CHURCHOF 380 E. Roselawn Avenue Maplewood, MN 55117

Weekend Masses Saturday4:30 PM Weekday Masses Mon. thru Fri......7:15 AM Wed. (Sep.-May) All School...... 9:45 AM Saturday8:00 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 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** Websitewww.stjerome-church.org Email.....secretary@stjerome-church.org FB www.facebook.com/stjeromecatholic Websitewww.stjeromeschool.org Pastoral Staff Fr. Victor Valencia.....Pastor Administrative Staff Joanne LambParish Secretary Music Mary Beth Hess Music Director Faith FormationReligious Ed Coordinator Marie Joseph Confirmation Pat BirkeyChildren'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



February 11, 2024

6th 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.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 ques-

tions, please contact the parish office at 771-1209.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we will hear a very touching encounter between a Jesus and a man sick with Leprosy. It tells us of the miserable and deplorable condition of a leper during Jesus time. It portrays a faith of a despairing person, humble and trusting. The compassionate heart of

Jesus that "wills" that a leper heals and his radical action of moving beyond the comfortable limits by moving closer to, extending his hand and touching the leper assures us of a Jesus who is caring, healing and forgiving. He wills that a sick man is restored to health.

"If you will you can make me clean." Is a very profound statement from a leper. Leprosy in the bible is a term for a disease in which a person's body decays while still alive. It is a serious disease that can kill a person and contaminates others. Because it is a contagious disease a leper is being despised and separated from the community, he gets weaker and cannot help himself. He can be helpless, poor, lonely and rejected. A man in sin is like a leper.

Wednesday is ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lent season. It is a time we remember our sinfulness and the danger of death if we are not freed from it. We celebrate the great love of God who sent Jesus Christ so we can be redeemed from sin and thus enter eternal life. It is a time to repent for our sins and be cleansed by God's forgiveness. It is a time to strengthen our selves to able to reject sin.

Like the leper the season of Lent is a season to build our spirits and make a profound statement of faith. Jesus Christ is always moved with pity to humble and faithfully sincere persons. He responds with healing. It is in the nature of Jesus to be compassionate. It is his mission to save. He has the power to make us clean. He has the power to instantly heal us and free us from sin just as he can expel demons instantly.

During this lent let us encounter him. He has complete power over evil, sickness, suffering and death. He has the power to give life!

Fr. Victor

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER—MRS. GATTMAN

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Dear St. Jerome Parishioners,

What does it really mean when we say, "We educate the *whole child*," or, "We provide a *well -rounded education*," at St. Jerome School. We think that it means that we make an intentional effort to look out for the spiritual, intellectual, creative and emotional aspects of development of a young person. Our Catholic religion program, complemented by virtue formation, Theology of the Body and sacrament formation addresses our students' spiritual needs. Of course, classes in reading, math, history, science and language arts form the intellect. Today, I'd like to tell you about some things that contribute to other areas of a student's school experience:

• Middle School electives in sewing, mosaics, cooking, flight, typing, and drama. These offerings spark creativity and encourage children to strengthen or stretch other parts of their brains.

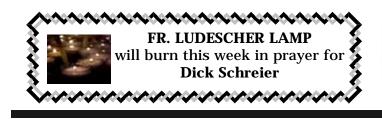
Here are our middle schoolers creating mosaics and sewing fleece shorts:



• Opportunities to explore engineering concepts by building structures. On this day, many materials were used to create structures that met certain criteria. Check out these 4th graders' cup tower:



Peace and blessings, Anne Gattman Principal





Only Jesus possesses the power to speak the words of interior purity. Please join in supporting our Catholic Services Appeal, so that together we can help more souls hear these soul-reviving words.



READING TUTORS NEEDED

Two tutors are needed on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 to read with first graders. No teaching experience required, just a will-

ingness to listen and support a St. Jerome School student. Please call the school office and leave a message for Sr. Audrey at 651-771-8494. Thank you!

YOUNG ADULT NIGHT—ages 18-30



FISH FRY MEETING- Feb. 18 @10:30



There will be a fish fry meeting after the 9:30 mass in Ludescher Hall. **ALL** are invited. Please come and find out how you can help with the fish fry.



We are looking for new volunteers.

2 of the 3 lead couples are stepping down after this year. Please consider taking on a lead role. You do not need to be a couple. We need 4 people. These people do most of

the planning, ordering and pickup of the fish, ordering and pick up of the paper products, putting the ad in the paper, tracking orders etc.

MEN'S RETREAT

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 February 29, 2024, and ends Sunday evening, March 3, 2024. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com.

BOOYA—FROZEN QUARTS \$16

For sale in the Parish office.



Need something to eat on these cold Winter days?

We have BOOYA for sale.



