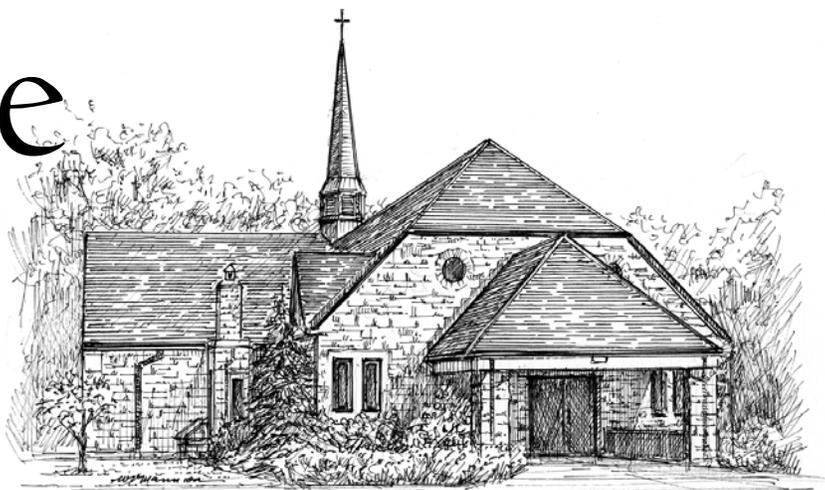


CHURCH OF
St. Jerome

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 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

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Pastoral Staff

Fr. Victor ValenciaPastor

Administrative Staff

Joanne Lamb.....Parish Secretary

Music

Mary Beth HessMusic Director

Faith Formation

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

School

Anne Gattman..... Principal
 Bella EckertSchool Secretary
 Nancy McGraw..... School Secretary
 Staci Meyers..... School Secretary

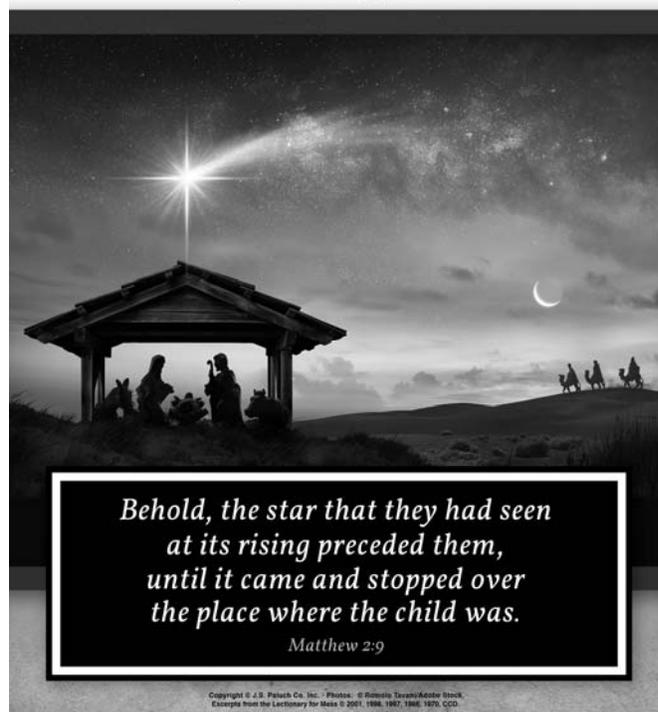
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Bob Hoisington.....Supervisor

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

**THE EPIPHANY
 OF THE LORD**

JANUARY 3, 2021



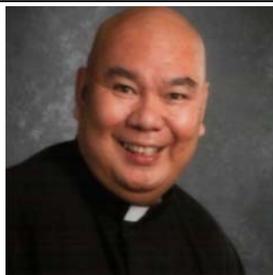
*Behold, the star that they had seen
 at its rising preceded them,
 until it came and stopped over
 the place where the child was.*

Matthew 2:9

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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.



On the second Sunday after Christmas we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. It is a celebration of the mystery of the revelation or the unveiling/appearing of Christ's kingship and divinity.

