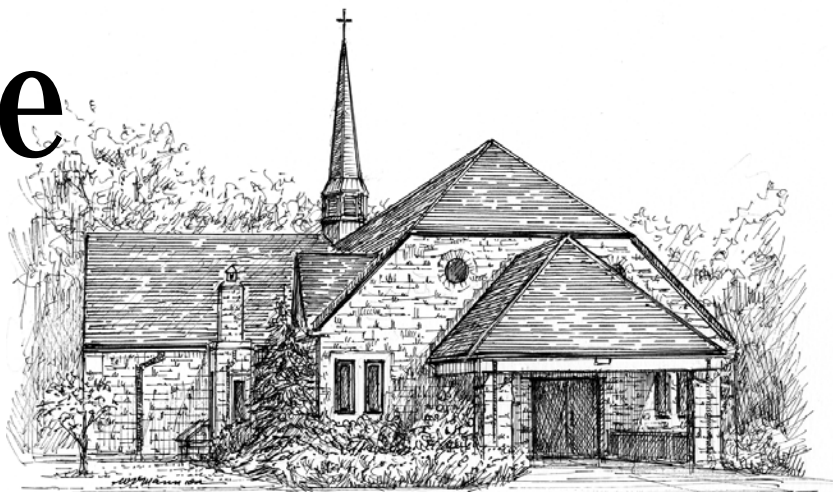


CHURCH OF
St. Jerome

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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Fr. Cletus BasekelaPastor

Administrative Staff

Joanne Lamb..... Parish Secretary

Music

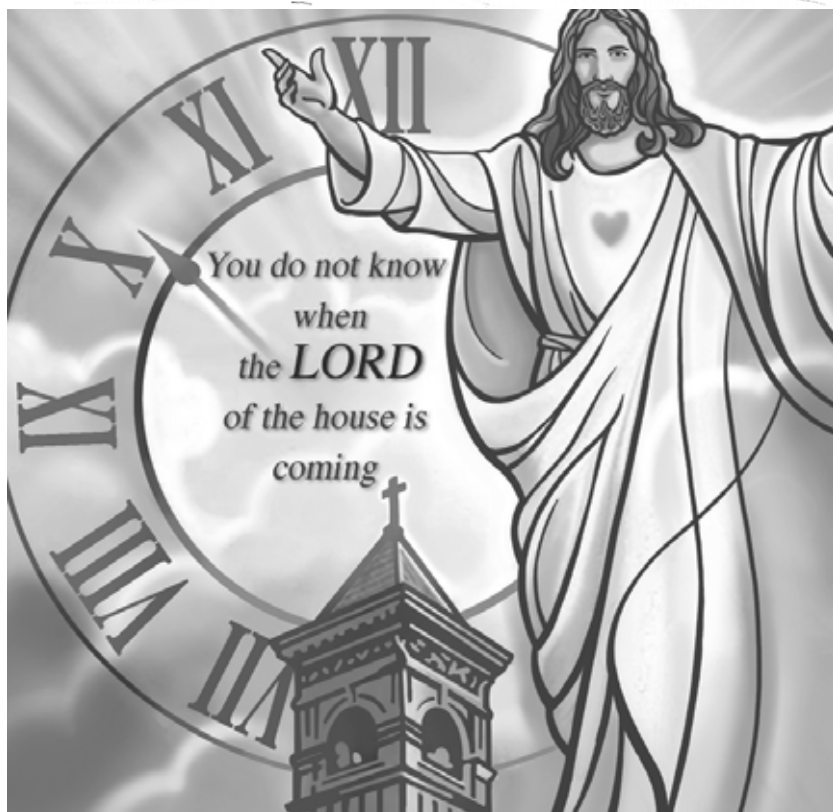
Mary Beth HessMusic Director

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



Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
 — *Mark 13:33*





HE IS COMING

With its liturgies and traditions, the season of Advent will try to put us in the mood of our ancestors in faith who waited for hundreds

of generations to see God fulfill His promise of a Messiah coming to console and redeem them.

Many things happened while the people of Israel were waiting: many wars and exiles, many cases of anger and impatience against God, some cases of idolatry; there was also a continued presence of priests and prophets, times of penance and conversion and of God's special interventions showing His faithfulness to His people.

During the four weeks of Advent (three weeks this year exceptionally), we will meditate Israel's journey, trying to learn not only from their many mistakes and sins, but also from their powerful conversions; we will be encouraged and strengthened by God's faithfulness and compassion; we will pray that God's Kingdom deepens its roots into our hearts and lives.

We are invited to be alert and watchful because the coming of Jesus is happening at this moment for all of us.

Fr. Cletus

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Here's the latest update from St. Jerome School:

1. **Advent Prayer Services** We will meet in the main hallway of the school every Monday at 9:35 for song, prayer and the lighting of the advent wreath. Please feel free to join us!



2. **St. Nicholas Day is December 6** Father Ken has generously provided (just like St. Nick) a donation for the children to have a treat to celebrate St. Nicholas's Feast Day. We appreciate the kindness of Father and our parishioners.

3. **SJS 5th graders head to STARBASE** for a week long exploration of science, technology and how they work in space. What a great opportunity for our students! Seeing science in action helps our children dream big.

4. **Lion's Pantry** We've begun collecting food items for our Lion's Pantry...anyone is welcome to add or take from the pantry as needed. Our pantry is located right in the office.

