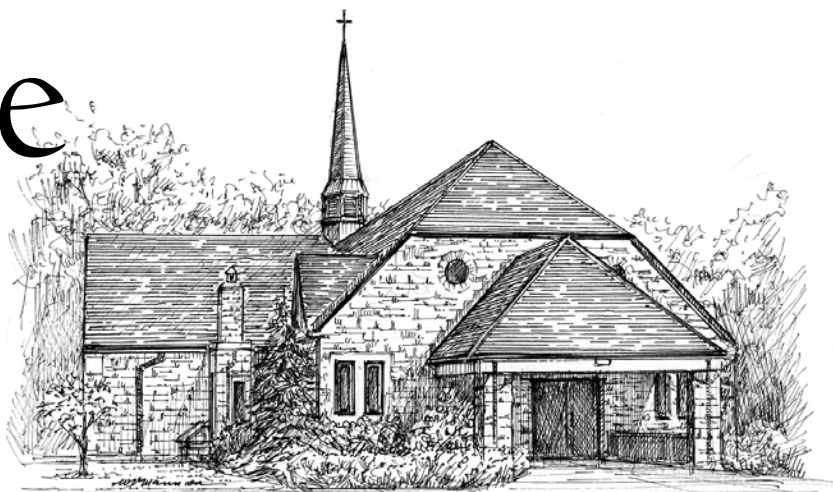


CHURCH OF
St. Jerome

380 E. Roselawn Avenue
 Maplewood, MN 55117



Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM
 Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 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 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 ValenciaPastor

Administrative Staff

Joanne Lamb.....Parish Secretary

Music

Mary Beth HessMusic Director

Faith Formation

Shelly BerthiaumeReligious Ed Coordinator
 Maddy McCarthy..... Confirmation
 Pat Birkey Children's Liturgy

School

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

Maintenance

Bob Hoisington.....Supervisor

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



March 15, 2020

Third

Sunday of Lent

A woman of Samaria came to draw water.
 Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

John 4:7

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 feels good to be back! My trip home was very restful and strengthening bonding with family and friends. The two weeks following the trip back home was also refreshing and rejuvenating.

With the current scare with the dreaded corona virus I thought it was better to stay home and rest for 14 days to make sure I was not a carrier of the disease. Now I look forward to journey with the community for the rest of the Lenten season.

St. Augustine said "My heart is restless until it rests in you, my God". The feeling of restlessness is a common human experience. We are always longing for something to fill the void in us. Like Augustine we search for that which can completely satisfy the longing for true joy and peace. Man has tried to find it in finite pleasure but at the end we are always left wanting for more.

Lent is a time for us to discover that lasting happiness can not be found in the finite things of this world. We have to rediscover that our real identity and value can be found in God. Peace, joy and satisfaction is beyond bread and water.

The water from the well has not completely satisfied the thirst of the Samaritan woman. Jesus offered her and us the living water that can bring completeness in our lives. Jesus himself experienced the craving of his heart and body and yet knew that "one does not live on bread alone". We need to rediscover this value in our heart.

Jesus continues to invite us "Come to me all you who labor and are thirsty and I will give you rest. For my yoke is easy and burden is light"

Fr. Vic

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear St. Jerome Parishioners,

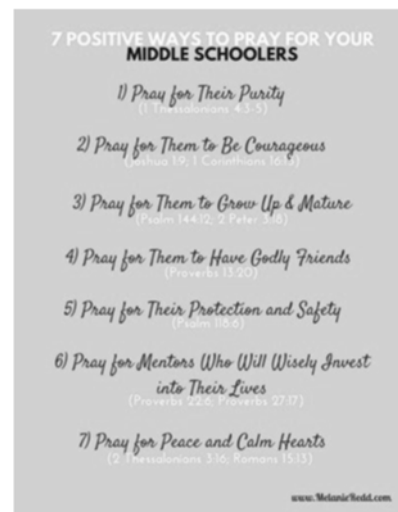
Several weeks ago I took over teaching our 8th grade Religion class. My teaching experience was mostly in grades K-6, so middle school students are new to me.

