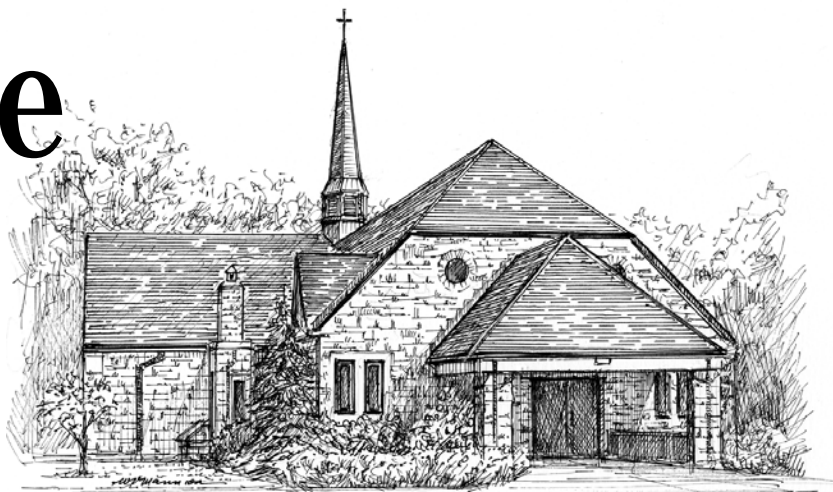


CHURCH OF
St. Jerome

380 E. Roselawn Avenue
 Maplewood, MN 55117



Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM
 Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses

Mon. thru Fri 7:15 AM
 Wed. (Sep.-May) All School 9:45 AM
 Saturday 8:00 AM
 Holy Days 7:15 AM & 5:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 5:00 AM to Friday 11:00 PM

Baptisms By appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation *by appointment* or
 Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 PM

Marriage (*available to parishioners of 6 months or greater*). Arrangements must be made at least 9 months before proposed marriage date.

Anointing of the Sick...as announced/requested

Our Lady of Fatima Novena.....Sat. 4:00 PM

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 Kids' Korner Daycare.....651-771-1023

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Cletus BasekelaPastor

Administrative Staff

Joanne Lamb..... Parish Secretary

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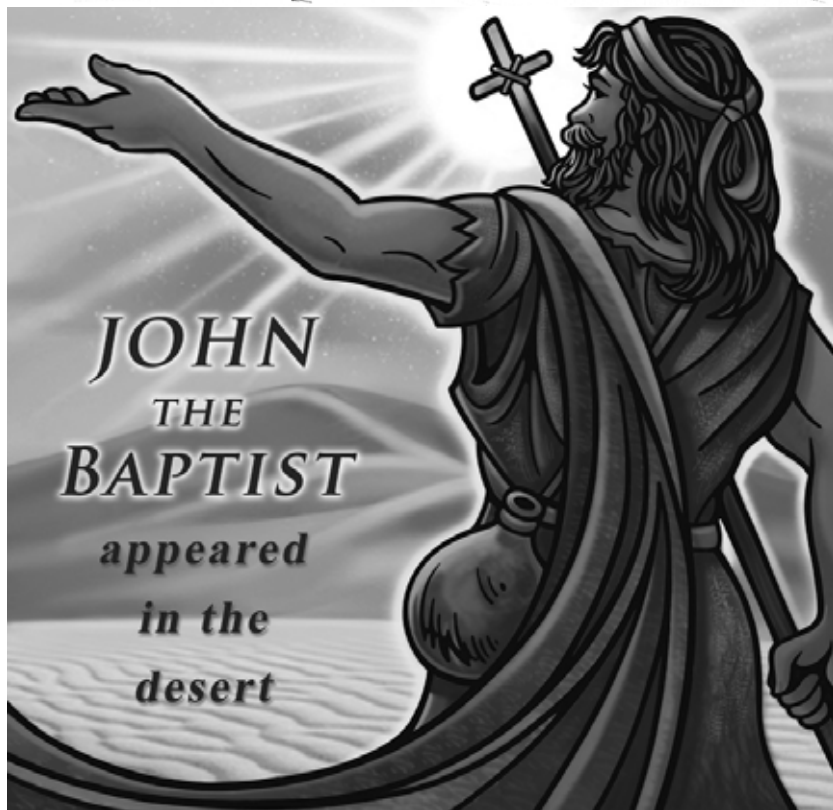
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Faith Formation

Shelly BerthiaumeReligious Ed Coordinator
 Youth Minister
 Monica Broz Confirmation
 Geralyn BroderickSunday School

School & Kids Korner

Anne Gattman Principal
 Kelly Sheehan.....Director.Preschool/Daycare
 Maintenance Engineer



**Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make straight his paths.**
 — *Mark 1:3*





ADVENT

From the time the promise was made to have the Messiah come into the world to the time He really came, thousands of years and

generations went by while God kept talking to His people, sending them prophets and messengers, signing covenants and so trying to keep His people as close to Him as possible.

