

C H U R C H O F

# St. Jerome

380 E. Roselawn Avenue  
Maplewood, MN 55117

**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**

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FB ..... [www.facebook.com/stjeromecatholic](http://www.facebook.com/stjeromecatholic)  
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Fax ..... 651-771-3466  
Website ..... [www.stjermeschool.org](http://www.stjermeschool.org)  
Kids' Korner Daycare..... 651-771-1023

**Pastoral Staff**

Fr. Victor Valencia.....Pastor

**Administrative Staff**

Joanne Lamb .....Parish 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 Zappa .....Preschool Director  
Sue Costello .....School Secretary  
Nay Paw ..... School Secretary

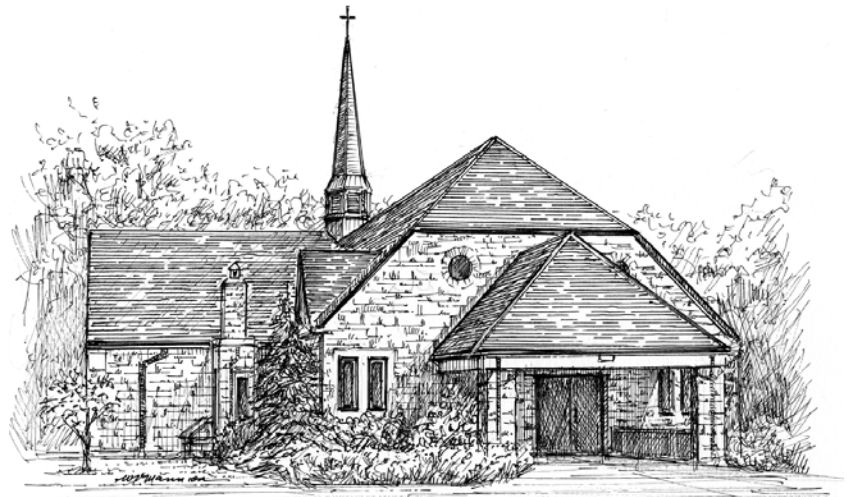
**Maintenance**

Bob Hoisington ..... Supervisor


**Safe Environment coordinator**

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

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



**December 31, 2023**



**The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

The child grew and became strong,  
filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.

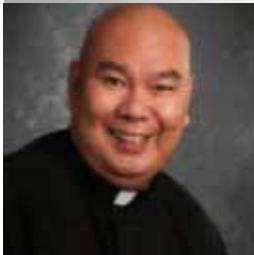
Luke 2:40



**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,  
Have a blessed NEW YEAR!

Fr. Victor



**New Year's Day Mass**  
Jan 1,  
7:15am

**St. Francis and the Christmas Nativity**

Did you know that the origin of the Christmas Nativity Scene or Manger Sets is credited to St. Francis of Assisi and dates back to the year 1223 A.D.?



While visiting the small town of Greccio to celebrate Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, he prepared a manger and brought an ox and an ass to a niche in a nearby rock and preached of the Babe of Bethlehem. A soldier professed that he miraculously saw a vision of the Christ Child in the manger appear during the Mass. Since the beginning of St. Jerome Parish over 80 years ago, we have traditionally honored the Nativity Scene with our "own" St. Francis. A young school aged child, dressed as St. Francis, presents a gift to the Nativity Scene in front of our altar. **This year AUSTIN VIGONTE was our St. Francis at the 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve.**

**YOUNG ADULT NIGHT—ages 18-30**

**BOARD GAME NIGHT**

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of January thru March, starting Jan. 9



Doors open 6:30 p.m.  
Games start at 7 p.m.

Young Adults (18+)



380 roselawn maplewood st jerome church, south door



All young adults are invited to join us for a night of board games. We will play in Ludescher hall. Bring a game if you have a favorite or got a new one for Christmas.

**QUILTERS FOR A CAUSE—Jan. 5**

**Quilters for a Cause – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of January**

Start the New Year off right! We will meet Friday, January 5 from 9:00 till 2:30. Come whatever hours you can and bring something to share for potluck lunch.

Quilting experience is not necessary but basic machine sewing skills are helpful. Please bring your creativity, basic sewing supplies, scissors, pins and needles. At this time we are especially in need of people to sew the tops of the quilts. We have kits all made up ready to go. No need to pick out a pattern or fabric or cut the pieces. Just start sewing! These could be done at church when we meet or you can take some home, work on them throughout the month and bring them back the next time we meet.

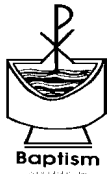
This is a good way to socialize with and meet other parishioners while doing something for others. The quilts go to charities in the Maplewood area, children baptized at St. Jerome and Kids Korner. If you have any questions please call Mary Selby at 651-489-4177.

**MEN'S SILENT RETREAT—Jan. 18-21**

Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House invites you to a men's three-day silent retreat on the beautiful grounds of Lake DeMontreville guided by the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius. The retreat begins Thursday evening January 18, 2024, and ends Sunday evening, January 21, 2023.



Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website [www.demontrevilleretreat.com](http://www.demontrevilleretreat.com).



