

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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Music

Mary Beth Hess Music Director

Faith Formation

.....Religious Ed Coordinator
Marie Joseph Confirmation
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School

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Grace ZappaPreschool Director
Sue CostelloSchool Secretary
Nay Paw School Secretary

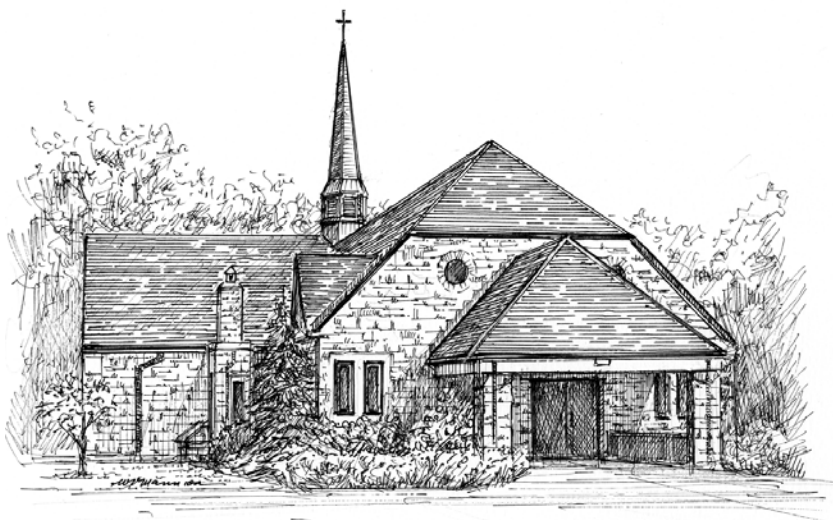
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March 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

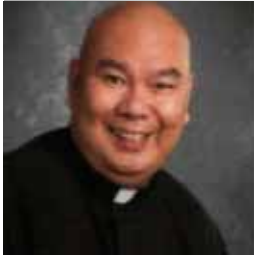




WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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,
Happy Easter everyone!

IN the early morning of Easter, the tomb was empty. At the beginning of the day a new creation has begun. The disciples saw the stone removed, the burial shrouds laying around the tomb and the

body was missing. They realized that indeed God has done what Jesus said he would do. The disciples believed that God raised Jesus on the third day. Jesus himself is the first fruit of the resurrection.

Today we remember, we celebrate and we believe. The disciples bore witness to his coming back to life. It is a message of a future life for us after our life here on earth. By virtue of our baptism we participate in the paschal mystery of life, death and resurrection. We shall renew the vows of our own baptism recognizing we are children of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. We shall all rise with him.

A week after we shall celebrate the gift of mercy that pervades in every part of the story of Jesus, that mercy that is all about the love, of healing, forgiving and restoring. Yes, what a gift we have in Jesus! We are all encouraged to overcome fear and shame. We are affirmed that we belong to God therefore there is hope for every one of us. There is a reason to live and we continue to hope because in God there will be victory! Let us celebrate the feast of the divine mercy with an afternoon of prayer, praise and Eucharistic thanksgiving.

We do not get tired about inviting one another to join in our journey and grow in faith. We are a church, a community of believers, journeying, worshipping and growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ. We are of one identity in Jesus Christ as baptized Christians. We will always have our small faith groups that can help us in our faith. We will always be open and welcoming to everyone who wish to join. Come and joyfully discover Jesus through the small groups!

Fr. Victor



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.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER—Mrs. Gattman

Dear St. Jerome Parishioners,
Happy Easter from the students and staff at St. Jerome School! We are grateful that we get to learn in a school that puts God first. Every day we are challenged to be the best version of our selves...to be who God made us to be! Recently our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders went to the Bell Museum and got a first-hand look at God's magnificent creations in our natural world.



St. Jerome School is a wonderful place that fuels curiosity and works with families to form faith filled and virtuous young people. We have a few openings at each grade level.

Please share about our school with your friends and relatives.



Christ's Peace,

Anne Gattman
Principal

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE



Saturday, April 20, 2024

Join us for a spirited fundraising event as we highlight the mission of St. Jerome School. We'll share with you more about our 210 students and the opportunities to support their academic resources.

Tickets are \$50/person.
This evening program is entirely in person.
Doors open at 5:30 PM.

For more event information visit:
stjerome2024.givesmart.com

Hope to see you there!


JOIN A SMALL GROUP

St. Jerome offers small groups to help you get more out of your faith through your church. These small groups meet on different days, times, and frequencies with different topics.