All this time was conceived as a time for preparation with repentance and conversion; it was also a time of God's patience, abundant graces and blessings; it was like a voice was crying in the desert; it was like valleys being filled and mountains being lowered. It was a time of great hope.

Our Advent is like the summary of this time of expectation that our ancestors in faith lived, we are reliving their hope and their efforts for penance and conversion, we are getting spiritually ready to celebrate another Christmas; we should not forget the advantage we have: Jesus is already born and has redeemed the world, we are getting ready with the power of His resurrection and the celebration of His sacraments.

Fr. Cletus

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Gloria, from 1st grade reminds us of the spirit of Advent. This week we've been living in hopefulness.



Noah and Gigi were lucky enough to get a picture of Bishop Andrew Cozzens after he celebrated Mass with us last week.

Our beautiful **Christmas Program** is Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 2 and 7pm. Please join our school family in celebration.

CHRISTMAS SCRIP CARDS—GIFT CARDS

Are you Christmas shopping? Do you have your scrip (gift cards)? Scrip makes wonderful gifts for those hard to shop for people.

We have Caribou and Starbucks for your coffee lover. Fleet Farm—bird seed, dog and cat food. . . Barnes and Noble for the book lover, Best Buy for electronics, Dick's Sporting Goods, Everyone can use Target or Walmart, There is even Home Depot and Menards for the do-it-yourself type.

faithful + beginnings

St. Jerome School



An accredited High Quality Preschool and Daycare. Parent Aware highest rating.



Do you have a 3, 4 or 5 year old ready for preschool?

ENROLL TODAY!

Call 651-771-1023 with any questions or just stop on by. Hope to see you soon!



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

The Church of St. Jerome would like to welcome all visitors and anyone who has recently moved into our community. We invite you to become members of our parish. If you are interested in joining our parish or have any questions, please contact the parish office at 771-1209.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thank you to the person who recently committed to the Thursday 3 p.m. hour. Permanent Adorers are urgently needed Monday 5 p.m., Tuesday 2 a.m., 3 a.m. and 11 a.m., Wednesday 5 p.m., and Friday at 11 a.m, 2 p.m and 5 p.m. A prayer partner is needed Friday at 1 p.m. If you can help fill one of these hours permanently, or sub occasionally, please call Lorraine at 772-2997.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Sing at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

The Contemporary Group will be singing at the 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve.

Fourth Graders through adults are welcome to sing along.

Two rehearsal options:

* Saturday, December 16 at 2:00 p.m.

* Wednesday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m.

INTERESTED? Please reply by email or phone.

Mary Beth Hess

RSVP music@stjerome-music.org Phone: 612-270-2752

2018 Calendars are in.

Pick up one at the entrances of the church.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY—10:30 Mass

Children's liturgy is held during the 10:30 mass. All children Kindergarten thru 4th grade are encouraged to attend.



SUNDAY SCHOOL—10:30 Mass

Sunday School is held at Kids Korner during the Sunday 10:30 Mass. Drop your kids off before Mass and pick them up immediately after. The kids read stories, sing songs, and do crafts while you focus on Mass. Sunday School is for Preschoolers who are toilet trained to Kindergarteners.

STEWARDSHIP 2017-18

Please return your stewardship form. Don't forget to update cell phone numbers and sign up to volunteer with your time and talent. We are always in need of Lectors, Eucharistic ministers and ushers. These are easy positions to volunteer for, since you are already at Mass.



DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

Can you help decorate the church for Christmas. We will begin after the 9am Mass on the 24th. Come when you can.

Hill-Murray Theatre Presents their Holiday Production of "A Very Hill-Murray Christmas!"

December 9, 15 & 16 at 7pm and December 10 & 17 at 2pm.