Let me share a bit. First of all, they are almost *all taller than me!* Secondly, they are middle schoolers...that should say it all! Anyone who has parented through these years knows these clumsy, silly, goofy children are pushing for independence while clinging to our support. They are discovering who they are meant to be and that entails pushing limits and trying out new behaviors. They can try our patience and, at the same time, be so very endearing.

I am happy to tell you that I am I love my hour each day with our 8th graders (and it doesn't seem to matter that I'm not very tall!). So far we have created Heart Maps that describe where and how God is present in our lives, and how we share him with others. We have also begun an in-depth study of the Sacraments. Before the end of the year we will have read C.S. Lewis's Screwtape Letters together and studied the Catholic Church's pillars of social teaching. But, currently we are preparing our **7 Last Words of Christ** presentation that we will **share with the parish on Good Friday (April 10) at noon.** We sincerely hope you will join us!

I am in charge of preparing the girls and Mr. Michael Kenney is working with the boys. Spending this time with the students pondering Christ's great love for us has grown my love and appreciation for our Middle School students. Sometimes they get a bad rap...they're noisy, pushing limits and trying to get away with mischief. They are also thoughtful, reverent, and supportive of one another. We can and should be very proud of our Middle School students.

Please join me in holding our 52 middle school students in prayer this Lent.



Peace,
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.



“STATIONS OF THE CROSS” with Mystery Soup Supper

Join us this Thursday, March 19 Stations are at 5:30.

This week’s Mystery Soup Supper will be hosted by the Finance Council and Office volunteers



Wednesday March 18th 6:30pm



Foot Washing
Be a part of the special Holy Week Mass. We need 12 volunteers to have their foot washed as part of the Holy Thursday Mass. Mass is at 7:00pm. The sign up sheet is on the south landing.



St. Jerome's fish fry is Friday, April 3rd.

THANK YOU!!! To all who donated to the fryer. We have collected enough

money to buy the fryer and the storage bins.



Advanced discount tickets will be on sale after the Masses on March 21-22 and on March 28-29. Secure your spot at this delicious event and save \$1 per fish dinner by purchasing tickets in advance.

OLD PALMS

Do you have old blessed palms that you don't know what to do with? Please bring them to the church and place in the box at the entrance and we will dispose of them properly.



FR. LUDESCHER LAMP
will burn this week in prayer for
Connie Seeger

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SCHOOL

Open House - Preschool - 8th Grade

Wednesday, March 18
- Mass at 9:45 AM (Church)
- At 10:45, enjoy coffee and donuts, meet with our Principal and Advancement Director, and learn more about our classical approach to academic excellence (School lobby)



- School tours ongoing from 10:45 - 3:00 PM

Kindergarten Feature

Wednesday, April 1:
4:00-6:00 PM

Parents are invited to join our Principal, Anne Gattman, Kindergarten teacher, Annette Ruhnke, and Preschool Director, Grace Cardinal for an informal discussion about our academic offerings and focus on early childhood development

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE
BETTER TOGETHER

Party with Purpose: Better Together! St. Jerome School's annual spring fundraiser and evening of fun is planned for **Saturday, April 25, 2020**. We love when our parishioners come and have a good time and support our school. We'll have delicious food, drinks, a silent auction, and more.

LENT ACTIVITIES:

- No School Fridays March 20& 27
- Living stations April 3
- Seven Last Words April 10, noon

DIVINE MERCY—April 19th



Please mark your calendar for this solemn feast day the Sunday after Easter. A special celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday will be in St. Jerome Church Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:30 and ending with a 4:00 pm Sunday fulfillment Mass. Two priests will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 1:30 to 3:30. Come to give thanks to God for His endless mercy.

Come to learn more about Divine Mercy - the Feast, Novena, Chaplet, 3 o'clock Hour, and Image of Divine Mercy.

Also learn about the Divine Mercy at

www.divinemercysunday.com;

www.thedivinemercy.org; and www.feastofmercy.org.

Volunteers are needed to publicize and host this celebration. Please come to a planning meeting in the lower church Thurs., March 19th after Soup Supper – about 6:30 pm.

