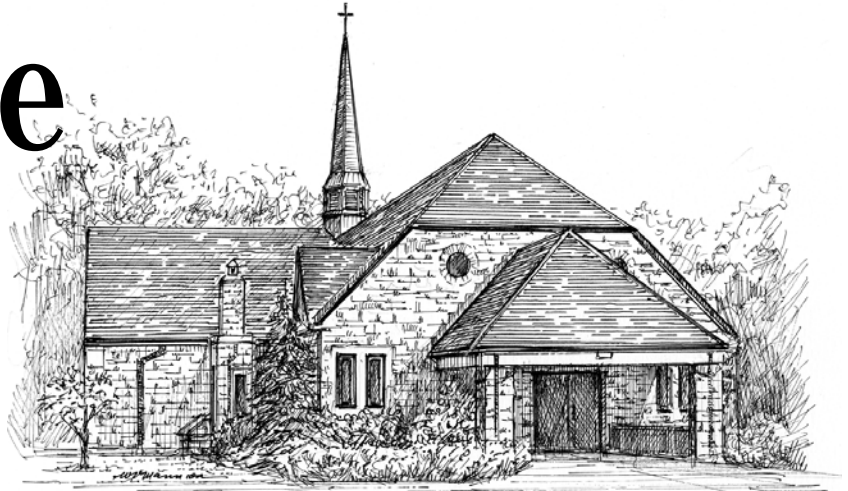


CHURCH OF St. Jerome

380 E. Roselawn Avenue
Maplewood, MN 55117



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 AM

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

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Pastoral Staff

Fr. Victor Valencia.....Pastor

Administrative Staff

Joanne LambParish Secretary

Music

Mary Beth Hess Music Director

Faith Formation

.....Religious Ed Coordinator
Marie Joseph Confirmation
Pat Birkey Children's Liturgy

School

Anne Gattman Principal
Grace ZappaPreschool Director
Sue CostelloSchool Secretary
Nay Paw School Secretary

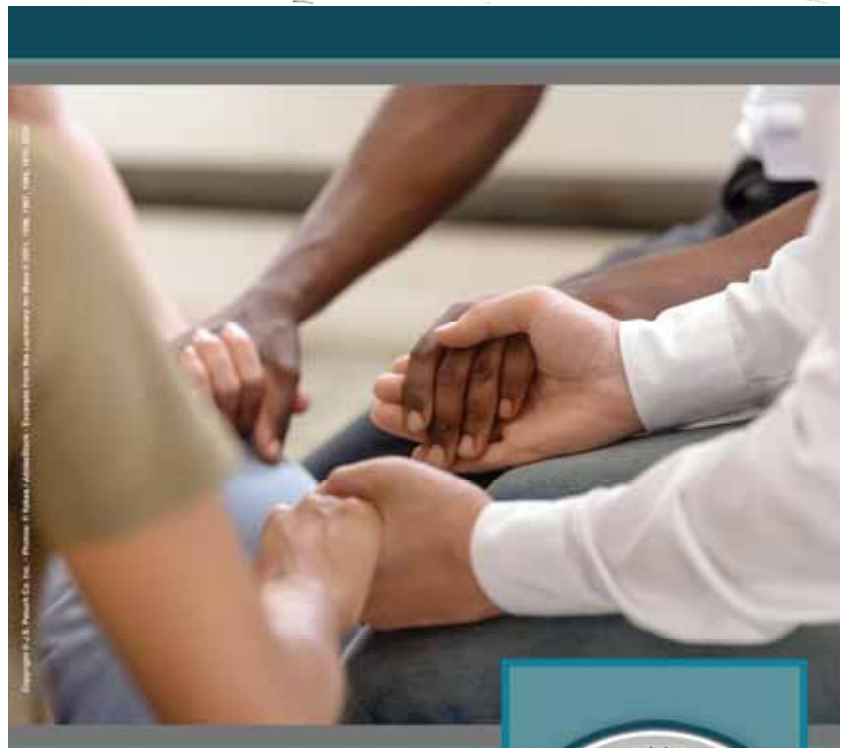
Maintenance

Bob Hoisington Supervisor

Safe Environment coordinator

Marie Joseph.....651-771-8494

Victim Assistance Hotline.....651-291-4475



"But I say to you,
love your enemies
and pray for those
who persecute you."

