

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 Thursday 6:00 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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Joanne LambParish Secretary

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Mary Beth Hess Music Director

Faith Formation

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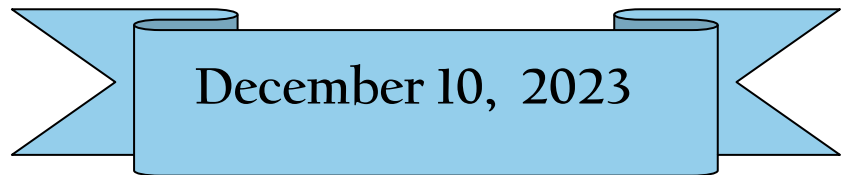
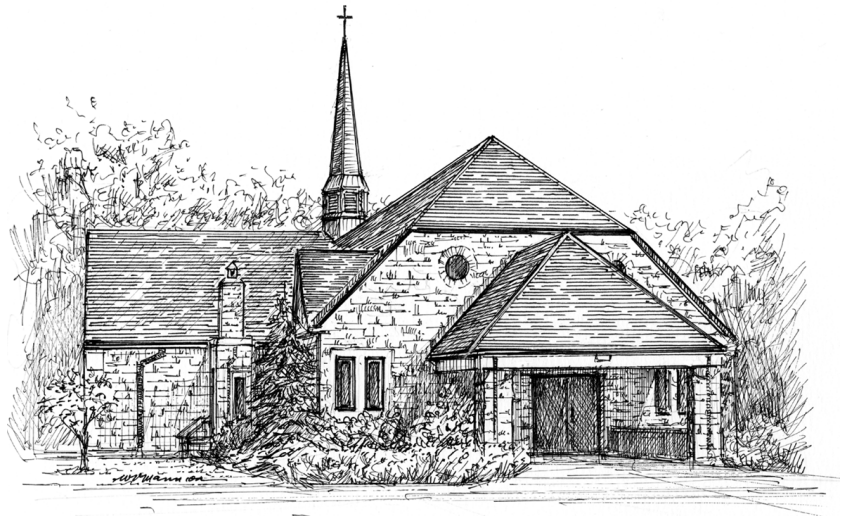
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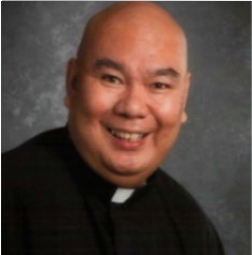


WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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,

We are getting busier as we move closer to Christmas! Let us not be distracted about the fact that the holiday is about the birth of Jesus Christ. While we get enthused with the earthly celebrations never forget and stay focused about our spiritual preparations for the birthday of

Jesus. It is good always to take time to think about Jesus and to pray and celebrate. Make sure we find time to reflect about the meaning of this joyful and beautiful celebrations.

At St. Jerome we have put up our tree of good deeds.

It has become our tradition to adorn the tree with decors each symbolizing a good deed done in gratitude to the gift of Jesus in our lives. It is a great sight to see the beautiful decors on Christmas day each single one representing a good deed. Yes, indeed, what a bright world this would be!!

We approach the second Sunday of advent with the greater hope and excitement of the birth of Jesus. His birth is a signal of release and relief. His birth is the beginning of the process of liberation from sin. His birth is the world's experience of the salvific plan of God. His birth is our birth to a new journey towards God's kingdom. His birth is the revelation of the Father who loves and forgives. Yes, we prepare our hearts to remember and to celebrate his birth!

St John the Baptist announced the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. He preached about preparing for the coming of the Son of God whose presence in the world will leave a very important and distinctive mark that will give direction, meaning and hope to what is to come. He loudly proclaimed to prepare our hearts to be open to receive Jesus.

The way to prepare is the way of cleansing and getting rid of anything that will hinder ourselves from welcoming, listening and following Jesus. The way of preparing is teaching and practicing ourselves to be attuned to the ways of God in good and just deeds. The way to prepare is the way of disposing our heart and spirit to become attentive and disposed to listen and reflect on the word of God.

Yes, that is active preparation. A blessed advent to everyone!

Fr. Victor

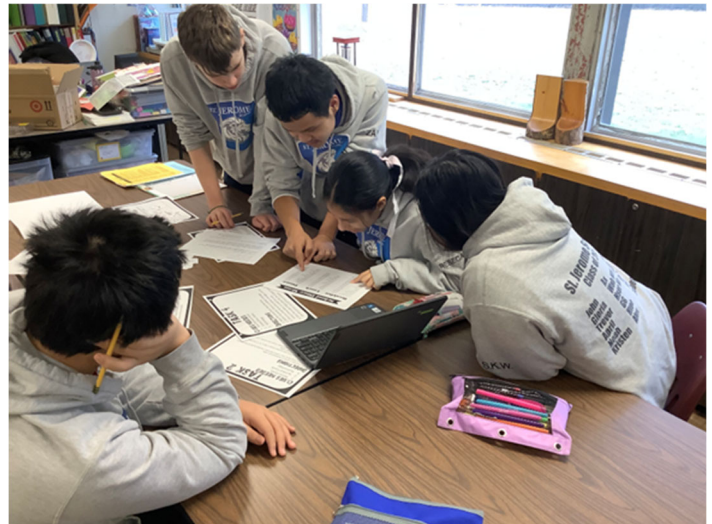
2ND WEEK OF ADVENT: LOVE

Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find him. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER—Mrs. Gattman

Dear St. Jerome Parishioners,

What do these pictures have in common?



