

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

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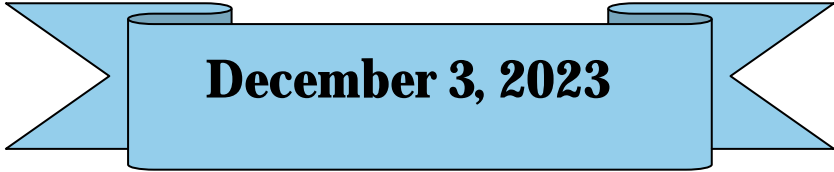
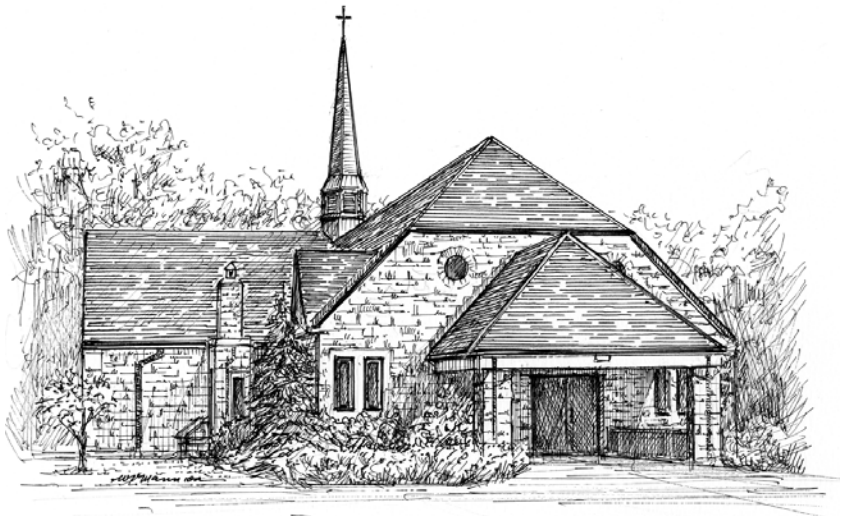
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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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,

Welcome everyone to a new liturgical year beginning with the season of advent! According to our liturgical tradition, we are now on year B in our three year cycle of Sunday readings. This year we will focus more on the gospel according to Mark.

We concluded our Year A cycle with an afternoon of prayer last Sunday. It was indeed a good time to spend with the Lord in silence and meditation. Members of our parish did come. There was a nice flow of the faithful coming and going. What a nice afternoon spent in prayer and silence.

A good word to understand the advent season in the word "preparation". Obviously, we prepare for Christmas, remembering and celebrating the birth of Jesus, his first coming. Yes, what a gift we have in Jesus who revealed to us the Father, showed us the way and offered his life for our salvation! We are to spiritually prepare ourselves of this joyful gift and pray that our many earthly expressions of gladness and joy do not deter us from the true spirit of the holidays. The advent season also teaches us to prepare to the fact that he will come again to finally establish his kingdom and the fullness of his reign. These two theme are at the heart to our celebration of the season of Advent.

Yes, we wait in hope. We all know that when he comes again, he will establish his kingdom and reign and the fullness of his revelation will bring joy and peace in our hearts. He will destroy death and sin. He will restore goodness, justice and love. What a day that is to come!

So we prepare our hearts and souls for the time that is to come. We desire to be found worthy of him and his kingdom. Looking forward to that hope and expectation let us excitedly begin our preparations now. "Formation" is the word that comes with "preparation".

Let us form our hearts, let us shape our lives! Happy journeying this advent and in our joyful discovery of Jesus in the gospel of Mark

Fr. Victor

1ST WEEK OF ADVENT: HOPE

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love, and our minds are searching for the lights of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER—Mrs. Gattman

Dear St. Jerome Parishioners,

I've told you before about how much I love the seasons of Advent and Christmas at our Catholic school. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for any or all of the following:

Advent Prayer Sessions: every Monday of Advent at 9:30 in the connecting hallway of the school. Brief prayer, intentions, and song for each week.

Advent/Christmas Program: Please join us for our beautiful Advent/Christmas program on Thursday, December 21 at 6pm. This year we are sharing sacred Advent and Christmas songs from many of the cultures represented at our school. It is sure to be inspiring and a great way to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas.



