

C H U R C H O F

380 E. Roselawn Avenue
Maplewood, MN 55117

St. Jerome

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

Contact Information

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Fax 651-771-3466
Website www.stjermeschool.org
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Fr. Victor Valencia.....Pastor

Administrative Staff

Joanne LambParish 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 ZappaPreschool Director

Sue CostelloSchool Secretary

Nay Paw School Secretary

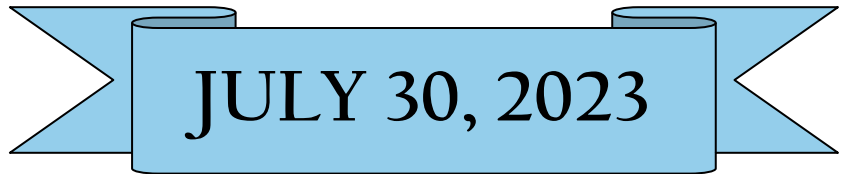
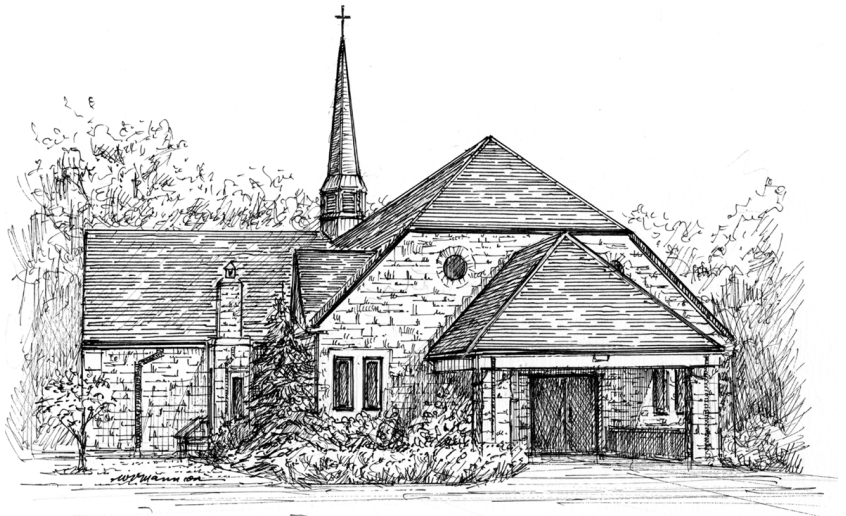
Maintenance

Bob Hoisington Supervisor

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Marie Joseph.....651-771-8494

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



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

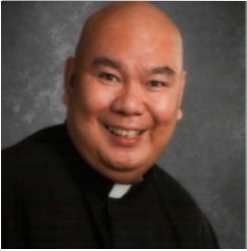




WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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,

This weekend we welcome a representative from the religious community of the Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy who will speak to us and share their missionary works of giving witness to the mercy and compassion of God by their charitable works of compassion to

the poor, care for the sick, shelter for the orphans, to name a few. They evangelize through these works and teaching in parishes and dioceses in Africa, Europe, Canada and the United States. We are called to share in the missionary works of our sisters and brothers by praying for them and their works, by sharing our material blessings for their mission or considering to be a witness as well to the mercy and compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ. There will be a second collection after holy communion. Please be extra generous.

Let us learn some more about the kingdom of God. In another set of parables Jesus is teaching us that the kingdom of God is like a treasure or a pearl of great price. It is very valuable, its treasure is a security for eternal life, of peace, joy and contentment. You would not ask for more. It is one that is so desirable everyone like to have. It is hidden though and therefore you have to search for it. In that kingdom you have to be found worthy of it when you find it. You can't steal it. You have to be willing to give everything in order to obtain it. You can unjustly obtain it. We have to give all that we have if we are going to possess it.

You've got to love this kingdom in order to find it. It is that love that will move you to search for it. It is that active love that will desire you to venture to risk losing everything in order to find it. It is love that will make you open to sacrifice everything for the sake of that pearl. You are willing to look like you are a foolish person in the eyes of the world for giving up everything all for this one pearl of great price. Indeed it is radical. It is radical discipleship.

In the kingdom of God there will be a final judgment at the end of time. There will be a separation of the bad and the righteous. Jesus is telling us that we need to cultivate our hearts to become a good soil for the word of God to in us. We need to form ourselves and let the wheat grow in our hearts. Let us nurture the gift of love that makes us seek righteousness and desire God.

