed several baptisms at Notre Dame and other churches in South Bend. Sessions are generally an hour and include the ceremony as well as some family portraits afterwards. Pricing is \$200 and includes the photography time, the editing time, as well as the high resolution files.

2. What are your hours of operation?

Generally open from 11am to 7pm Monday through Friday, but please call or email first to schedule an appointment.

3. Where is your studio located?

My studio is located in downtown **South Bend, Indiana**, near the corner of Michigan Street and Wayne Street. Here's an interactive [google map](#) to our location. There is one hour parking along the sidestreets as well as two hour parking on Michigan street, which is right around the corner from the studio. There is also a parking garage right next door to the studio.

4. Do you offer individual digital downloads of the pictures?

Yes. Your guests can now order digital copies and use them to make their own prints and enlargements. The digital downloads are sent via email.

5. Can I pay by credit card?

Yes. I accept cash, checks, and credit cards. Checks can be mailed to the address of my studio. For credit card payments, I use the **Venmo** and **Paypal** apps which makes it easy to transfer payments quickly and securely. My email, studio@josefsamuel.com can be used as the receipt. You can shop with confidence at my online store and online gallery.

6. What's your policy on traveling within the continental US?

If the destination is within an 6 hour drive from South Bend, then a standard mileage travel fee would apply. This is set by the IRS and varies year by year but can range from 50-80 cents/mile. If the destination is further than that, then airfare and hotel costs would apply.

7. Do you speak another language?

Yes. Having lived in South America for 18 years, I'm also fluent in Spanish. And now more

recently, I'm learning Russian, slowly but surely! :)

NOTE: The contract will have the final and most up-to-date details of the Terms and Conditions. Although we do our best to keep this F.A.Q. up to date, you should always check the terms of the contract.