Peace to you,
Anne Gattman



CHRISTMAS AT ST. JEROME

The Contemporary Group will be singing at the 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve. Fourth Graders through adults are welcome to sing.

Two rehearsal options:

- * Saturday, December 16 at 12:00 noon
- * Wednesday, December 20 at 5:30 p.m.

INTERESTED? Please reply by email or phone.

Mary Beth Hess

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We ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of
Amelia Moreno
and for the consolation
of her family.

In Memoriam

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST



HOLIDAY BAKE SALE
Saturday/Sunday
Dec. 9/10



BAKERS—WE NEED YOU!

We need special Christmas cookies for this event.:
 Drop off cookies at 2pm Saturday.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 Sunday, Dec. 10th
 9:00am to 11:30am.
 Free Will Offering.

VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE—Nov



Thank you to all who donated to our
 November food drive.

We raised a total of: **\$2706.50**

The money will be sent to the Salvation Army to help
 with their food shelf.

GIVING TREE



This year the parish will sponsor families from the
 Ramsey County Family Sponsorship program.
 Each family receives:

- 1 clothing item per child
- 1 toy item per child
- * 1 parent gift
- * 1 grocery gift certificate

We are doing a **virtual giving tree**. Please donate the money
 to pay for a gift or two. We have a family who will purchase
 the gifts and then we will host a gift wrapping afternoon.
 Please place your donation in the basket in the back of the
 church or send to the parish office marked "giving tree".

We have been given 4 families. They include 5 adults and 11
 children ranging in age from 17 to 16 months.

DECEMBER EVENTS

- December—Adopt a Family
- Dec. 3—Christmas Tea Party - 2pm
- Dec. 8—Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation
- Dec. 9 & 10—Christmas bake sale,
- Dec. 10—Pancake breakfast
- Dec. 12—Parish Penance Service 6:30pm
- Dec. 21—Christmas Concert 6pm
- Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Mass 4pm and 10pm
- Dec. 25—Christmas Day Mass 9:30am



FR. LUDESCHER LAMP
 will burn this week in prayer for
Dick Schreier

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Dec 9/10

YOU CAN HELP. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Do-
 minican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the
 Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will pro-
 vide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and
 religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving
 others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals
 by giving generously.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is about Time, Talent and Treasure. The last cou-
 ple of weeks we have focused on Time and Talent, ending with
 the Ministry Fair. This week we are going to take a look at
 Treasure. A wonderful opportunity for all members of St. Je-
 rome is to remember our Parish in your will: **Legacy Giving**.
 Although remembering the Parish in your will does not provide
 St. Jerome's with monies now, it helps to guarantee the future
 of your Parish. Your bequest, trust, or special endowment will
 be an enduring legacy to help ensure the future of your Parish
 and the Catholic community.

Yearly giving: Please pray about your financial situation and
 give what you can budget. Please consider tithing (giving 5%
 of your income) to the Church. Below is a chart that can help.

How Much Should I Give?

Total Annual Income	Weekly gift to Parish	Annual gift to Parish (5%)	Annual gift to Diocese (1%)
\$25,000	\$25	\$1250	\$250
\$35,000	\$35	\$1750	\$350
\$40,000	\$40	\$2000	\$400
\$45,000	\$45	\$2250	\$450
\$50,000	\$50	\$2500	\$500
\$55,000	\$55	\$2750	\$550
\$60,000	\$60	\$3000	\$600
\$70,000	\$70	\$3500	\$700
\$80,000	\$80	\$4000	\$800
\$90,000	\$90	\$4500	\$900
\$100,000	\$100	\$5000	\$1000

PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
December 4-10

Monday	9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00am Visitation 11:00am Funeral—Amelia Moreno 6:30pm Liturgy Committee 7:00pm Men's Club
Wednesday	6:30pm Bell Choir
Thursday	10:00am Mass at nursing home 11:45am Fatima Prayer Group
Friday	<i>Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation</i> Masses 7:15am, 9:45am, 5:30pm 6:30pm Spanish Rosary & Bible Study
Saturday	8:45am Lector Training 5:30pm Bake Sale
Sunday	2nd Sunday of Advent 10:30am CCD 10:30am Bake sale & Pancake breakfast 2:30pm Bible Study

