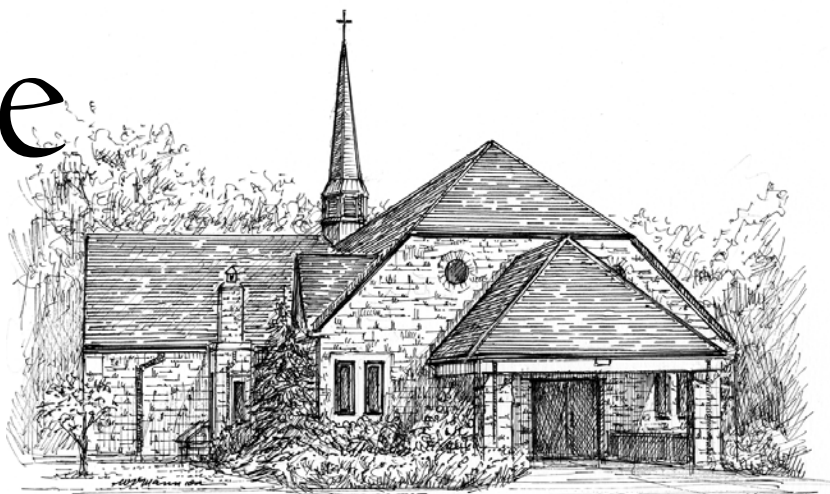


CHURCH OF  
**St. Jerome**

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**

**Contact Information**

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**Pastoral Staff**

Fr. Victor Valencia .....Pastor

**Administrative Staff**

Joanne Lamb.....Parish Secretary

**Music**

Mary Beth Hess .....Music Director

**Faith Formation**

Shelly Berthiaume .....Religious 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 22, 2020

**Fourth**

*Sunday of Lent*

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."  
 John 9:39

**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 is quite significant that this week we hear a story of an encounter with God. A man born blind was healed by Jesus. He rejoiced at his healing and announced to everyone his encounter with Jesus.*

*Here is a lesson of being faithful to*

*God. A man born blind stood alone to tell his story. He did not change his story despite the pressures and the coercions. In his affirmation of his healing experience he showed his trust and confidence in Jesus. He has proclaimed the good news!*

*One important goal this lent is to increase strength and reclaim our power and confidence to proclaim Jesus as our Lord and savior. The stories retold during this season of lent is meant to build a real solid foundation in the mercy and love of God for his people. It is meant to rekindle the hope and the future of a life in God's kingdom as he has promised to those who is faithful to him. May it encourage us to continue in our efforts to be reconciled with God and strengthen our relationship with him.*

*Let us make use of the many opportunities we have this Lent. The current medical crisis is one that preoccupies the minds of people and stress them. Many are overcome with fear. This is our modern blindness : human distress that unable us to see our God who heals and liberates. Looking into a wider perspective challenges can be an acid test to the strength and depth of our faith. This is an opportunity to ask the Lord to heal our blindness and reconnect with God in prayer. Thursday evening stations of the cross offer us the opportunity to even see closer the story of Jesus' passion and death and reflect on it.*

*These and many other devotional practices bring us to the disposition of prayer and reflection this lent. Now it is time for us to make a response to so many invitations of Jesus to experience his divine mercy and love.*

Fr. Vic

### FOOD FOR THE POOR

Food For The Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Fr. David Deibel on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of our brothers and sisters throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, we thank you for your compassion and care. We are all blessed by and grateful for your generosity.

In Christ,  
The Food For The Poor Family.



### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear St. Jerome Parishioners,

Next week St. Jerome School will be hauntingly quiet. Students and staff are on spring break. Mr. Bob, Mr. Greg and Mr. Mike will be dancing a jig as they get to have the building to themselves to tackle projects that are impossible with 150 children underfoot.

As many of you know, there is a lot of care, love and sweat equity that goes into maintaining a school building. Bob Hoisington leads a great team with Greg Johnson as his daily partner and Mike Schrier pitching in on special projects. These guys are a true team maintaining a safe building and also showing care and concern for our students. Many times Bob has come to me with a question or observation about a student. He is another part of our community that supports our students. We are better because Bob, Greg and Mike are here.

In fact, we're **BETTER TOGETHER!**

This year's spring fundraiser: Party with a Purpose: **BETTER TOGETHER!** Celebrates how awesome pieces come together to make our school the excellent place it is. Kind of like cookies and milk, peanut butter and jelly, bacon and eggs, we're better together.

We're better together because of our parish too. We hope you'll join us on **April 25 at 5:30pm** to celebrate our community, enjoy a great meal and raise money for the SJS students.