Matthew 5:44



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.



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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When you have visited Jesus' place and walked where Jesus walked, the scriptures seem to have more force in our hearts and understand his words with more clarity and understanding. You come to realize that you have to see Jesus in the perspective of his time and culture.

I was blessed to visit the mountain where Jesus taught the beatitudes and today's scripture passage. How mountainous indeed was the place and you begin to imagine people climbing up the mountain to listen. I thought, looking at the place, they must really be so hungry for the word of God and excited to listen to Jesus. That must have been so important to them that they took that journey so steep, so rocky, so far and by foot. (not even counting the weather!)

So at that mountain Jesus talked about how to respond to evil in the world. Jesus is saying that the way to respond to injury, to injustice is with a radical generosity. Not with vengeance, not with retaliation, not with violence, but with generosity. Respond evil with utter goodness. St. Paul aptly said: "do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Rom. 12:21) That is the principle of Jesus on mercy and generosity. The principle that Jesus is teaching us is this: Learn to move above retribution and stay in the place of mercy and giving generosity. Embody ourselves with love, not anger.

How can I love my enemy? How can I love those who have hurt, offended or violated me? Well, the definition of love in the Bible, is to choose the good for another person. It's to will the good for another. Thus love is not an emotion. IT IS AN ACT OF THE WILL. Love is when you choose to do good for another. "No matter what you feel about someone who's hurt you, if you pray for them, if you ask the Lord to bless them, if you ask God to bless them and to give good things to them, to bring about their repentance, to give them life and health, that is an act of love. So it is very important for you to understand that you don't have to feel anything toward an enemy to love your enemy. You just have to do good to that enemy, especially by praying for them, by interceding for them and by offering penance and sacrifices for them." (Brant Pitre)

God is calling us to be holy, to be separated from the evil. To be characterized with good. To be known for mercy and love. To be identified with God by our good, just and loving actions.

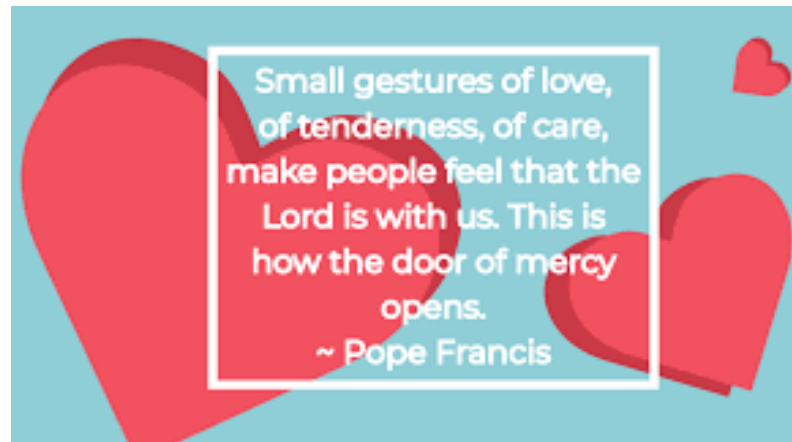
We are called to be holy as our heavenly Father is holy.