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am Ann Rinehart
Tuesday	7:15am Steve Lauinger (living)
Wednesday	7:15am Dick Schreier 9:45am No School mass
Thursday	7:15am Maria Schuh
Friday	7:15am Therese & Frank Wegleitner 9:45am Ann Rinehart 5:30pm Patricia Hermes
Saturday	8:00am Sean Byrne 4:30pm Jim & Claudette Leonard (60th)
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. Zeilinski
Sun. 9:30 am	T. Schoenecker

LECTORS:

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

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	O. Olberding	M. Holzemer
Sun. 9:30 am	R. Odhiambo	G. Revering
	C. Zorobi	

Weekly Offering



Contributions for the week of
Nov. 22-28

Weekly Contribution: \$4270.00

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



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Brethren! Advent starts the first weekend of December. The Formed website is overflowing with resources to prepare yourself to have a fruitful family, Advent. Here are a couple of suggestions.

Advent: Rethinking the Season by Dr. Tim Gray

Advent is an odd season. It's a season that isn't about itself, but is instead about preparing for Christmas.

Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

On behalf of the Augustine Institute, we are offering *Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage* to everyone this Advent and Christmas Season.

WAITING IN HOPE—booklets

At the entrances of the church is a devotional booklet called "Waiting in Hope." Please take one and use it draw near to the Lord during Advent. This booklet invites us to reflect on four themes hope, healing, justice, and peace. In addition to the booklet, our parish has a subscription to the Formed website. Please sign in to your account and search *Advent* to see the many resources for families, individuals, and children. If you do not have an account, see the Formed inset in this bulletin for instructions on how to create an account.



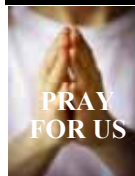
Congratulations to
Jim and Claudette Leonard
who are celebrating 60 years of
Marriage.

December 7, 1963

BOOYA—Frozen quarts for SALE \$16



Do you need gift ideas for that person who has everything. We have BOOYA for sale.

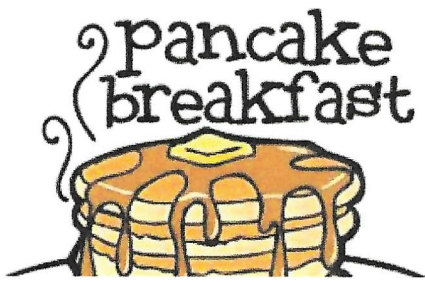


Fr. Cletus Basekela, Sue Connolly, Patricia Cokley, Cathy Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Kathleen Faschingbauer, Karen Geretschlaeger, Sr. Clarice Gierzak, Mary Gross, Clarice Holthaus, Sharon Heffernan, John Heller, David Hendricks, Janis Horski, Richard (Les) Johnson, Kevin Jones, Eugene Kaufhold, Lily Kehler, Kevin Klutzke, John & Linda Kostohryz, Mary Laumeier, Steve Lauinger, Lori Lonetti, Fr. Ken Ludescher, Nancy Masson, Vern & Dorothy Mayer, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLellan, Brian Michalitsch, Nolan Mullaney, Greg Negard, Shannon Presler, Terri Quitter, Patrick Roth, Danny Rothbauer, David Schluender, John Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Mike Spangenberg, Craig Steineck, Ava Swift, Tony Swift, 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



St. Jerome's Catholic Church

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday December 10th

9:00 am to 11:30 am

Located in the St. Jerome's Church (lower level)

Join us for 9:30 Mass and then

Stop down for our fabulous pancakes, sausages, juice,

There is no cost but "Good Will Offering" is appreciated.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Church of St. Jerome will be having their annual Christmas bake sale
on

December 9th after the 4:30 Mass and

December 10th after 9:30 Mass

Stop by and pick up some cookies, candies, treats
for your Holiday Parties and Gatherings!

Bring bake sale items to Ludescher Hall

Saturday Dec. 9th

After 8:00 am mass or after 2:00 pm