INFO: visit www.hill-murray.org/arts/theatre



FR. LUDESCHER LAMP

will burn this week in prayer for **Jim and Claudette Leonard**

Holiday Schedule

Forever 55 Christmas Lunch
Wednesday Dec. 13th at noon

Communal Penance Service
Wednesday, December 13th, 6:30pm

Christmas bake sale
Sat/Sun Dec. 16/17 after all masses

Pancake Breakfast
Sun Dec.17 after all masses

School Christmas Program
Tuesday, December 19th, 2:00pm & 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Masses
December 24th
4:00pm and 10:00pm

Christmas Day Mass
December 25th
9:00am

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH



Families are welcome to help with lighting the candles on the Advent Wreath at the week-end liturgies during Advent. If you are interested or willing, please sign up on the board on the south landing. We need one family or person for each of the weekend masses.

ADVENT CANDLE—2nd week — LOVE

Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find him. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

SPECIAL MASS TIMES for weekend of DEC 23/24 4th Week of Advent

NOTE: Christmas Eve Masses DO NOT count for your Sunday obligation.



Saturday Dec. 23: 4:30pm - 4th week of Advent
Sunday Dec. 24: 9:00am - 4th week of Advent

PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
Dec. 11-17

Monday	6:30pm	Self Defense Class
Tuesday	6:30pm	Catholic Watchman
Wednesday	11:00am	Forever 55 Christmas
	6:30pm	Communal Penance Service
	7:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:30pm	Religious Education
Thursday	1:00pm	School Penance service
	7:00pm	Finance Meeting
Friday		
Saturday	5:30pm	Christmas Bake Sale
Sunday		3rd Sunday of Advent
		Pancake breakfast & Bake Sale
	6:00pm	Confirmation

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	John Kreigl
Tuesday	7:15am	John Burns
Wednesday	7:15am	Dolores Gleason
	9:45am	Leo Hiebeler
Thursday	7:15am	Poor Souls
Friday	7:15am	Maggie Oscarson
Saturday	8:00am	Frank Quitter
	4:30pm	Members of the Parish
Sunday	8:30am	Joseph Yankovec
	10:30am	Louise Schroeder

**FOREVER 55
CHRISTMAS LUNCH**
Dec. 13—noon

Join us for a potluck lunch at noon in Ludescher Hall. Bring a dish to share.



Communal Penance Service
Wednesday Dec. 13th at 6:30pm.



Catholic Watchmen -

All Men. Please plan to join us on Tuesday, December 12 from 6:30 - 8:30 for our December Watchmen's meeting. Adoration will start at 6:45. Supper at 7:15 followed by a video focused on one of the 7 Disciplines of the Catholic Watchmen. Discussion time to follow the video.

**HOLIDAY BAKE SALE &
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
Next Sunday—Dec. 17



Stop down after mass next Sunday for a wonderful pancake breakfast. While there, shop our tasty bake sale.

BAKERS—WE NEED YOU!

Please drop off your special Christmas baked items after 3:00pm on Saturday Dec.16th.



LITURGICAL ROLES Dec. 11-17

Schedules can also be found at
www.stjerome-church.org (calendars/schedules)

SERVERS:

Mon., Wed., Fri.	B. Akoh & M. Millard
Tues., Thurs, Sat.	G. Cook & S. Cook
Sat. 4:30 pm	J. Falk & E. Milion
Sun. 8:30 am	O. Smith & C. Cardinal
10:30 am	E. Akoh & Mi Heurung

CANDLE BEARERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	A. Shekur & A. Wilhelm
Sun. 8:30 am	D. & T. Hannigan
10:30 am	J. Akoh & Ch. Bergthold

CROSS BEARERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	
Sun. 8:30 am	
10:30 am	Ja. Lamb

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	K. & S. Yackel, J. Zielinski
Sun. 8:30 am	T. Bertsch, J. Dickson, E. Schoenecker
10:30 am	J. Lamb, C. & D. Schluender

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	J. Dostalek
Sun. 8:30 am	S. Cardinal
10:30 am	T. Zappa

\$CRIP SELLERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	L. Sherman & S. Heintz
Sun. 8:30 am	B. Murphy & L. Blomgren
10:30 am	J. Schroeder



Contributions for the week of
Dec. 3, 2017

Weekly Contribution: \$7375.95

Please consider adding the Church of St. Jerome to your will.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS—Dec. 9/10

Help religious communities “Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.



Only a few weeks left to take advantage of the 2017 tax year. Please consider making a donation and sharing the treasure that you have been blessed with.

SCRIP

Scrip (gift cards) are sold after all the weekend masses in Ludescher Hall. We have gift cards for all your shopping needs, especially gas and grocery cards. Please support the school

GET scrip for your Christmas shopping! Scrip cards make great Christmas gifts too!