Fr. Victor

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER—Mrs. Gattman

Dear St. Jerome Parishioners,

Be the light!
Shine like light in the world as you hold onto the word of life. Phil 2: 15-16



A school is a wonderful place to be for St. Valentine's Day. Children are great at showering love on their friends and teachers. We are especially aware of love and kindness at this time of year, but Pope Francis reminds us that the love and tenderness we show, all of the time, doors of mercy for those who need it. Here are a few examples of opened doors of mercy that have recently occurred in our St. Jerome School community:

~ Our basketball team traveled to Rosemount to play the only other team in our conference who hadn't won a game yet. Upon return our coach, Melissa Rogers, said, "We could have played to win, but we chose to play so all could play." Ms. Rogers plays everyone and not just our better players. Every player gets a chance to improve. We scored 20 points and it was worth the trip for all of our players.

~ Ms. Joseph, bless her heart, kindly tolerated the pungent smell of fish to give her middle school students the opportunity to dissect fish. They were so into it. Budding scientists and doctors manipulating body parts and separating veins from arteries. A rare time when I was happy to not be teaching at that moment.

~ St. Ambrose School recently collected two truckloads of food for St. Jerome's food shelf. Being able to have this on hand to offer children and families is critical for their health and wellness. Full tummies learn better.

~ Our kindergarten class is tight! They look out for one another and show great concern for everything from a tummy ache to a boot buried in the snow. It is beautiful to see them cultivating loving hearts at such a young age.

May your days be blessed,
 Anne Gattman
 Principal

Adult Bible Study—Reconciliation

An Encounter with Infinite Mercy!

The adult faith formation committee is presenting a new parish wide learning opportunity!

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, *Forgiven* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a five-session event.

Dates: Sundays February 12th to March 12th.

Time: 10:45 am to 12:15 pm

Place: Ludescher Hall

Cost: \$10 for the study guide required.

Register on the signup genius on the parish website. An account on FORMED is highly recommended.

SCRIP—New Year Resolution



SCRIP UPDATE

Scrip is ready for you anytime as a great way of raising funds for St. Jerome. I just received the end of year statistics from Scrip, and there were two combined users of Scrip online that raised over \$500 for St Jerome's last year. They did that by purchasing Scrip for Cub, Joann Fabrics, Bath and Body Works, Kwik Trip and various restaurants, all on a regular basis throughout the year. Nothing special, just making their usual purchases. If they can do that, just think of what the addition of YOUR purchasing of Scrip can do. Coming up in March, we will be having our physical gift card sale, so start planning ahead for that. Every purchase goes a long way and every purchase adds up! As always, thank you for your faithful support of St. Jerome's. Any questions? Email me at auglie@usfamily.net. Anita Kennedy



We are now in the quiet part of winter. This would be a great time to settle in with some authentic Catholic programming from the Formed website.

The first session of the immensely popular TV series The Chosen is now on the Formed website.

From our first breath or our last breath we ask; who am I, where am I going, and how do I get there. Watch the The Search for answers.

Would you like more lives of the saints? How about, God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal, or Elizabeth Ann Seton: Seeker to Saint.

Finally, we are less the six weeks from Lent. The Formed website will be over flowing with Lenten programming. You can have access to all of it when you login and create an account. The instructions are below or on the parish website.

To subscribe

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner"
4. Find **St Jerome Catholic Church** by parish name, address, or zip code
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

FIRST SATURDAY CHOIR



All are welcome to sing with the Contemporary Group at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on the FIRST SATURDAY of every month.

(3rd graders and older please)

Next date: March 4

What to do? Simply meet downstairs on Saturday for a quick warmup/rehearsal at 3:45.

Contact our Music Director - Mary Beth Hess - sistermb@comcast.net - or call the Parish Office.

MEN'S CONFERENCE—March 18

Raising the Bar, Men of Faith Walking Together



Saturday, March 18, 2023

All Saints Church
19795 Holyoke Ave.
Lakeville, MN 55044

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Registration Open

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=NYiyxd>
(walk-in registration opens at 8:30 a.m.)

Celebrant:
Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda

Speakers:

Devin Schadt, Executive Director,
The Fathers of St. Joseph;
Bishop Joseph Williams, Deacon Joe Michalak.
Music by Luke Spehar



Catholic Watchmen—Feb. 21



WATCHMEN MEET THIS WEEK

Men: Celebrate Mardi Gras in style. Join the Watchmen for food and fellowship at 6:30 PM February 21, at St. John's in Little Canada in the lower church.