More information and sign-up for these small groups is available on the Parish Website <https://stjerome-church.org/>, scroll down to Upcoming Events and use the "small group signup" link.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY— April 7



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

1:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1:40 PM Reflection on the healing ministry of Jesus as acts of mercy
2:00 PM Personal Reflection
2:20 PM Reflection on Luke **23:34**
2:40 PM Personal Reflection
3:00 PM Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
3:10 PM Personal Reflection
3:20 PM Holy Rosary
3:45 PM Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
4:00 PM Eucharistic Celebration
5:00 PM Dismissal

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available between **1:40 - 3:40 PM**

An afternoon of prayer, reflection and worship

April 7, 2024 | St. Jerome Church | 1:30 to 5:00 PM
380 Roselawn Ave. E. | Maplewood, MN

Feast of Divine Mercy

Preschool Enrollment and Summer 2024

Preschool Enrollment for the 2024-2025 academic year is underway. We have openings in our 3-4 class and our 4-5 class. Half-day and full-day options are available. We offer flexible scheduling, before and after school care, but most importantly, provide a faith-based, caring and supportive first schooling experience for your child. Our preschool staff have many years of experience and background education in early childhood education and are dedicated to helping your child learn and grow at their own developmental levels.

We welcome you to stop by and see us in action.
Call to schedule a tour: 651-771-1023 or
email Mrs. Zappa at gzappa@stjeromeschool.org



SUMMER 2024
Kids Korner will once again offer summer programming for preschool and school-age children, ages 3-12. We offer care to fit your schedule M-F from 6:30-5:30pm. Watch for summer registration information, coming soon

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following who were welcomed into the Church Saturday night.

Baptism:

Ashton Bonghan

1st Communion:

Linette Bonghan

Preston Bonghan

Ashton Bonghan

Confirmation:

Randi Berglund

Jim Gattman

Alyssa Hess

Sarah Ison



EUCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

*"The Eucharist is that love which surpasses all loves in Heaven and on earth."
(St. Bernard)*



The Adoration Chapel is open 8 am Monday through 6 pm Thursday.

Permanent adorers are needed Mondays at 9 am and 7pm and Tuesdays at 8 am and 10 am. If you would like to commit to an hour, or if you have questions, please call Lorraine at 651-772-2997.

ST. JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH
PRESENTS

**A NIGHT OF CLASSIC MUSIC WITH
KLYDE LEDAMO**

A MULTI-AWARDED FILIPINO CONCERT PIANIST WHO
CONTINUES TO IMPRESS AUDIENCES AROUND THE GLOBE

FIRST PRIZE WINNER OF SCHUBERT CLUB COMPETITION IN
MINNESOTA, IN 2023

THIRD PRIZE WINNER OF FRANZ LISZT INTERNATIONAL PIANO
COMPETITION HELD AT CARNEGIE HALL, NEW YORK, IN 2023

DON'T MISS HIS WORLD-CLASS PERFORMANCE

APRIL 12, 2024 | ST. JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH | 6:30 PM
380 ROSELAWN AVE. E.
MAPLEWOOD, MN

FREE WILL OFFERING IS APPRECIATED.
PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT A MEDICAL MISSION
IN A MOUNTAIN VILLAGE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

PARISH EVENT CALENDAR

April 1-7

Monday	9:30am	Small group
Tuesday	6:00pm	Young Adult sm group
	7:00pm	Men's club
Wednesday	6:00pm	Music practice
Thursday	10:00am	Mass at nursing home
	10:30am	Sm. Group
	11:45am	Fatima Prayer & Rosary
	6:30pm	Sm Group
Friday	9:00am	Quilters for a Cause
	6:30pm	Sm Group
	6:30pm	Spanish Rosary & Bible Study
Saturday		
Sunday		Divine Mercy Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Charlotte Ulrich (living)
Tuesday	7:15am	Mr. & Mrs. Al Garlough
Wednesday	7:15am	Mr. & Mrs. Pat McLaughlin
	9:45am	No school mass: Spring Break
Thursday	7:15am	Lori Lonetti
Friday	7:15am	David Bordsen
Saturday	8:00am	Dob & Audrey Bourke
	4:30pm	Members of the Parish
Sunday	9:30am	Joan Marchio
	4:00pm	

LITURGICAL ROLES

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat.	4:30pm	J. Zielinski
Sun.	9:30am	R. Klutzke
	4:00pm	T. Zappa

LECTORS:

Sat.	4:30pm	C. Geis
Sun.	9:30am	T. Zappa
	4:00pm	D. Mordorski

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

Weekly Offering



Contributions for the week of March 20-26

Weekly Contribution: \$2500.27

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



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

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS



If you need low gluten hosts, please tell an usher at least 10 min before mass starts so that the priest can be told.