Questions ?? call Cynthia 772-2221

PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
March 16-22

Monday	4:30pm	Gym Rental
Tuesday	6:30pm	Catholic Watchmen
Wednesday	6:00pm	Confirmation
	6:30pm	Choir
	6:30pm	Religious Education
	6:30pm	Penance Service
Thursday	5:30pm	Stations of the Cross
	6:00pm	Soup Suppers
	6:30pm	Finance Council meeting
	6:30pm	Divine Mercy Planning mtg
Friday	No School	
	Life Line Screening—Lower church	
	6:30pm	Girl Scouts Hall Rental
Saturday	10:00am	Girl Scouts Hall Rental
Sunday	4th Sunday of Lent	
	3:00pm	Bible Study (Ludescher Hall)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	John Masloski
Tuesday	7:15am	Joseph Yankovec
Wednesday	7:15am	Joe Soler
	9:45am	Al Galbraith
Thursday	7:15am	Bill & Dolores Gleason
Friday	7:15am	John Masloski
Saturday	8:00am	Jim & Della Conway
	4:30pm	Sandra Private
Sunday	8:30am	Bob Trusler
	10:30am	Members of the Parish



The Contemporary Group and FRIENDS will be singing at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on

**EASTER SUNDAY -
 APRIL 12**

Fifth Graders through ADULTS are welcome to sing along.

Two rehearsal options:

* Thursday - April 2 - 6:30 p.m.

* Saturday - April 4 - 2:30 p.m.

INTERESTED? Please reply by email or phone.

Mary Beth Hess - Music Director

EMAIL: music@stjerome-music.org

PHONE: 612-270-2752



Jacqueline Benjamin, Spencer Cardinal, Gail Chrysler, Sue Connolly, Marilyn Cunningham, Cathy Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Tim Feidt, Sharon Heffernan, David Hendricks, Clarice Holthaus, Kevin Jones, Eugene Kaufhold, Lily Kehler, Mary Klutzke, Steve Lauinger, Mary Laumeyer, John Leahy, 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., Gene Skok, Mike Spangenberg, Ava Swift, Tony Swift, George & Nancy Valento, Greg Votel, Theresa Wilkes, Delores Witschen, Laura Woehrle, Kevin Yackel, Lorraine Youngbauer

LITURGICAL ROLES March 16-33

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

SERVERS:

Mon., Fri., Sat Adult Servers
Tues., Thurs, M. & G. Revering
Sat. 4:30 pm M. Revering & W. Heurung
Sun. 8:30 am R. Sutton & A. Cardinal
10:30 am B. Akoh & W. Holzemer

CANDLE BEARERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm M. Kinning & G. Revering
Sun. 8:30 am J. Weakley
10:30 am E. Akoh & M. Holzemer

CROSS BEARERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm Mi. Heurung
Sun. 8:30 am
10:30 am

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm S. Kinning, J. Zielinski, S. Rooney
Sun. 8:30 am E. Schoenecker, T. Bertsch, B. Cardinal
10:30 am T. Zappa, R. Klutzke, P. St. George

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm B. Janisch
Sun. 8:30 am S. Maldonado
10:30 am T. Zappa

SCRIP SELLERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm R. Schreier, T. Testen
Sun 8:30 am A. Kennedy
10:30 am M. Petersen, H. Younce



**Contributions for the week of
March 8, 2020**

Weekly Contribution:\$5988.35

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



**Serve the Poor Support Life
Strengthen the Faith**

How will you give alms this Lent? Help those in need – go to GiveCSAF.org and donate today! Thank you from the 20 Designated Ministries of the CSAF!

Questions about where exactly your dollars go when you give to the Appeal? Donated dollars come in and checks directly to the 20 Designated Ministries go out – it's truly that basic. Independent audit reports are available online at www.csafspm.org (under "About", "Financial Reports"). Still have questions? Email us at info@csafspm.org or call 612-294-6622.

THANK YOU TO QUILTERS!!!

A big thank you to the Quilters for a Cause who donated the new magazine racks at the entrance of the church. Stop by and look at the new bulletin board and brochure racks.

Thank You

SCRIP—GIFT CARDS

We have gift cards for all your shopping needs, especially gas and grocery cards. **Please support the school.**