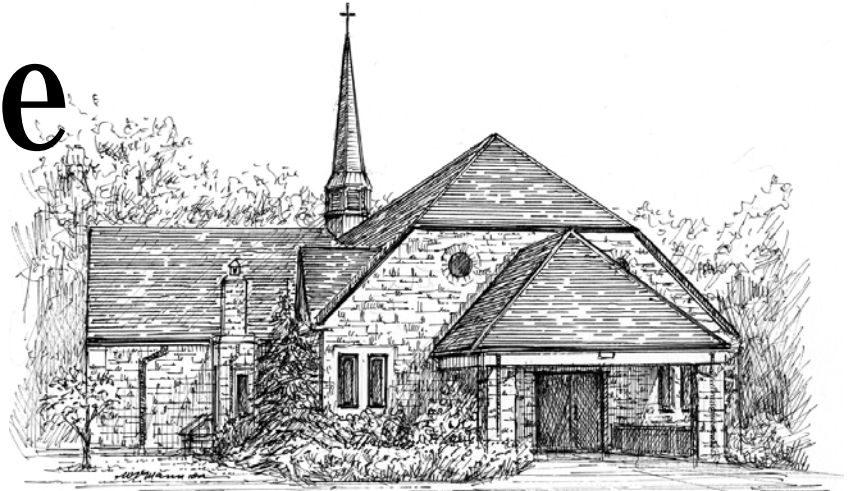


CHURCH OF
St. Jerome

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 Lamb Parish 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 Zappa Preschool Director
 Sue Costello School Secretary
 Nay Paw School Secretary

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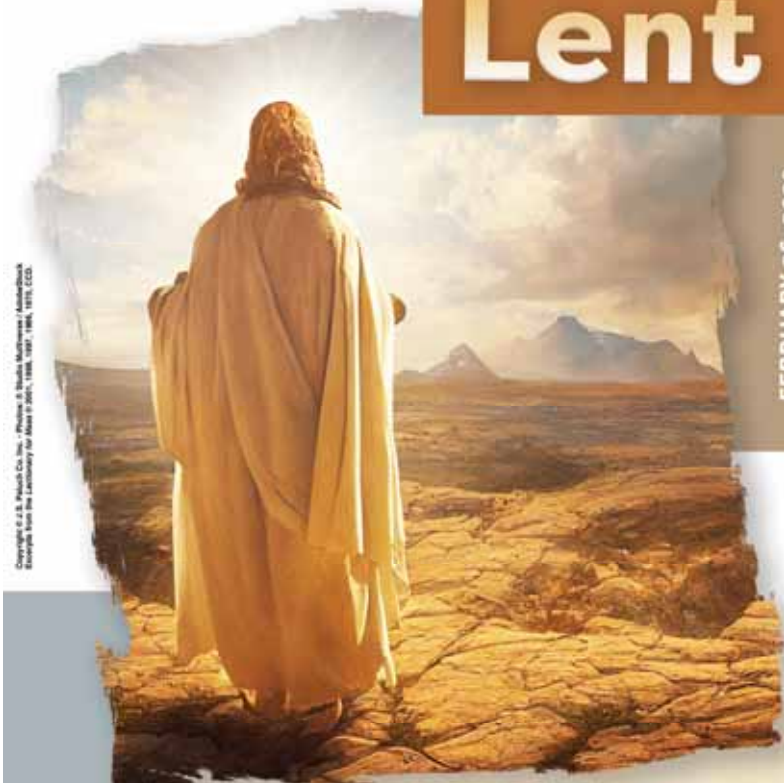
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FIRST SUNDAY OF
Lent



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FEBRUARY 26, 2023

At that time Jesus was
 led by the Spirit into the desert
 to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

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,

We begin our 40 days of lent practicing fasting, almsgiving and prayer. This is a time we reflect on our need for salvation and the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. We begin with ash Wednesday reminding

and recognizing our human mortality (“Remember we are dust and unto dust shall we return.”) and the need to be freed from sin.

This is a time we remember Jesus spent 40 days in the desert and resisting temptation. Jesus’ temptations speak to us about the vulnerability of man and the weakness of the spirit. Satan appeared to Jesus and tempted him to quench the hunger of the body. But Jesus resisted. He was tempted to do something that was not the will of God. Despite the “want” to satisfy bodily longings he chose to follow the word of God as it was more important as bread to survival. He chose a more essential thing: the satisfaction of the spirit in the word of God.

He was also tempted to challenge God. Instead Jesus chose to be humble and trust God. Then he was brought to the high mountain to see everything that he can own if he knelt before Satan. Rather, he chose to worship God and not allowed himself to pride and power.

His temptations are our temptations we face every day. The practice of fasting, almsgiving and prayer provides the opportunity to strengthen oneself to self control, sensitivity for others and a closer relationship with God. That is what we need to cooperate in the work of Jesus for our salvation.

During Lent we reflect on the consequence of sin and repent. We get to strengthen our wills to resist sinfulness and configure our hearts to God’s.

This is our way of preparing for the resurrection of Jesus Christ that assures us that there is eternal life promised to those who follow him.

Let us walk the talk to salvation.
Fr. Victor



FR. LUDESCHER LAMP
will burn this week in prayer for
John J. Filipovich

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



During Lent our school children and staff will focus on Joel 2:12, “Return to me with all your heart.” Weekly, we will add hearts to a Lenten display signifying acts of prayer, sacrifice, love and kindness that we’ve done in preparation for Easter. This display will be in the connecting hallway of the school.

During Lent we will also pray the Stations of the

Cross every Friday at 3pm. Please feel welcome to join us

Alumni Outreach: Our school board is hoping to gather St. Jerome School alumni for an event during Festival weekend, 2023. If you are an alum or your children are alumni of SJS, please call our office, 651-771-8494, and share contact information. We’re looking to connect with recent grads as well as those from many years ago. Thank you!