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4. Find **St Jerome Catholic Church** by parish name, address, or zip code
5. Enter your email - and you're in!



You made it to Holy Week. Well Done! Brethren, don't stop now, I suggest you watch the short presentation about the Shroud of Turin. By Fr. Robert Spitzer. It may bring you closer to the brutality of the crucifixion and love Jesus has for us.

The TRUTH About the Shroud of Turin w/Fr. Robert Spitzer.

The Shroud of Turin is the subject of a lot of rumors, myths, and controversies — maybe you've heard some of them yourself and don't know what to believe.



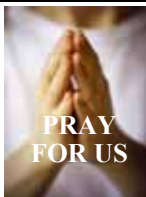
A Big Thank You to all SCRIP shoppers!

Thanks to you, the recent gift card sale raised \$485 for the church. Combine that with our online SCRIP shoppers and we have raised over \$725 in the first quarter alone. This recent gift card sale earned over \$200 more than last year's sale at this time. For all those who have not given SCRIP a try, please do so. Who doesn't eat Culver's? Did you know they give the church 10% back on their gift card purchases? We just made over \$100 from them alone, and all you do is present your gift card instead of cash or credit card when you place your order. Please keep them in mind at our next physical card sale in June. Thank you for your support of St. Jerome's.
 Anita Kennedy

LECTORS NEEDED



We are in need of more lectors. If you are willing to read at any mass please contact the parish office.



Fr. Cletus Baskela, Phil Brady, Joe Bibeau, Patricia Cokley, Cathy Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Kathleen Faschingbauer, Karen Geretschlaeger, Sr. Clarice Gierzak, Mary Gross, Clarice Holthaus, Margie Houg, Sharon Heffernan, David Hendricks, Janis Horski, Richard (Les) Johnson, Kevin Jones, Eugene Kaufhold, Lily Kehler, Kevin Klutzke, John & Linda Kostohryz, Mary Laumeier, Steve Lauinger, Fr. Ken Ludescher, Nancy Masson, Vern & Dorothy Mayer, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLellan, Brian Michalitsch, Nancy Miller, Nolan Mullaney, Greg Negard, Lou Polovick, Shannon Presler, Terri Quitter, Patrick Roth, Rick Peiffer, Theresa Richardson, Danny Rothbauer, Cynthia and 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

Easter

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Easter, the celebration of Christ's Resurrection, is the oldest and most solemn feast of the liturgical year.

The Resurrection is recorded in the Gospels and proclaimed in the New Testament, particularly by St. Paul, who wrote that without the Resurrection, "your faith has been in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14).

Disciples who knew Jesus was dead and where he was buried went to his tomb, but found it empty, and were told: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised" (Luke 24:5-6). Later, St. Paul writes, the risen Jesus appeared to more than five hundred disciples (1 Corinthians 15:6).

Throughout the centuries, Christians have continued to try to understand, appreciate and celebrate the significance of this most central experience for the life of the Church.

Acknowledging the Resurrection's mysterious depths, the Church's liturgical cycles are based on remembering and celebrating Easter. Every Sunday is a memorial of Easter, a "little Easter." Easter is the only feast in which every day of its Octave (Eight Days) is itself a "solemnity," the highest ranking given to any day. And the 50-day Easter season, from Easter to Pentecost Sunday, is the longest except for Ordinary Time.

Liturgical exuberance at Easter is intended to draw us into a celebration of God's gift of salvation, to revive in us an appreciation of the promise of new life. Pope Francis reminds us that "Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past but contains a vital power that has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force." The *Exsultet* at the Easter Vigil boldly declares: "O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer!"

As if to remind us that our Easter joy is fulfilled only when we do our part, when we respond faithfully to our baptismal call to love God and others as ourselves, the Church asks us to renew our baptism promises to reject evil and to "serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church."

"Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of feasts,' the 'Solemnity of solemnities,' just as the Eucharist is the 'Sacrament of sacraments' (the Great Sacrament). The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him."

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1169



THE HISTORY OF EASTER

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection, the culmination of Christ's mission and the foundation of our faith. Easter is also the oldest Christian holiday, one that Pope Leo I regarded as the greatest feast of the liturgical year, a conviction that has since been widely embraced. As St. Paul wrote, "If Christ has not been raised, then your faith has been in vain" (1 Cor 15:14).

St. Bede suggests that word "Easter" could be related to *Estre*, an ancient goddess of spring. The more common term for Easter was the Latin *Pasch* or Passover. Easter was the *Festa Paschalia*, a name that is plural because Easter is not just a one-day event but includes seven more days of celebration (called the Easter octave). The name Easter is also related to the German word for east, *ostern*, where the sun rises. So the associations of light from the rising sun and the new life of spring naturally carry over to our celebration of new life through Christ.

