

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

Contact Information

Parish Office 651-771-1209
Fax 651-771-3466
Website www.stjerome-church.org
Email..... secretary@stjerome-church.org
FB www.facebook.com/stjeromecatholic
School. 651-771-8494
Fax 651-771-3466
Website www.stjermeschool.org
Kids' Korner Daycare.....651-771-1023

Pastoral Staff

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

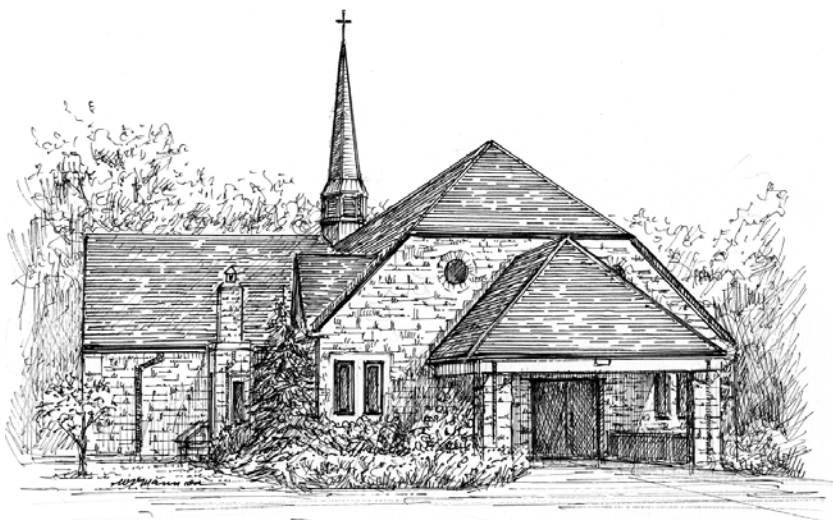
Anne Gattman Principal
Grace ZappaPreschool Director
Sue CostelloSchool Secretary
Nay Paw School Secretary

Maintenance

Bob Hoisington Supervisor

Safe Environment coordinator

Marie Joseph.....651-771-8494
Victim Assistance Hotline.....651-291-4475



December 17, 2023



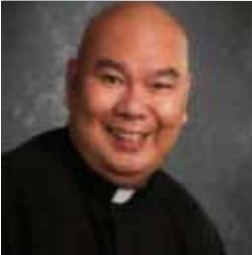


WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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 now move closer to the celebration of the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ! Let us continue with our spiritual preparation reflecting more on St. John the Baptist. He bore witness to the light of the world: Jesus Christ. When asked who he was he made it clear that he was

not the Christ, not the anointed one. He was not Elijah. He even said he was not the prophet. He was not the new Moses who will lead the new exodus.

John was saying he was the one prophesized by Isaiah who will proclaim the coming of the new Moses. He was baptizing to prepare the people for the coming of the “Christus”, the anointed one.

So who is he who is to come? He is the anointed with the Spirit of God. He will come to proclaim the good news! The good news to the poor, liberation to captives, relief to the suffering.

With all that is happening to the world, many times we ask the question, Lord when are you coming to give us relief from all the war, strife and evil things that are happening in our world. There is just so much bad news that we long for good news. Jesus and his way is the good news.

The coming of the good news is a reason to hope and to rejoice. The birth of Jesus is good news! Let us rejoice! On this third Sunday of Advent is “rejoice Sunday”. We remember and celebrate that Christmas is indeed a proper time to rejoice. The messiah has finally come!!

We can follow the footsteps of John the Baptist today. Let us proclaim the one who has come and will come back, the anointed and the savior. We can pave the way for Jesus in our hearts and in the hearts of our children. Let us be “evangelized” by the word of God so that we can also share him to our children.

LET US HEAR AND EMBRACE THE GOOD NEWS SO WE CAN ALSO PROCLAIM AND SHARE THE WORD OF THE LORD!

Fr. Victor

3RD WEEK OF ADVENT: JOY

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior’s coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER—Mrs. Gattman

Dear St. Jerome Parishioners,

This weekend I’d like to share a couple of photos highlighting Advent at St. Jerome School.

The first photo shows Sisters Anne Theresa, Martha and Rose, visiting from Myanmar/Burma with Fr. Seraphim. The Sisters are the leadership team for 450 sisters who are part of the Order of St. Francis Xavier. We are hoping some of these sisters will come to St. Paul and help us at St. Jerome School in the next couple of years. They joined us for our Monday Advent Prayer Service.