*Tickets are available on the website ([www.stjeromeschool.org](http://www.stjeromeschool.org)) or in the school office.*

## PARTY WITH A PURPOSE BETTER TOGETHER

Peace,  
Anne Gattman, Principal

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
 Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



**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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SCHOOL**



**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



**“STATIONS OF THE CROSS” with Mystery Soup Supper**

*Join us this Thursday, March 26 Stations are at 5:30.*

*This week’s Mystery Soup Supper will be hosted by the Liturgy committee*



**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 Friday March 27
- Living stations April 3
- Seven Last Words April 10, noon



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.**

Advanced discount tickets will be on sale after the Masses this

weekend 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.



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](mailto:music@stjerome-music.org)  
PHONE: 612-270-2752

**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.



**DIVINE MERCY—April 19th**



You are invited to use your time and talent to help publicize our St. Jerome Church Divine Mercy Sunday afternoon celebration. (Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter, April 19<sup>th</sup>.) We could use your help to invite children, youth, and adults at St. Jerome parish and other parishes using church bulletins, fliers, signs, websites, etc. To volunteer, come to a planning meeting March 25<sup>th</sup> in Ludescher Hall. Begins at 6:30 pm. Call Cynthia 772-2221.



*We ask your prayers for the repose of the souls of John Leahy and for the consolation of his family.*

*In Memoriam*

**PARISH EVENT CALENDAR**  
**March 23-29**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>SCHOOL ON SPRING BREAK</b> 4:30pm Gym Rental
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30pm Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30pm Stations of the Cross 6:00pm Soup Suppers 6:30pm Liturgy Committee
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am Altar server advancement
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Bible Study— Check email update</i>

**MASS INTENTIONS**

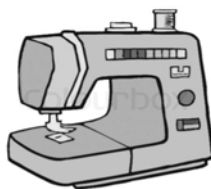
<b>Monday</b>	7:15am	John Masloski
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:15am	Audrey Lutz (living)
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:15am	Nido Valencia
	9:45am	No school mass
<b>Thursday</b>	7:15am	Ron Valento
<b>Friday</b>	7:15am	
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am	
	4:30pm	Jim Flesher
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30am	Members of the Parish
	10:30am	Maria Zaida

**QUILTERS FOR A CAUSE—April 3**

We will meet again Friday, April 3 from 9:00 till 2:30. Come whatever hours you can and bring something to share for potluck lunch.

If you have a bit of time and the inclination to participate in a fun ministry...come! Check this out! Quilting experience is not necessary but basic machine sewing skills are helpful. You do NOT need to be a talented seamstress/stitcher. You just need to have a loving heart and willing hands ... we'll find a job you can do

This is a good way to socialize with and meet other parishioners while doing something for others. The quilts go to charities in the Maplewood area, Kids Korner and St. Jerome baptisms. If you have any questions please call Mary Selby at 489-4177.



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 Woehrl, Kevin Yackel, Lorraine Youngbauer

## LITURGICAL ROLES March 23-29

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

### SERVERS:

Mon., Fri., Sat Adult Servers  
Tues., Thurs, G. Marshall & M. Kinning  
Sat. 4:30 pm O. Olberding & C. Shelby-Vasquez  
Sun. 8:30 am C. Cardinal & J. Knauss  
10:30 am Christina Zorobi & Kim Zorobi

### CANDLE BEARERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm E. Shelby-Vasquez  
Sun. 8:30 am  
10:30 am N. & L. Anyanwu

### CROSS BEARERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm  
Sun. 8:30 am  
10:30 am Kevin Zorobi

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm B. Murphy, I. Schreier, J. Zielinski  
Sun. 8:30 am J. Dickson, Y. Clintsman, N. Valento  
10:30 am T. Petersen, C. Anyanwu

### LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm C. Pirri  
Sun. 8:30 am S. Cardinal  
10:30 am H. Schultz

### SCRIP SELLERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm L. Sherman & S. Heintz  
Sun. 8:30 am J. & M. Heller  
10:30 am

## GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY –TODAY

This weekend is Global Solidarity Sunday and we celebrate "...I was blind and now I see" (Jn. 9:25). This is a unique opportunity to share the light of the Lord in solidarity with your brothers and sisters overseas. We are invited to offer gifts of support by contributing to this collection for four global initiatives designated by the U.S. Catholic Bishops: Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, as well as humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able and support your brothers and sisters overseas.



## Serve the Poor Support Life Strengthen the Faith

How will you give alms this Lent? Help those in need – go to [GiveCSAF.org](http://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](http://www.csafspm.org) (under "About", "Financial Reports"). Still have questions? Email us at [info@csafspm.org](mailto:info@csafspm.org) or call 612-294-6622.

## SCRIP—GIFT CARDS

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