The fixing of the date of Easter was complex and somewhat controversial. To the members of the early Church, every Sunday was regarded as a celebration of the resurrection. When it was determined to single out one day to highlight the feast, there was disagreement as to the proper date. Some Christians, including St. Irenaeus and St. Polycarp, felt it should coincide with the Jewish Passover, which was determined by the lunar calendar, while others preferred the Sunday celebration date that eventually prevailed when the Council of Nicaea in AD 325 determined that Easter is to be celebrated on the first Sunday following first full moon that occurs on or after the spring (vernal) equinox.

Alleluia

THE SEASON OF NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Easter, the central feast of Christianity, is also a difficult mystery to grasp: even the disciples didn't believe it at first. Many had trouble even recognizing the risen Lord.

The 50 days of the Easter Season allow us to concentrate on the mystery of the resurrection and Christ's continued presence with us through the Holy Spirit.

The resurrection narratives in the Gospel readings on the **Sundays of Easter** help us to realize the meaning of the resurrection. Other readings emphasize the importance of Christ's continued presence with us.

Ascension Thursday celebrated forty days after Easter, reminds us that although Jesus has left us physically, his Holy Spirit remains with us.

Pentecost completes the Easter season with the descent of the Holy Spirit. The Church, born of the Spirit, will now be the presence of Christ on earth until he comes again.



TERMS OF THE EASTER SEASON

Alleluia: From the Hebrew word meaning "Praise the Lord," *Alleluia* is a special acclamation of joy in the Easter Season.

Ascension: Originally celebrated on Thursday (40 days after Easter), now all U.S. dioceses except 6 celebrate it on the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Easter: The first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox, Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. The Church considers every Sunday in the year a commemoration of Easter.

Easter Duty: Having received First Communion, every Catholic in the United States must receive communion at least once a year during Easter time, defined in the U.S. as the period from the First Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday.

Easter Season: The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.

Paschal Candle: A large decorated wax candle that is a symbol of the risen Savior, the light of the world. It is lit during Mass from the Easter Vigil to Ascension Thursday, and used thereafter in baptisms and funeral liturgies.



It's a Big One 4 in One

honoring
Father Ken Ludescher
on his

92nd birthday

63rd anniversary of priestly ordination

30 years as a professed Carmelite

10 years as a Hot Air Balloon survivor

So come on over
to Rosoto Villa on April 2nd
anytime between 2- 4 pm
Congratulate Father,
Enjoy a root beer float,
a mini balloon cake
and have some fun!

Sponsored by the Servite Confraternity of Our Lady of Sorrows.
Questions? Call Sr. Clarice 651-771-6264



Help fulfill Archbishop Hebda's desire for every parishioner in the Archdiocese to be in a small group.

Please join us in small groups being offered at St Jerome

Young Families-This group connects young parents in the parish and allows them to grow deeper in their understanding of the Word. Meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 3 pm.

You are Not Alone-This group is open to all. It is for those who like to praise God in the company of others. *For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I.* (Matt 18:20). Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:30 am.

On the 3rd Day-A group for the science minded which explores God's marvelous creation along with prayer and scripture. Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Praising God Together-We will praise God, read scripture, and pray for our friends, family, and members of our small group. Meets every Monday at 9:30 am.

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray-Open to all, this group is led by Fr Victor. This group will explore and learn more about faith and prayer life. Meets on the 3rd Friday at 9:30 am.

Young Adults 18-30-Young adults are the future of the Catholic Church. How can we build on the faith we learned as young children? Come and see. Meets on the 1st Tuesday at 6 pm.

Road to Emmaus-For those in the health care field. We will continue to foster our relationship with Christ while supporting one another in our professional calling. Meets every Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the Caribou Coffee on White Bear Ave and County Rd D.

Lord, Hear our Prayer-This group will offer praise to God for the many gifts we have been given and allow us to turn over our concerns and sorrows to the Lord. This group is open to all and meets on the 1st Thursday at 6:30 pm.

Community of Sojourners-a group open to all Asian Immigrants. Sojourners, you are not alone in this country. You belong to the Catholic Church, founded by Jesus, our Savior. Let us journey together as one community, singing songs of praise and worship. Meets on the 1st Friday at 6:30 pm.

Our Spanish Community-please join Daisy Carlson as she leads a group just for our Spanish members. You will enjoy the company of others in praising God in Spanish. Meets every Friday at 6:30 pm.

Sign up at www.stjerome-church.org