

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

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January 1, 2023
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*The shepherds
 went in haste to
 Bethlehem and found
 Mary and Joseph,
 and the infant
 lying in the manger.*

Luke 2:16

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.

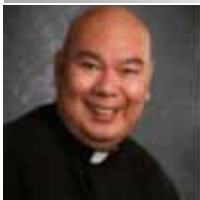


WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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,

Happy new year to everyone! We pray that the new year will bring us more blessings in our journey to become closer to God, loving and following him.

We celebrate a very special feast, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. WE call Mary the mother of God. Mary heard that the child born to her was not just an ordinary child but the child was a savior, a Christos – the divine Messiah, which was one of the names of God in the old testament. Mary definitively has a very significant role to play as the mother of Jesus. Interiorly, Mary kept these thoughts in her heart and mind and pondered on it, meaning to say, reflected, gave it a serious thought. She treasured all these, trying to piece them up together. That is, she tossed these things around, wondering and pondering them, reflecting on them, turning over and over and piecing up together the various incidents in an effort to discover answers and understand the meaning of the mystery that was being revealed to her, of who her son really is, of who this little baby in the manger really is. Today we see a heart of a mother reflecting on her child and what God is desiring from her Son.

Mary continues to reflect and discern: her son is named Jesus (Yeshua) which means “the Lord saves”. She reflects the future life of her son and what kind of life she has to live to be her mother. Indeed for us, the birth of Jesus is a blessing. We are invited as well to reflect what kind of life should we live to deserve the blessing of the Father in Jesus.

Let us be reminded that it is still the Christmas season. We continue to rejoice and be glad. Let us move forward and reflect with the Mother of God on the child that was born and what it means for all of us.

Every new year opens to us more blessings from God who reveals himself through his only son Jesus. As in our responsorial psalm we pray: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us (in Jesus)!

Fr. Victor



PRINCIPAL’S CORNER—Mrs. Gattman



POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER!

**New Date:
Thursday Jan 5 at 6pm.**

Join as we continue to celebrate the Christmas season.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



“I desire that Adoration take place for the intention of imploring Mercy for the world,” words of Jesus to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament.

Permanent weekly adorers are needed Tuesdays at 3 pm, Wednesdays at 2 pm and Thursdays at 3 pm. If you would like to sign up for an hour, or if you have questions, please call Lorraine at 772-2997.

1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion



At St. Jerome we are opening a program to prepare our children for First Reconciliation and First Communion. It will begin on January 22 until May 14. “Signs of Grace” is a program the parish is adopting for catechesis for both parents and children. The classes will be offered every Sunday. Please check the program website thesignsofgrace.org for more information. You can register your children for sacramental preparation by calling our parish office beginning Jan 2 till 16. More details will be published in the weeks to come.



SCRIP—buy for the holidays



A big thank you to all who participated in the recent physical gift card SCRIP sale. Thanks to you, we made \$340 for



the church, and along with our faithful online SCRIP shoppers, we made over a total of \$450 for church in the month of November alone! Just imagine how much the church could make if we had more parishioners purchasing SCRIP. If you would like to purchase gift certificates online, but don't know how to do it, just drop me a line at auglie@usfamily.net. I will be happy to get you started. We have certificates for Cub, Kohl's, Dunkin, Starbucks, Kwik Trip, and 500 more places. Restaurants are great at giving high percentages of money back, typically \$8 on every \$100 spent. Only spend \$25? The church gets back \$2. Every dollar adds up. Please consider giving SCRIP a try.
Anita Kennedy

BELLS at ST. JEROME



It has not gone unnoticed that the ringing of the bells at St. Jerome has been missing. The playing of a familiar song, the gentle reminder of time and the sound of stillness and calmness of the spirit has not been heard. Everyone is longing to hear the bells that call the heart to prayer and community worship. The bells at St. Jerome are a “joyful noise” of our crazy world and it has become a part of our daily lives and church tradition.

The bells at St. Jerome signify time for worship and prayer. During noon and evening time it is also rung to invite people for a moment of prayer and also to remind us of time.

The bell system of the church is more than 30 years old. Time has indicated for it to retire and a new one has to be commissioned. The parish is working on replacing it with a new and upgraded system that can even help us during funerals, weddings and other special liturgical celebrations at St. Ignatius.

Let us all pray that by February we can again hear the “joyful noise”!

St. Francis and the Christmas Nativity



Did you know that the origin of the Christmas Nativity Scene or Manger Sets is credited to St. Francis of Assisi and dates back to the year 1223 A.D.?