Congratulations to  
**Raleigh Hess**  
Son of  
Richard and Alyssa Hess

He will be baptized Saturday  
Dec. 30th after the 4:30 mass



### New Year's resolution for 2024?

Why don't you resolve to give SCRIP/RaiseRight a try. It is easy and it is an incredible fundraiser for our church. If you buy gas or groceries or go out to eat, then SCRIP is for you.

Please contact me at [auglie@usfamily.net](mailto:auglie@usfamily.net) to get started. Otherwise, log on to [RaiseRight.com](http://RaiseRight.com) and the site walks you through the steps to get started. You will need one thing and that is the enrollment code for St Jerome's. It is B89AB59714377. Give it a try, there is nothing to lose and St Jerome's would have everything to gain.

Thank you! Anita Kennedy

### MESSAGE OF FATIMA—Jan. 4



#### SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA— Jan. 4

Thursday, January 4 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.

#### CONTRIBUTE ELECTRONICALLY!

You are strongly encouraged to make use of our automatic withdrawal option to make it easier to continually support St Jerome. It is safe, convenient, and reliable way of making your stewardship contributions. Only the amount you authorize will be deducted once a month on the 15th. Contact the parish office for a form.

### SMALL GROUPS

For the past two weeks, you have read articles regarding upcoming small groups we will be offering at St. Jerome. What does each meeting consist of? Today, we will share that with you. The starts of each group consists of song and praise of God. It may be a song we sing in church, a recording of spiritual music, sacred chanting recordings, etc. After that, the group moves on to personal sharing about what has God done for them during the week or what they did for God. Everyone gets a chance to add to the conversation as they so choose. The third part is a short teaching aimed at helping us grow in understanding of the Gospel and church teachings. The group will then discuss the teaching and how it applies to their life. If there are any church announcements, they will be mentioned at this time. We will then have about 10 min or so to focus on others and pray for those needing intercession in their lives. This is a good time to call on the Holy Spirit to be with us.



### Why Small Groups?



- Why join?**
- Encounter Jesus anew
  - Expand our parish community
  - Meet new people

#### What to expect

Regular 1.5-hour meetings, with an emphasis on prayer and authentic, community-building encounter with Christ  
6-12 people in each group

**YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES**

### A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON



- To the Men's club who hosted the pancake breakfast.
- To the Ladies who hosted the bake sale.
- To all those who baked cookies for the bake sale.
- To all those who planned and conducted the Christmas Tea.
- To the Church Decorators who made the church look amazing for Advent and then again for Christmas.
- To the people who came and cleaned the church.
- To all the people who contributed to the beautiful music at all the different liturgies.
- To all the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers who

made the masses go smoothly.

To our Altar servers and the people who support them, old and young.

To all the money counters and people in the parish office who do lots of work behind the scenes.

AND a BIG THANK YOU, to you, our parishioners. The Giving Tree raised over \$2000 to help people this Christmas season and beyond. Thank you to all who donated money, to those who shopped for the gifts and to those who wrapped them.



**PARISH EVENT CALENDAR  
January 1-7**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b> 7:15am Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>School Open</b> 6:00pm Music practice
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00am Mass at nursing home 11:45am Fatima prayer group
<b>Friday</b>	9:00am Quilters for a Cause 6:30pm Spanish Rosary & Bible Study
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> 10:30am CCD 2:30pm Bible Study

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	Ann Rinehart
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:15am	Marjorie Tschida
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:15am	Dolores Thomalla
	9:45am	Betty Skok
<b>Thursday</b>	7:15am	Mary Kaase
<b>Friday</b>	7:15am	Nancy Valento
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am	Steve LaCasse
	4:30pm	Members of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30am	Frank Rosemark

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Sat. 4:30 pm J. Dickson  
Sun. 9:30 am R. Klutzke

**LECTORS:**

Sat. 4:30 pm Y. Clintzman  
Sun. 9:30 am S. Cardinal

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

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

**Weekly Offering**



**Contributions for the week of  
Dec. 20-27**

Weekly Contribution: \$4867  
Christmas: \$5254

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



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Jesus Christ our Messiah did come. Now would be a perfect time to hear and apply the teachings of his public life. Login to your Formed account and use this quiet time of winter to align yourself with Jesus. The series below is a good place to start.

**Metanoia: A Journey With Christ Into Conversion**

METANOIA - and believe in the Gospel. In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. Each of the 10 episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. Metanoia will examine topics such as who is Jesus, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith.

**EUCCHARIST 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 9 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

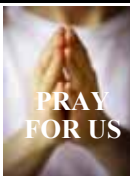
**BOOYA—Frozen quarts for SALE \$16**



**Are you having people  
over for New Years?**

**We have BOOYA for sale.**

For sale in the Parish office.



**PRAY  
FOR US**

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 Laumeyer, Steve Lauinger, Lori Lonetti, Fr. Ken Ludescher, Nancy Masson, Vern & Dorothy Mayer, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLellan, Brian Michalitsch, Nolan Mullaney, Greg Negard, Lou Polovick, 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