Say hello to our Kindergarten in front of their manger. The creative play area is set up with all things Christmas...a manger, trees, gifts, baby Jesus and many other things to encourage creative play. Jesus would have loved to have these beautiful children come to visit him in the manger. He loves them everyday!

Peace to you this Advent,
Anne Gattman



FR. LUDESCHER LAMP
will burn this week in prayer for
William Ficacello

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 parent gift
- 1 toy item per child *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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Schedules

We look forward to seeing you twice!

This year, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent on December 24, followed by the joyous occasion of Christmas on Monday, December 25.

- Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Saturday, December 23 at 4:30pm.
 - Sunday, December 24 at 9:30am.

- Christmas
- Sunday, December 24 at 4pm & 10pm
 - Monday, December 25 at 9:30 am.

What is the meaning of:

- Advent:** Coming, approach, arrival
- Emmanuel:** God is with Us
- Maranatha:** O Lord, Come
- Bethlehem:** House of bread



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.

Rehearsal options:
* **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

DECEMBER EVENTS

- December—Adopt a Family
- Dec. 21—Christmas Concert 6pm
 - Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Mass 4pm and 10pm
 - Dec. 25—Christmas Day Mass 9:30am

EUCHARIST 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



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

SMALL GROUPS

In the next few weeks, you will be reading about small groups/cells in the parish bulletin and hearing about them at mass. As part of Archbishop Hebda's desire for the synod, parishes throughout the Archdiocese are going to be starting, or in some cases, continuing small group/cell gatherings starting around Ash Wednesday.



Why small groups? Small groups are one way to help build the church through its members. Small groups are a way of worshipping together, sharing faith, learning scripture, and praying for others. Groups typically meet once or twice a month, an hour and a half at a time, either at church or in a home. They are small in number, with typically 5-10 participants per group, and they focus on a common area of interest for the group members. These groups are also called cells, so you will see these groups referred to as cells from time to time. St Jerome's synod team is working on preparing for these groups in the coming weeks. Please continue to read the bulletin each week for ongoing information and updates and pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance for the groups.



PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
December 18-24

Monday		
Tuesday	6:30pm	Watchmen's meeting
Wednesday	6:30pm	Bell Choir
Thursday	7:15am	Anointing of the Sick
	10:00am	Nursing home service
	6:00pm	Christmas Concert
Friday	No School	
	6:30pm	Spanish Rosary & Bible Study
Saturday	9:00am	Altar Server trng—Adults
	10:00am	Altar Server trng—Students
Sunday	4th Sunday of Advent	
	Christmas Eve mass at 4:00pm & 10pm	

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Mary Margaret Ecker
Tuesday	7:15am	Katherine Farrell
Wednesday	7:15am	Lori Lonetti (living)
	9:45am	Louise Nieters
Thursday	7:15am	Virgilia Moran
Friday	7:15am	Nancy Valento
Saturday	8:00am	Ann Rinehart
	4:30pm	William Ficacello
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	K. Yackel
Sun. 9:30 am	M. Simone

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	K. Faschingbauer
Sun. 9:30 am	S. Maldonado
4:00pm	J. Gattman
10:00pm	Y. Clintsman

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat.4:30 pm	L. Anyanwu	O. Olberding
	M. Holzemer	
Sun.9:30 am	Adult Servers	



Contributions for the week of
Dec. 6- 12

Weekly Contribution: \$9,381

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



SCAN ME

GIVE HERE:

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



To subscribe

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner"
4. Find **St Jerome Catholic Church** by parish name, address, or zip code
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

I know that you have gone through the Lenten season more the a few times. We hear about miraculous pregnancies, a special star, problems with travel plans, and the birth of a baby. Add to that our family traditions, some Christian worship, and a lot of food and there you have it, Advent, and Christmas. I suggest to you that you build on what you know. Go to your Formed account and watch, **The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas.** The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin.

CATHOLIC WATCHMEN—Dec. 19



The next meeting of the Catholic Watchmen will be on Tuesday, December 19, at 6:30 PM. All men are welcome to attend. Dinner will be pizza, snacks, desserts and beverages. The speaker will be Fr. Tom, speaking on "Advent: The Little Lent," followed by Adoration and Confessions. Location: St. John's in Little Canada

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS –thank you

Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

BOOYA—Frozen quarts for SALE \$16

Do you need gift ideas for that person who has everything.



BOOYA



We have BOOYA or sale.

Purchase in parish office.



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