While visiting the small town of Greccio to celebrate Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, he prepared a manger and brought an ox and an ass to a niche in a nearby rock and preached of the Babe of Bethlehem. A soldier professed that

he miraculously saw a vision of the Christ Child in the manger appear during the Mass.

Since the beginning of St. Jerome Parish over 80 years ago, we have traditionally honored the Nativity Scene with our “own” St. Francis. A young school aged child, dressed as St. Francis, presents a gift to the Nativity Scene in front of our altar. **This year Ben Shelby Vazquez was our St. Francis at the 4:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve.**

SYNOD

Archbishop Hebda
Releases the Synod Pastoral Letter



After three years of listening, preparation and engagement with laity, consecrated women and men, and clergy across the archdiocese, Archbishop Hebda released

his pastoral letter This pastoral letter outlines his vision and Synod Priorities for our local church, informed through feedback from the Synod process.

Read the letter now at archspm.org/synodletter.



COAT DRIVE for VETERANS



“What should we do to prepare?” John the Baptist admonished to his hearers: if you have two coats give one of them to someone who has none, and likewise with food.

During this winter month of JANUARY let us do some corporal works of mercy to form our hearts in charity and love. We are invited to share a coat or two to our poor veterans. So many of our brothers and sisters served in the military out of the virtue of patriotism. Many of them suffer from the consequences of war and are so vulnerable. During this cold month let us show them our love and concern. You may drop your coats at a box place at the entrance door of the church. Other personal items are also needed especially extra and double extra large undershirts, underwear and socks.

CATECHISM IN A YEAR—starts Jan. 1



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

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON



To the Men’s club who hosted the pancake breakfast.
To the Ladies who hosted the bake sale.
To all those who baked cookies for the bake sale.

To the Church Decorators who made the church look amazing for Advent and then again for Christmas.
To all the people who contributed to the beautiful music at all the different liturgies.
To all the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers who make the masses go smoothly.
To our Altar servers and the people who support them, old and young. Behind the scenes they are recruited, scheduled, trained and the albs got washed.



AND a BIG THANK YOU, to you, our parishioners. We raised over \$2000 to help people this Christmas season and beyond. Thank you to all who donated money, to those who shopped for the gifts and to those who wrapped them. We helped 7 Ramsey county families and then others with gift cards.

PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
Jan. 2-8

Monday		
Tuesday	7:00pm	Men's Club—Library
Wednesday	6:00pm	Confirmation
Thursday	10:00am	Visitation—Murphy
	11:00am	Funeral
	6:00pm	Concert
Friday	9:00am	Quilters for a Cause
Saturday	9:00am	Girl Scouts—lower church
Sunday		Epiphany

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Altar Servers
Tuesday	7:15am	Leon Opatz
Wednesday	7:15am	Bernie Przybylski
	9:45am	Theresa Wilkes
Thursday	7:15am	Ron & Tommy Valento
Friday	7:15am	Dick Schreier
Saturday	8:00am	Karen Wegleitner (living)
	4:30pm	Lorraine Frenning
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	R. Klutzke

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm
Sun. 9:30 am

ALTAR SERVERS:

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



Contributions for the week of
Dec. 20-26

Weekly Contribution: \$8366.00

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



With the new tech devices you received for Christmas hopefully you will use them to learn and grow in your faith. I know many of you have created a login to FORMED. If not,

the instructions are below. On the FORMED website there are how-to tutorial videos. On the home page on the far right move your cursor over the word **HELP**. Click on **Leader Resources** move your cursor over **Videos and Webinars** then click on **Tutorial Videos**. There you will find short tutorials about using formed on your Apple or Android phone. Where study guides can be found. Getting started on ROKU and more.

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5. Enter your email - and you're in!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



We ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of
Larry Murphy
and for the consolation of his family.



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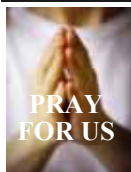
BOOYA



Are you having people over for New Years?

We have BOOYA for sale.

For sale in the Parish office.
\$32 half gallon, \$64 gallon



PRAY FOR US

Fr. Cletus Basekela, Sue Connolly, Patricia Cokley, Don & Cathy Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Jackie Geretschlaeger, Karen Geretschlaeger, Mary Gross, Sharon Heffernan, David Hendricks, Catherine Henry, Anne Holthaus Clarice Holthaus, Richard (Les) Johnson, Kevin Jones, Eugene Kauffhold, Lily Kehler, Kevin Klutzke, Mary Laumeyer, Steve Lauinger, Fr. Ken Ludescher, RoseMarie Manders, Nancy Mason, Vern & Dorothy Mayer, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLellan, Brian Michalitsch, Butch Mudgett, Nolan Mullaney, Greg Ne-gard, 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