We hear the story of the coming of the Magi to visit and honor the king and offer their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The magi were great philosophers, astrologers, known for their knowledge and wisdom. They were members of the royal courts who were advisers of the king. They knew about the king will come from the land of Judah, a great king that will come from Bethlehem. They searched for the king to honor him. Here is a story that manifest the nature of this child as king and divine.

Today the Church and its people continue to receive epiphanies from the Lord. There are in our own lives, history and world events the manifestations of who our God is only if we are personally and spiritually disposed to him. It requires some sensitivity and consciousness of his presence in our lives to be able to read the signs of the times and God's message. Even during this pandemic it takes a heart to recognize the manifestations of God in history and in our lives.

Let us begin this new year in formation towards a discipline of the heart and a mind that is discerning and listening. There were so many things that happened in the year 2020 that calls for our listening and reflecting. There are still many things that are to come. We shall move ahead and journey as a faith community at St. Jerome building a discipline of prayer and reflection in our liturgy and in the proclamation of the good news. Let us learn to become his instruments of love and compassion to our brothers and sisters in our corporal works of mercy and in solidarity with the poor seeking justice and a world so desirous for peace.

God bless our journey and protect our families.

*Happy New Year.
Fr. Vic*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or
1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear St. Jerome Parishioners,

Happy New Year!

While we are still in the Christmas season I must share a photo with you and tell you about our *Drive In Caroling Evening*.

Here's a shot from the roof of our school:



The parking lot was packed! Our 8th grade read the story of the Nativity from the Gospel of Luke and they also shared the history of each carol. Families tuned in to FM 87.7 to hear the program, sing along and stay warm. One grade at a time came forward from their cars and sang a familiar hymn. Even Father Vic did a solo with a special verse during Jingle Bells. After each song the cars honked and honked. It was awesome! I described the evening as "heart bursting" to my husband. It was truly wonderful and our school community provided hope and love to one another after a long 15 weeks of pandemic schooling.

You must know that none of this would have been possible without the help of Mary Beth and Frank Hess. They allowed us to use their equipment and set it up and kept everything going great. Our music teacher, Nancy Masson, planned the program to a "T". We are grateful!

In January, our students will be working on demonstrating the virtue of gratitude and learning about the lives of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Julie Billart and St. Josemaria Escriva.

This quote from St. Julie Billart (Spiritual Mother of the Sisters of Notre Dame) is a nice way to head into this new year:

Pray for me, my good friend, that I may follow the spirit of the good God step by step all my life.

Peace, joy, health and hope to you and yours,
Anne Gattman
Principal



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.



We ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of Charles Cochrane and for the consolation of his family.

In Memoriam

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



For our service project for Catholic Schools Week this year, we are going to do a baby drive and then make care packages to donate to the Woodbury Options Women's Clinic. The school is asking parishioners to help with some of the larger stuff. We will

be collecting money to buy larger items like highchairs. They would also like new baby items especially size 5 diapers. There will be a box in the entrance of the church for donations of NEW baby items and a basket for monetary donations.

QUILTERS FOR A CAUSE



Our quilters have been busy the last year even during the Covid pandemic. We completed almost 300 quilts. Most of the work was done at home by the quilters and then dropped off at church during what would have

been our normal quilting day, the first Friday of the month. Several of our usual donation outlets (including HealthEast Hospitals and Ramsey County Nursing Service) were not accepting donations because of the pandemic. We found a few new outlets – Women's Life Care Center in Little Canada took 50 for their holiday party for residents. We donated 12 to the three Giving Tree Families and surprised a few shut-in parishioners with a little care from the parish. We have quite a stock pile that will hopefully be able to good homes in the not too distant future. Since we began in October Of 2002 we have donated almost 2600 quilts to those that need a little comfort.

SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA—Jan. 7

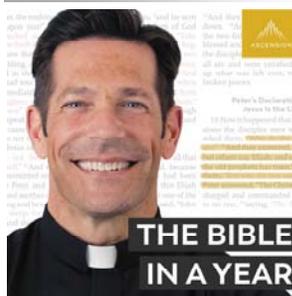
Thursday, Jan. 7 at 11:45 at St. Jerome upper church. Members responding to Our Lady's requests for prayer, penance and sacrifice in a spirit of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the conversion of poor sinners. All are invited to join the prayer group each first Thursday . Need info?, call David at 772-2221.



WEEKEND SANTIZER

Would you like a job sanitizing the church? It is about an hour after every weekend mass/event. Please call the parish office if you can help.

Bible in a Year



Ascension Press is offering a "Bible in a Year" Podcast study starting Jan 1, 2021.

If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you.

Ascension's *Bible in a Year* Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes starting January 1st, 2021.

Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- ✦ two to three scripture readings
- ✦ a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.

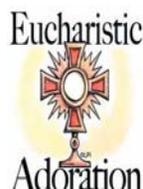
Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's *Bible in a Year* Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure *Bible Timeline*® learning system, a groundbreaking approach to understanding Salvation History developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins.

Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word!

You can sign up for this series at - ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thank you to the people who recently committed to weekly hours of adoration. Permanent adorers are still needed for Thurs. 12 noon and 2 p.m. If you are able to help with either of these hours or have questions, please call Lorraine 772-2997.



A great big thank-you to Angela Lillemo, who with her husband Tyler, head up the church decorating. And to the Heurung family, and all who helped decorate the church for Christmas. It is beautiful.

PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
Jan. 4-10

Monday	School open
Tuesday	7:00pm Men's Club
Wednesday	6:00pm Confirmation
Thursday	11:45am Fatima Prayer group
Friday	9:00am Quilters
Saturday	2:30pm confessions
Sunday	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am Nathan Hesse
Tuesday	7:15am Jerry & Kathy Thielen (liv)
Wednesday	7:15am Don & Pam Rooney (lvi)
	9:45am Claire & Hannah Alto (liv)
Thursday	7:15am Dennis Cusick
Friday	9:00am Dewayne & Helen Hedlund (liv)
	1:15pm Claire & Hannah Alto (liv)
Saturday	8:00am Dennis Cusick
	4:30pm Bob Trost
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	J. Dickson & M. Schuh
Sun. 9:30 am	M. Simone, & T. Bertsch

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	L. Liepold
Sun. 9:30 am	Y. Clintsman

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.



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, Philip Maus, Vern & Dorothy Mayer, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLellan, 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, Ted Testen, George & Nancy Valento, Jim & Evelyn Wendt, Theresa Wilkes, Delores Witschen, Lorraine Youngbauer

SCHOOL NEEDS

There are two areas where the school needs additional help:

1. **Math Enrichment;**
2. **Leadership Development.**

We have many talented youth who would benefit from a math club and chess club. Might you be able to run a math club or facilitate chess club for us? We also have students who are ready to take on serious ideas and learn how to talk about important things and lead others. Might you be interested in helping us with leadership development? Please shoot an email to Mrs. Gattman (agattman@stjeromeschool.org) if you would like to talk more.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS



We find ourselves needing to grow our pool of guest teachers. Do you have a college degree? Would you be interested in making \$125/day to come in and be a guest teacher? Please contact Mrs. Gattman. As you

know, we are following safety protocols to minimize the Covid-19 risk. So far, we have zero cases. Yet, our teachers get sick with other ailments and we need reliable people to step in. Thanks!

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St. Jerome School



NOW ENROLLING FOR PRESCHOOL, 2021-2022

Do you have a 3 or 4 year old at home, or child who will be 3 in September of 2021? Now is the time to enroll for preschool at St. Jerome! We offer half-day, full-day, and extended day (wrap-around care) programs for preschool children ages 3-5. Children can attend 2, 3, or 5 days a week. Our teachers are rich in experience and early childhood backgrounds and create a nurturing and loving environment that enables children to thrive; growing in self-development, emotional regulation, academics, friendship, and faith. For more information or to schedule a visit, please call Ms. Cardinal, Preschool Director, at 651-771-1023 or email gcardinal@stjeromeschool.org.

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.**