Jesus definitely wants us to understand this so we all can enter the kingdom of God. As his disciples he invites us to form our hearts. To read the word of God and engage it

Fr. Victor

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER—Mrs. Gattman

Dear St. Jerome Parishioners,

MNSAA (Minnesota Schools Accreditation Association) requires our Catholic school to prepare a strategic plan every 3-5 years and report on progress. Our annual report: https://www.canva.com/design/DAFIFKnqvv0/wsQ8hu4RofzkkqWiVGBpjw/view?utm_content=DAFIFKnqvv0&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publishsharelink is a great way to see a summary of each school year. Our priorities for the 2023-2024 school year are:

Improve communication between the school and the parish. I hear that there is a perception that the school is "separate" from the parish. My intent is not for that to be the case. The school has grown and is raising more money in the past 6 years. We need to raise money as many of our families require a lot of tuition assistance. I treasure our parishioners and our identity as a parish school. We are a bit different, though, as many of our students do not attend our parish. WE WOULD LOVE TO EDUCATE ALL OF THE CHILDREN OF OUR PARISH! We need to keep communication open. Please verify and ask for more information if you wonder about the school. I am happy to have many conversations.

Improve staff and faculty salaries. The truth is that we cannot compete for teachers at the rate we pay. Our dedicated staff and faculty deserve a just wage. They are amazing and we want to be able to keep them.

Expand Advancement Efforts to include major gifts. Continue to exceed fundraising goals for the Annual Fund and Spring Fundraiser.

Improve our use of data to positively influence academic achievement and growth.

Implement SCREEN STRONG, an Archdiocesan recommended program aimed at developing healthy and safe use of technology and social media. There is a student and family component.

Begin to implement recommendations from our school safety audit and seek grants to help pay for needed changes.

Please continue to pray for the right people to come along for our open positions:

2nd Grade Teacher

2nd grade is a wonderful age to teach because children are still so in love with school and they are very eager to learn. In our Catholic school it is a year of sacraments: First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Teaching the whole child, academics, virtue and the beauty of our faith is very rewarding. The ideal candidate would have experience as a teacher, but we welcome new grads to apply. We have a supportive and fun teaching crew, and there are many opportunities for continued professional development. Contact agattman@stjeromeschool.org with questions or interest.

Nutrition Services Assistant

Roseville Area Schools provides our breakfast and lunch programs. We are in need of a part time assistant, 4 hours daily, 5 days a week to help prepare and serve lunch to our fabulous St. Lions. Rate of pay begins at 15.91/hours. Please see this link for more information and to apply: <https://www.applitrack.com/isd623/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Nutrition+Services>

Peace,
Anne Gattman

EUCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

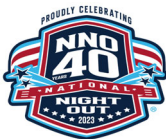
"When I stand up to talk, people listen to me; they will follow what I have to say. Is it any power of mine? Of course not. St. Paul says, 'What have you that you have not received and you who have received, why do you glory as if you had not?' But the secret of my power is that I have never in fifty-five years missed spending an hour in the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. That's where the power comes from. That's where sermons are born. That's where every good thought is conceived,"
(Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen)



Adorers are needed for Wednesdays at 10am. The Adoration Chapel is open 8 am Monday through 6 pm Thursday. Feel free to stop by for a visit with Jesus.

If you would like to commit to an hour, or if you have questions, please call Lorraine at 772-2997.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT—Aug. 1



the night.

St. Jerome will be hosting National Night out this year on Aug. 1. **Please join us at 6pm in the parking lot.** If you would like to help, we need people to bring their yard games for the event and also help grill, serve the hot dogs, water, chips, etc. for

HARVEST PACK—Aug. 9



Harvest Pack is almost here!

Just a reminder that Harvest Pack will be at St. Jerome's school gym on Wednesday, August 9th from 6 to 8 pm. We will be packing food for our fellow brothers and sisters in the Philippines. Our goal is to package 20,000 meals and collect \$5000 to pay for the ingredients. Will you please help with your time and donation to once again make this a successful event? You may sign up online at our church website and make a donation there as well if you would like. We will be having sign-up boards at the church entrance, or you can call the parish office. You may also drop off your donation in the weekend collection basket and put it in an envelope marked, Harvest Pack. You can make your check payable to St Jerome's Church. Let's all work together to bring some relief to our brothers and sisters who experience food insufficiencies. God bless you!



LIVE STREAMING THE MASS

St. Jerome is looking for someone to coordinate live streaming of the mass on the weekends.

Duties would include: Training will be provided.

- Setup sound system for streaming.
- Rewire the sound system when not streaming.
- Schedule individuals to run the camera during the Mass.
- Setup YouTube link for each of the Masses that will be streamed.

Please Call the Parish office if you are willing to help

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

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DeMontreville RETREATS

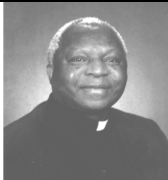
Come to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville. Join us for a three-day men's silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The retreat begins Thursday evening September 14, 2023 and ends Sunday evening September 17, 2023. Free-will donations are accepted. Other retreat dates are also available. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com

MESSAGE OF FATIMA—Aug. 3

SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA— August 3



Thursday, August 3 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. Please join us.