CATECHISM IN A YEAR—start anytime

BY listening to the podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded



PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
Feb. 20-26

Monday *President's Day—office closed*
Tuesday 10:00am Visitation
 11:00am Funeral
 6:30pm Watchmen mtg. (St. John's)
Wednesday *Ash Wednesday*
 3:00pm Finance meeting
 6:00pm Confirmation
 6:30pm Handbells
Thursday 5:30pm Stations of the Cross
 6:00pm Soup Supper
Friday
Saturday
Sunday 1st Sunday of Lent
 10:30am 1st Communion class
 10:30am Adult Bible study

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Betty Olson
Tuesday	7:15am	Jean Schreier
Wednesday	7:15am	Mary Margaret Ecker
	9:45am	Jeff Erickson
	5:30pm	Theresa Wilkes
Thursday	7:15am	Tom Rooney
Friday	7:15am	John J. Filipovich
Saturday	8:00am	Jacquelyn Benjamin
	4:30pm	Helen Zappa
Sunday	9:30am	Members of the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Wed 5:30pm	C. Anyanwu
Sat. 4:30 pm	S. Yackel
Sun. 9:30 am	T. Bertsch

LECTORS:

Wed 5:30pm	K. Faschingbauer
Sat. 4:30 pm	K. Faschingbauer
Sun. 9:30 am	R. Klutzke

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat.4:30 pm	W. Heurung	M. Holzemer
	O. Olberding	
Sun.9:30 am	M. Murphy	M. Revering
	C. Zorobi	



Contributions for the week of
Feb. 7- 13

Weekly Contribution: \$4338.00

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

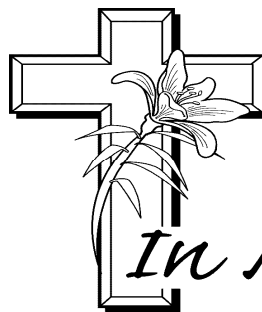
Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11



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



Join us this Thursday, Feb. 23
Stations are at 5:30.
This week's Mystery Soup
Supper will be hosted by the
Parish Council



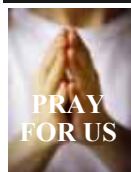
We ask your prayers for the
repose of the souls of
Pauline Deiman,
Jackie Geretschlaeger and
Jerome Mailand
and for the consolation
of their families.

In Memoriam



Celebrating 62 Years as a Priest
Sunday February 19, 2023

Send cards to: **Fr. Ken Ludescher**
1901 Desoto St. Apt. 116
Maplewood, MN 55117



Fr. Cletus Basekela, Sue Connolly, Patricia Cokley, Don & Cathy Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Kathleen Faschingbauer, Lindsey Fellner, Karen Geretschlaeger, Mary Gross, Sharon Heffernan, David Hendricks, Catherine Henry, Anne Holthaus Clarice Holthaus, Janis Horski, Richard (Les) Johnson, Kevin Jones, Eugene Kaufhold, Lily Kehler, Kevin Klutzke, Mary Laumeyer, Steve Lauinger, Fr. Ken Ludescher, Nancy Masson, Vern & Dorothy Mayer, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLellan, Brian Michalitsch, Butch Mudgett, Nolan Mullaney, Greg Negard, Shannon Presler, Terri Quitter, Ann Rinehart, Patrick Roth, Danny Rothbauer, David Schluender, John Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Mike Spangenberg, Craig Steineck, Ava Swift, Tony Swift, Ted Testen, Joyce Theilhorn, George & Nancy Valento, Greg Votel, Jim & Evelyn Wendt, Beverly Wermus, Eric Witzel, Kevin Yackel



PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE
MEN AND WOMEN

Jack Butler
Grace Wegleitner