8th graders working on a science activity.



3rd graders doing animal research.

Many great things are happening here...**students are engaged!** We strive to make sure students are using their brains and participating in learning, not passively sitting at a desk while a teacher talks.

Technology is being used purposefully. At St. Jerome School we do not pass out ipads or chromebooks to every student as is done in many schools. We are very careful and thoughtful about how and when technology is used. We know screens are a big enough part of children's lives, so we are intentional about not using them too much in the classroom.

I hope you enjoy seeing our students in action and learning about why we do what we do at your Catholic school.

Peace to you this Advent,
Anne Gattman

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST



HOLIDAY BAKE SALE
Saturday/Sunday
Dec. 9/10



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



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.



A huge thank you to the McKenzie family and the tea crew for making our Annual Christmas Tea such a wonderful success! The chairs and tables were decorated to look like an authentic tea room, and the goodies were lovingly made. 70 ladies and 1 gentleman enjoyed a splendid afternoon of violin music, tea sandwiches, Christmas cookies, and tea. Good conversation was had by all in a beautiful setting in the lower church. A big thank you to all who came or brought friends or family to enjoy the festivities. Without you, there would be no Christmas tea, and we served a record number this year, so a big thanks to all you!

EUCARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

"You must propagate veneration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with all your might, for the devotion to the Holy Eucharist is the queen of all devotions." (Pope Benedict XV)



Adorers are needed for Mondays at 8 am, Tuesdays at 8 am and 10 am, and Thursday at 12 noon. 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

DECEMBER EVENTS

December—Adopt a Family
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



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Dec 9/10

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.



A BIG thanks to all of you for making the physical gift card sale a success! Once again, WE set a new record with earning over \$420 for the church with this sale! Not only were the proceeds increased, but so were the number of people who bought Scrip this time! **Thank you.** While we did well, do you know less than 5% of our parishioners participate in Scrip? Can you imagine the money we would be earning for church if 10% or 25% of our church members participated? If you have any questions about the Scrip program, please email me at auglie@usfamily.net. I can help you with your questions or purchases. If you use apps on your cell phone, there is an app for Scrip you can download and you can purchase Scrip while you are at a restaurant or shopping. It is so simple. If those options don't work for you, then please participate when we do the physical sales four times a year. The next sale is in March. Thanks for supporting St Jerome Parish. Anita Kennedy



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
RSVP sistermb@comcast.net
Phone: 612-270-2752

PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
December 11-17

Monday	9:30am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Bible Study
Tuesday	1:15am	Penance Service—School
	6:30pm	Penance Service—Church
Wednesday	6:30pm	Bell Choir
Thursday	6:30pm	Parish Council
Friday	6:30pm	Spanish Rosary & Bible Study
Saturday		
Sunday		3rd Sunday of Advent
	10:30am	CCD
	2:30pm	Bible Study

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Peter DeZurik
Tuesday	7:15am	Steve Lauinger (liv)
Wednesday	7:15am	Bienvenido Valencia
	9:45am	Gerald & Evelyn Virnig
Thursday	7:15am	Nancy Valento
Friday	7:15am	Patricia Schreier (living)
Saturday	8:00am	Adelaide Hickey
	4:30pm	Members of the Parish
Sunday	9:30am	Michael Olga, Barbara Mesaros

LITURGICAL ROLES

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm S. Yackel
Sun. 9:30 am Y. Clintsman

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm J. Gattman
Sun. 9:30 am T. Zappa

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	S. Anyanwu	W. Heurung
	A. Bonghan	P. Bonghan
Sun. 9:30 am	G. Murphy	M. Revering
	Z. Odhiambo	M. Murphy
	A. Vigonte	



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

December 7, 1963



Contributions for the week of
Nov. 29—Dec. 5

Weekly Contribution: \$12,012

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Hey mom and dad! I know that looking through the toy catalogs with your kids is part of preparing for the coming of Christmas day. I get it. But I challenge you to also take time with the kids learning about the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Here is a resource on the Formed website that will be helpful and more valuable to their spiritual life than another toy.

Join Brother Francis this Advent! | The Days of Advent with Brother Francis

Brother Francis leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord!

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.



Many Thanks to all who participated in making Ted's funeral Mass and reception a celebration of his life. Thanks also for the phone calls and cards of encouragement sent to Ted during his final illness. He greatly appreciated them.

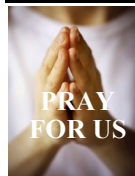
The family of Ted Testen

BOOYA—Frozen quarts for SALE \$16

BOOYA



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



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Elderly religious need your help. Like those pictured, nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to serving others by praying for us, ministering to all, educating the young, caring for those who are sick and helping those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation will make a real difference by providing essential care, medicine and other necessities. Please give generously.

Top row, from left:
 Brother Charles Douglas, SSJ, 88;
 Sister Marianna Danko, SSML, 80;
 Father James Day, OSST, 77.

Bottom row, from left:
 Sister Celeste Burgos, MSHS, 79;
 Sister Brenda Cherry, OSP, 84.

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