The family of Lori Lonetti would like to thank Fr. Victor for the beautiful funeral mass for our mother and all his visits to her that meant so much. Thank you to Joanne Lamb for assisting with organizing; Mary Beth Hess and Grace Zappa for the lovely music; Greg Votel and

Mike Schreier as altar servers; the funeral ladies committee for their hard work; Tom & Eileen Schoenecker as the Eucharistic Ministers; Mary Selby as the Usher; Don and Cathy Deiman for live streaming the service; and the parishioners for all the many prayers and cards that we received.

We'd also like to thank:

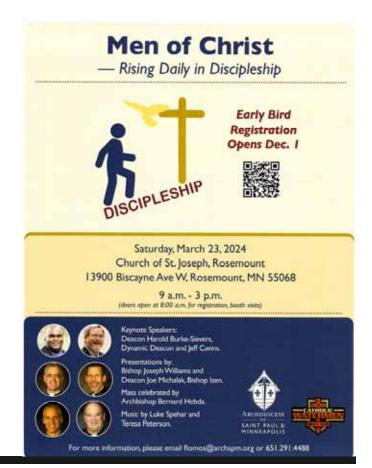
White Bear Lake Carbones for preparing and delivering the food; Anne Gattman along with the St. Jerome School Staff for all their support and kindness, decorating the church basement, setting up, helping with serving and clean up, and thank you Anne, Emma, Bob and Greg for all the "extras".

Thank you to Marie Joseph and the students at the school for making the beautiful flower table decorations; Melissa Rogers and the 2nd Grade Class for the beautiful colored hearts for the tables, and their support during the Christmas season with all of the brightly colored Christmas pictures for our mom. We hung them in her room, making it more cheerful.

And, thank you to the pre-k classroom and all the students that sent her Thanksgiving and Christmas cards to hang on her wall, again making the room more cheerful.

We are so grateful and appreciate all that St. Jerome's community did for our mom and us!

The family of Lori Lonetti



PARISH EVENT CALENDAR February 12-18

Monday	9:30am Bible Study			
	6:30pm Bible Study			
Tuesday	6:30pm Young Adult Mardi Gras			
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday			
-	6:00pm Music practice			
Thursday	7:15am Anointing of the sick			
-	10:00am Service at Nursing Home			
	5:30pm Stations of the Cross			
	6:00pm Soup Supper			
	6:30pm Liturgy Committee			
Friday	3:00pm Stations of the cross (students)			
-	6:30pm Spanish Rosary & Bible Study			
Saturday	Hall Rental			
Sunday	1st Sunday of Lent			
-	10:30am Fish Fry Meeting			
	10:30am CCD			
	2:30pm Bible Study			
	2:30pm OCIA			
MASS INTENTIONS				
Monday	7:15am Lori Lonetti			

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Tuesday	7:15am	Ann Rinehart	
Wednesday	7:15am	Jerome Mailand	
-	9:45am	Jackie Geretschlaeger	
	5:30pm	Dick Schreier	
Thursday	7:15am	Nancy Valento	
Friday	7:15am	Terrance Butler	
Saturday	8:00am	Bernice Leahy	
-	4:30pm	Kevin Broderick	
Sunday	9:30am	Members of the Parish	

LITURGICAL ROLES

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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Weekly Offering		Contributions for the week of Jan. 31—Feb. 6		
Sun.9:30 am		M. Revering R. Vigonte	A. Vigonte G. Murphy	
ALTAR SERVERS Sat.4:30 pm		5: S. Anyanwu M. Holzemer	L. Anyanwu O. Olberding	
LECTORS: Sat. 4:30 pm Sun. 9:30 am		K. Faschingbauer R. Klutzke		
	4:30 pm 9:30 am	J. Dickson J. Lamb		

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Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone. This six-episode series features real Catholic families like yours sharing their daily struggles and victories.

EUCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

"Yes, it is from the Eucharist that all of us receive the grace and strength for daily living-- to live real Christian lives, in the joy of knowing that God loves us, that Christ died for us, and that the Holy Spirit lives in us." (St. Pope John Paul II)



Lent begins on February 14th. Add a weekly hour of Adoration to your Lenten prayers. The Adoration Chapel is open 8 am Monday through 6 pm Thursday. Permanent adorers are needed Mondays at 9 am, Tuesdays at 8 am and 10 am, and Thursday at 12 noon. If you would like to commit to an hour, or if you have questions, please call Lorraine at 772-2997.



Mass times: 7:15am, 9:45am 5:30pm

Join us this Thursday, Feb. 15 Stations are at 5:30. This week's Mystery Soup Supper will be hosted by the Liturgy of Committee





Fr. Cletus Basekela, Joe Bibeau, 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, 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, Rick Peiffer, 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