Thank you for keeping our school in your prayer. May you have a blessed Lent.

Anne Gattman
Principal

St. Jerome School 8th Grade Play
Saturday
March 4th, at
2:00pm



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

“Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are.” (St. John Bosco)



Lent is a perfect time to pray before Jesus in the Holy Eucharist in thanksgiving for the pain and death He suffered for our sins. The adoration chapel is opened Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 9 am and Tuesday at 12 noon, and closes at 6 pm. Feel free to stop by for a visit with Jesus.

A permanent adorer is needed Thursdays at 3 pm and a temporary adorer is needed for 6 weeks on Tuesdays at 11 am. If you would like to commit to an hour, or if you have questions, please call Lorraine at 772-2997.

FIRST SATURDAY CHOIR—March 4



MARCH 4 IS THE FIRST SATURDAY OF MARCH so it's time for FIRST SATURDAY CHOIR.

All 3rd graders are older are welcome and encouraged to sing with the Contemporary Group at the 4:30 Mass. Simply come to the lower level at 3:45 for rehearsal, and then sing at Mass:

STEEPLE BELLS



After nearly a year of silence, our Steeple Bells are back in operation. Thanks to a generous donation the bell control unit was installed Wednesday Feb 15. It sounds great as it calls us to Mass, plays the Angelus (followed by 3 songs) at Noon and 6:00 PM. It has over 1000 songs to help inspire us through the changing seasons of our liturgical year. Please enjoy the beautiful music we get to hear again.

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



I know you do not want to settle for a mediocre lent this year. Your Know, the same lent you have been doing for years. This year make your average

lent into an intense encounter with Jesus. When you login to your account on "Formed" look for the LENT tab at the left on the top of the home page and click. There you will find over 60 resources to use on your journey through Lent. You can find resources on prayer, the mystery of Christ's Passion, the roots of Holy Week and daily devotions. All to help guide the faithful through the holiest days in the liturgical year, the Triduum. If you do not have an account on "Formed" the instruction are below.

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!

Adult Bible Study—Eucharist

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. **Presence:** The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

Dates: Sundays April 16-May 14

Time: 10:45 am to 12:15 pm

Place: Ludescher Hall

Cost: \$10 for the study guide required.

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



MEN'S Conference fees

Note: Early Bird registration of \$20 ends March 1st (one week from now). Save \$5.

Discuss possibility of car pooling if interested at our next Men's Club meeting.

There is a box lunch included in the registration price.

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. 27– March 5

Monday	
Tuesday	10:00am Visitation– Mailand 11:00am Funeral
Wednesday	6:30pm Handbells
Thursday	11:45am Fatima Prayer & Rosary 5:30pm Stations of the Cross 6:00pm Soup Supper
Friday	9:00am Quilters for a Cause
Saturday	2:00pm School Play
Sunday	2nd Sunday of Lent 10:30am 1st Communion class 10:30am Adult Bible study

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Steve Lauinger (living)
Tuesday	7:15am	Jean Schreier
Wednesday	7:15am	Lois Berkowitz
	9:45am	Harold Frenning
Thursday	7:15am	Ron & Tommy Valento
Friday	7:15am	Dick Schreier
Saturday	8:00am	Keith H. Monroe (living)
	4:30pm	Therese Wegleitner
Sunday	9:30am	Members of the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	K. Yackel
Sun. 9:30 am	T. Zappa

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	S. Maldonado
Sun. 9:30 am	Y. Clintzman

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat.4:30 pm	L. Anyanwu	S. Anyanwu
	J. Weakley	
Sun.9:30 am	Adult Servers	



Contributions for the week of
Feb. 14-20

Weekly Contribution: \$2198.00

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

Fish Fry—St. John's in Little Canada

FISH FRYS COMING UP MARCH 3 & 24

St. John's Men's Club is graciously cooking for two fish fries again this year. Join us from 4:30 to 6:30 PM March 3 and 24 in the school gym. \$14/adult, \$12/senior, \$10/child, \$40/family (min. 2 adults, 2 children). All-you-can-eat meal includes fried and baked tilapia, green beans, potatoes, coleslaw, a roll, n/a beverage and dessert. Alternative meal includes grilled cheese sandwiches. Learn more at www.sjolc.org/fish-fry.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Join us this Thursday, March 2

Stations are at 5:30.

*This week's Mystery Soup
Supper will be hosted by the
Men's Club*



St. Genevieve's Council of Catholic Women is inviting men and women to two Lenten events. Bring a friend! Both events will be held at the St. Genevieve Parish Community Center (handicap accessible), 995 Centerville Rd, Centerville.

Saturday, March 11 – Lenten Retreat

8:30am - noon

Job, Jonah and Judith: Spiritual Role Models for Lent and Life
Presenter: Erin O'Leary

Themes from suffering, trust, courage, hope, mercy and liberation can guide us in discovering more about our relationship with God and our faith.

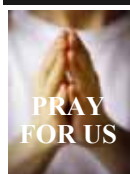
Doors open at 8:30am for check-in and refreshments. The retreat begins at 9:00am and concludes at noon. The fee is \$20 per person. Please register and pay at the door.

Friday March 24 – Mary's Way of the Cross

8:00am Mass and *Mary's Way of the Cross*

6:30pm *Mary's Way of the Cross*

"*Mary's Way of the Cross*" follows the mother of Jesus as she walks the road to Calvary, where Jesus was crucified, emphasizing her sense of surrender. Enter an intimate journey of faith through a deep reflection that will unite one's pain and suffering with Jesus on the cross through the sorrowful heart of His Mother. No cost to attend.



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

