Weekend Masses
Saturday ................................................ 4:30 PM
Sunday ................................................. 9:30 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 8:00 PM
Baptisms By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment or
Saturday ........................................ 2:30 to 3:30 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

Contact Information
Parish Office ....................... 651-771-1209
Fax ....................................................... 651-771-3466
Website http://www.stjerome-church.org
Email secretary@stjerome-church.org
School ........................................ 651-771-8494
Fax ....................................................... 651-771-3466
Website http://www.stjeromeschool.org

MISSION STATEMENT
The people of St. Jerome Church are a Catholic parish community united in the love and grace of Jesus Christ; to celebrate the sacraments and our faith, to proclaim and teach the Gospel values of Christ and His Church, to nurture our faith community, and to respond to the needs of those in and beyond our parish through worship and service.
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It was in August 11, 1940 when the first mass was held at the Edgerton Elementary School. From then on the journey in faith of the St. Jerome Parish community has started. 80 years have passed and the journey has evolved. Now we still have our parish community and our school continues to serve to realize the mission of the church. For all that has been, we give thanks and for all that will be we will say yes. It is just proper that our community celebrates its faith journey through the years, 80 to be exact. We shall endeavor to make a meaningful yearlong “Celebrating our faith journey”. We shall endeavor to organize initiatives on worship, faith formation and community building. Let us, with grateful hearts and joyful spirits participate and affirm our being a people of God in a joyful journey to discover Jesus in our faith community and in our hearts.

Before your pastor gets into the flow of the school year he will take time to go on a weeklong retreat and break beginning Monday, August 31st till Monday, Sept. 7th. Prayers for a strengthening and invigorating retreat will be highly appreciated.

Jesus promised a rose garden but the way is really thorny. Suffering and dying is part of the process. We all go through our difficult times and so does the church. Let us carry our cross as a church during this pandemic times without putting aside our mission. Like Jeremiah, cry as we may, but the mission to proclaim the good news do not stop. Let us not forget that there is no resurrection if there is no death. Let us continue to look toward the kingdom as promised and let us not lose sight of it.

Fr. Victor Valencia

SECOND COLLECTION—Sept. 5/6

September 5/6 Collection for Lebanon suffering from August 4 Explosion

The ammonium nitrate explosion at the Beirut seaport on August 4, killed over 200, injured more than 6,000 and displaced over 350,000. “Lebanon is bleeding,” says, Chorbishop Maroun. Many neighborhoods are flattened at a time when the nation is dealing with the COVID pandemic and political unrest. They need our help with even the basics for survival, including shelter, food, medicine, and hygiene kits.

Archbishop Hebda has requested that parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis take up an emergency collection for Catholic Relief Services – the U.S. Bishops international humanitarian aid organization for poor and most vulnerable - and their lifesaving support in Lebanon.

On the weekend of September 5 and 6, we will take up this much needed emergency collection for those suffering in Lebanon. The Center for Mission will forward financial donations to Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able: many are counting on our help. Please give at your parish if you are able to, or send your check donation to: Center for Mission, 777 Forest Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55106: Add “Lebanon Emergency Collection” on memo line. Or go to www.centerformission.org/contribute. For questions, contact Deacon Mickey Friesen, friesenm@archspm.org, 651.291.4445.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 20: Drive in Mass and Family picnic
Sept. 30: Feast of St. Jerome
Oct. 4/5: Celebrate the Feast of St. Jerome
Oct. 5: Outdoor adoration, 3pm pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
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.

VIDEO PERSON
Our 4:30 Mass has been available online for several weeks. It is a very popular with those who are unable to attend Mass in person. We are looking for someone one to help record the 4:30 Mass. Are you tech savvy? Do you have experience with video from your laptop or know of someone who does? Please message our Music Director, Mary Beth, if you can help. music@stjerome-church.org

LECTORS NEEDED
We are looking for a few people to help lector at the morning masses, especially the 8am on Saturday. Please call the Parish office if you can help. 651-261-4989

FALL PRESCHOOL—NOW ENROLLING
Looking for a place for your child to learn and grow with other children in the fall? We are now enrolling for in-person 3 year old and 4 year old preschool. Half-day and full-day options available. We offer flexible scheduling for families, as well as wrap-around care before and after school. Children must be fully potty trained. We are state licensed and Parent Aware 4-star rated (highest rating).

ThinkSmall scholarships and CCAP are accepted.

For more information, to schedule a tour, or to register, please call Grace at 651-771-1023.

THE COMMON THREAD OF HOLY SATURDAY:
How a Trauma Lens Can Unite and Strengthen our Catholic Church
Many people spend Holy Saturday (trauma's aftermath), by getting ready for Easter Sunday (triumphal new life), which reflects our overall unease with trauma (Good Friday). Trauma and its aftermath are viewed as something to "get over" as soon as possible, otherwise we risk shame and stigma. We forget: the resurrected Christ still carried his wounds. This presentation will explore the aftermath of trauma, and how use of a trauma lens can serve as powerful witness. We will discuss pastoral responses that help or hurt and will close with a look at what a trauma-responsive Catholic Church might look like. Friday, Sept. 11, Webinar presentation from 9 -11am. Free event. Registration is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