Blessing to you and yours during Advent,
Anne Gattman, Principal

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 Nobel 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 Tuesday 2 a.m., 3 a.m. and 11 a.m., Wednesday 5 p.m., and Friday at 2 p.m and 5 p.m. If you can help fill one of these hours permanently, or sub occasionally, please call Lorraine at 772-2997.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA—Dec. 7

Thursday, December 7 at 12:00 at St. Jerome upper church. The Fatima Prayer of Holiness is a monthly spiritual gathering for small group prayer including the rosary. Members responding to Our Lady's requests for prayer, penance and sacrifice in a spirit of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the conversion of poor sinners. All are invited to join the prayer group each first Thursday . Need info?, call David at 772-2221.

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

December 8, 9, 15 & 16 at 7pm and December 10 & 17 at 2pm. Our Free Senior Citizen Preview Performance is Thursday, December 7th at 7pm. Reserved tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. INFO: visit www.hill-murray.org/arts/theatre or by call 651-748-2417.



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.



CHRISTMAS AT THE MONASTERY

On December 9th, celebrate Christmas with the Benedictine Community of St. Paul's Monastery while raising essential funds for them and their ministries. To make your holiday shopping easier, the Sisters and event volunteers put together an exceptional collection of gifts to choose from at their Silent Auction, Wine Wall, Mystery Gifts, Benedictine-themed handmade ornaments and other beautiful and handy gifts, and the Sisters' famous Benedictine Bakery and Candy Shoppe. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/christmasmonastery2017> or call 651-777-6850 for more information. We hope to see you there!

**2018 Calendars are in.
Pick up one at the entrances of the church.**



Holiday Schedule

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday Dec. 8th

Masses: 7:15am, 9:45am, 5:30pm

Forever 55 Christmas Event

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 weekend 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—1st week — HOPE

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love, and our minds are searching for the lights of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. 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. 4-10

Monday	6:30pm	Self Defense Class
Tuesday	7:15am	Anointing of the Sick
	7:00pm	Men's Club (library)
Wednesday	6:15pm	Choir Practice
	6:30pm	Religious Education
Thursday	11:45am	Fatima prayer group (church)
	7:00pm	School Advisory (library)
Friday		<i>Immaculate Conception : Holy Day</i>
Saturday		
Sunday		<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>
		Coffee and Donuts
	6:00pm	Confirmation

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Poor Souls
Tuesday	7:15am	John Burns
Wednesday	7:15am	Dick Schreier
	9:45am	No Mass
Thursday	7:15am	Ilet Pelzer
Friday	7:15am	Tom Schreier
	9:45am	Al Nieters
	5:30pm	Jerry Witschen
Saturday	8:00am	Al Nieters
	4:30pm	Dorothy & Achille Pirri & Dick Peiffer
Sunday	8:30am	Members of the Parish
	10:30am	Ken Petersen



Anointing the sick

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

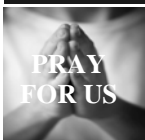
There will be the **Sacrament of Anointing for the Sick** this **Tuesday, Dec. 6** at the 7:15am Mass.

This sacrament is administered in case of serious illness, frailty of old age, and before a serious surgery; it is for healing of the body and spirit; and for forgiveness of sins.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—Dec. 8

Holy Day of Obligation:

Mass times are 7:15am, 9:45am and 5:30pm.



PRAY FOR US

Art & Phyllis Arnold, Kevin Broderick, Spencer Cardinal, Sara Cook, Marilyn Cunningham, Cathy Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Tom Duellman, Al Galbraith, Salvatrice Gambino, John Gombold, Mary Heller, David Hendricks, Clarice Holthaus, Brian Homeier, Ken Ives, Eugene Kaufhold, Lily Kehler, Robert & Mary Klutzke, Marvella Lackner, Steve Lauinger, Irene Ling, RoseMarie Manders, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLellan, Edward Lunzer, Minnie McMonigal, Nolan Mullaney, Graham Murphy, Greg Negard, Lorraine Pojar, Shannon Presler, Patrick Roth, Danny Rothbauer, David Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Donald Seiberlich Jr., Gene Skok, Keith Smith, Ava Swift, Tony Swift, Nancy Valento, Evelyn Virnig, Greg Votel, Betty Waschbusch, Jeremy Wegleitner, Theresa Wilkes, Tom Witschen, Kevin Yackel, Lorraine Youngbauer

LITURGICAL ROLES Dec. 4-10

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

SERVERS:

Mon., Wed., Fri. M. Holzemer & Jo. Knauss
Tues., Thurs, Sat. J. Falk & O. Smith
Sat. 4:30 pm E. Rothbauer & J. Weakley
Sun. 8:30 am Guy & A. Cardinal
10:30 am W. Holzemer & Ch. Bergthold

CANDLE BEARERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm G. Marshall
Sun. 8:30 am S. & M. Cook
10:30 am G. Cook & M. Holzemer

CROSS BEARERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm
Sun. 8:30 am J. Knauss
10:30 am N. Anyanwu

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm R. Schreier, I. Schreier, J. Zielinski
Sun. 8:30 am T. Schoenecker, G. Votel, M. Schuh
10:30 am J. Schroeder, R. Klutzke, T. Zappa

LECTORS:

Dec. 8: 5:30pm S. Maldonado
Sat. 4:30 pm L. Testen
Sun. 8:30 am S. Cardinal
10:30 am M. Ahles

\$CRIP SELLERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm
Sun. 8:30 am D. Burns
10:30 am J. Cook



Contributions for the week of
Nov. 26, 2017

Weekly Contribution: \$4707.00

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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS—Dec. 9/10

Help care for elders. “Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundred of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.



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!