Happy Birthday
Fr. Cletus
July 24
&

Aug. 1: Congratulations
52 years as a priest.



Send cards to: 1276 Birch Pond Trl
White Bear Lake, MN 55110



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
(June, July, August)

Closed on Monday and Friday
Open 9:30-1:30 Tues—Thurs.

PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
July 31—Aug. 6

Monday	
Tuesday	National Night Out (6pm) Father Cletus Anniv. Of Ordination 6:00pm Hall Rental
Wednesday	
Thursday	10:00am Mass at Nursing Home 11:45am Fatima Prayer Group
Friday	9:00am Quilters for a Cause
Saturday	
Sunday	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	John Leahy
Tuesday	7:15am	Fr. Cletus Basekela (liv)
Wednesday	7:15am	Bernie & Jerry Berczyk
	9:45am	No school mass (summer)
Thursday	7:15am	Ron & Tommy Valento
Friday	7:15am	Dick Schreier
Saturday	8:00am	Jody Kremer
	4:30pm	Therese & Frank 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	J. Dickson
Sun. 9:30 am	G. Votel

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	Y. Clintsman
Sun. 9:30 am	D. Mordorski

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

SISTERS DISCERNEMENT EVENTS

Single Catholic Women 20-35: Franciscan Sisters invite you to in-person and on-line Discernment Events designed for you. Discover your calling and purpose. Visit <https://fsccl-calledtobe.org> or Sr. Julie Ann 920-323-9632.

Weekly Offering



Contributions for the week of
July 18—24

Weekly Contribution: \$3,347

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



GIVE HERE:

Scan this QR Code to donate Weekly Offerings or any donation direct via our secure online site



Second Collection: July 29/30



Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy (DMMM) congregation is an Institute of Apostolic religious life with Pontifical right, whose members take the three evangelical vows of Obedience, Poverty, and Chastity. This women religious order was founded in 1961 in Nigeria by Bishop Anthony Gogo Nwedo, C.S.Sp.

The Charism of Daughter of Mary Mother of Mercy is to bear witness to the Mercy of God by following the footsteps of Christ, the Merciful Savor, and that of Mary the Mother of Mercy. This Mercy is expressed as Compassion, Forgiveness, and Kindness.

DMMM has spread her missionary arms to many parts of the world including Africa, Europe, Canada, and the United States of America. Our Spirit of Charity, Humility, Prayer, Penance, and Abandonment to the Will of God animate us to be God's instrument in giving hope and meaningful life to the poor and needy, the orphans, the sick, and the elderly in our society through our apostolates of Caring, Healing, Teaching, and social work. We also evangelize the spiritually impoverished through pastoral ministry in the dioceses and parishes where we work.

A Sister from DMMM will be at St Jerome this weekend for a mission appeal. Please be generous.

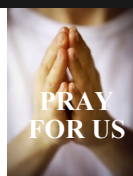
Quilters for a Cause: Aug. 4

We will meet Friday, August 4 from 9:00 till 2:00. Come whatever hours you can and bring something to share for pot-lunch.

We are beginning to grow a little with new members being added over the last couple of months. We always welcome new faces so please join us if you would like. If you don't see there is always quilt tying that can be done.

Quilting experience is not necessary but basic machine sewing skills are helpful. Please bring your creativity, basic sewing supplies, scissors, pins and needles.

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, baptisms and Kids Korner at St. Jerome. If you have any questions please call Mary Selby at 651-489-4177.



Fr. Cletus Basekela, Sue Connolly, Patricia Cokley, Don & Cathy Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Kathleen Faschingbauer, Karen Geretschlaeger, Sr. Clarice Gierzak, Mary Gross, Sharon Heffernan, John Heller, David Hendricks, Catherine Henry, Clarice Holthaus, Janis Horski, Richard (Les) Johnson, Kevin Jones, Eugene Kaufhold, Lily Kehler, Kevin Klutzke, Jan Kohler, Geno Lamberta, Mary Laumeier, Steve Lauinger, Fr. Ken Ludescher, Nancy Masson, Vern & Dorothy Mayer, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLellan, Brian Michalitsch, Nolan Mullaney, Greg Negard, Shannon Presler, Terri Quitter, Shane Rawson, Patrick Roth, Danny Rothbauer, David Schluender, John Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Mike Spangenberg, Craig Steineck, Ava Swift, Tony Swift, Ted Testen, Joyce Theilhorn, George Valento, Greg Votel, Jim & Evelyn Wendt, Beverly Wermus, Eric Witzel, Kevin Yackel

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE
MEN AND WOMEN



Jack Butler
Grace Wegleitner