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SIDEWALK COUNCILING TRAINING:
If you can hand someone a brochure, you can help save a life! Nearly every day in the Twin Cities, an average of 31 babies are scheduled to be killed in the area’s four abortion centers. Attend this free seminar and learn how to save these babies by peacefully reaching out in love to those entering abortion centers. Prayer supporters are also needed and are welcome to attend. Open to Christians of all denominations. Thursday, October 15, 7-9 p.m., Church of St. Bonaventure (Ambrose Hall), 901 E. 90th St., Bloomington, MN 55420 Presented by Pro-Life Action Ministries. To register, contact debra.braun@plam.org or call 651-797-6364. More information at: plam.org/events/
**PARISH EVENT CALENDAR**
Aug. 31 – Sept. 6

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**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**
Sat. 4:30 pm A. Gattman & B. Murphy
Sun. 9:30 am S. Cardinal
Sat. 4:30 pm Y. Clintsman
Sun. 9:30 am M. Simone & T. Bertsch

**LECTORS:**
Sat. 4:30 pm Y. Clintsman
Sun. 9:30 am S. Cardinal

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**LITURGICAL ROLES**

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

**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:**
Sat. 4:30 pm A. Gattman & B. Murphy
Sun. 9:30 am S. Cardinal

**LECTORS:**
Sat. 4:30 pm Y. Clintsman
Sun. 9:30 am S. Cardinal

**Our Weekly Offering**

Contributions for the week of Aug. 18-24, 2020

Mailed in Weekly Contribution: $3,360

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

SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA—Sept. 3
11:45 am in the church. The Fatima Prayer of Holiness is for small group prayer including the rosary. Members endeavor to grow in holiness by 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.

Jacqueline Benjamin, Spencer Cardinal, Sue Connolly, Marilyn Cunningham, Cathy Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Sharon Heffernan, David Hendricks, Clarice Holthaus, Richard (Les) Johnson, Kevin Jones, Eugene Kaufhold, Lily Kehler, Mary Klutzke, Mary Laumeyer, Fr. Ken Ludescher, Edward Lunzer, RoseMarie Manders, Margaret Maus, Vern & Dorothy Mayer, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLeIan, MaryAnn McMonigal, Brian Michlitsch, Nolan Mullaney, Greg Negard, Louise Nieters, Shannon Presler, Bernie Przybylski, Josh Richter, Patrick Roth, Danny Rothbauer, Cliff Sandmeyer, Rosa Santos, David Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Donald Seiberlich Jr., Mike Spangenberg, Ava Swift, Tony Swift, George & Nancy Valento, Theresa Wilkes, Delores Witschen, Lorraine Youngbauer

**SINGING AT MASS DURING A PANDEMIC**

Mary Beth Hess,
Music Director

One of the important roles of our music ministers is to “lead the congregation to prayer in song.” Their ministry is NOT to perform. They invite the congregation in the pews to pray and sing together during Mass. In essence our music together is an expression of our communal worship. With CoViD 19, our music ministers are challenged to adjust to a “new normal”, to enhance our liturgies with music that will lead us to prayer and reflection. With our current condition, we are limited to a cantor to sing solo selections for the congregation to pray with. The selections are always associated with the readings of the day. Many of the song selections may not be familiar but are reflective and will dispose our hearts to prayer.

As a faith community, it is very inviting to sing with our music ministers. However, we are encouraged NOT to sing during Mass at this time. The CDC has noted that singers emit droplets into the air when they sing. They are considered “super emitters” and can project the corona virus as much as 6-20 feet into the air, even when masked. Our Masses are celebrated indoors, which adds to the concern, as exposure for more than 30 minutes indoors can be a health concern during this pandemic. It is hard to imagine not singing during Mass. That is so much a part of our tradition and who we are. Yet we can make use of music to place ourselves into a disposition to pray. We look forward to that day when we can prepare and share song sheets and hymnals and get everyone to sing once again.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**CONTRIBUTE ELECTRONICALLY!**
You are strongly encouraged to make use of our automatic withdrawal option to make it easier to continually support St Jerome. It is safe, convenient, and reliable way of making your stewardship contributions. Only the amount you authorize will be deducted once a month on the 15th. Contact the parish office for a form.

**SCRIP—GIFT CARDS**
We have gift cards for all your shopping needs, especially gas and grocery cards. Please support the school. Cards are sold in the school office.

**PRAY FOR US**

Maus, Vern & Dorothy Mayer, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLeIan, MaryAnn McMonigal, Brian Michlitsch, Nolan Mullaney, Greg Negard, Louise Nieters, Shannon Presler, Bernie Przybylski, Josh Richter, Patrick Roth, Danny Rothbauer, Cliff Sandmeyer, Rosa Santos, David Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Donald Seiberlich Jr., Mike Spangenberg, Ava Swift, Tony Swift, George & Nancy Valento, Theresa Wilkes, Delores Witschen, Lorraine Youngbauer
Can you help fill a backpack for a child in our school?

We will be accepting school supply donations in the church, church office, and school office from now until school begins. Here are a few suggestions of items that are needed:

- Crayola Crayons & Markers
- Pencils & Pencil Pouches or Boxes
- Colored Pencils & Highlighters
- Elmers Glue—bottles or sticks,
- Folders, Scissors, Spiral Notebooks,
- Loose Leaf Paper, Lined Notecards,
- Pink Erasers, Anti-Bacterial Wipes,
...and of course, Backpacks!

Do you have a calculator your high school/college student is no longer using?

We use TI-30X and TI-83 calculators in the middle school. Please consider donating your used calculator to our Math Department.

Thank you for your continued support! We couldn’t do it without you!

~St. Jerome School Staff
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