

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

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.....Religious Ed Coordinator
Marie Joseph Confirmation
Pat Birkey Children's Liturgy

School

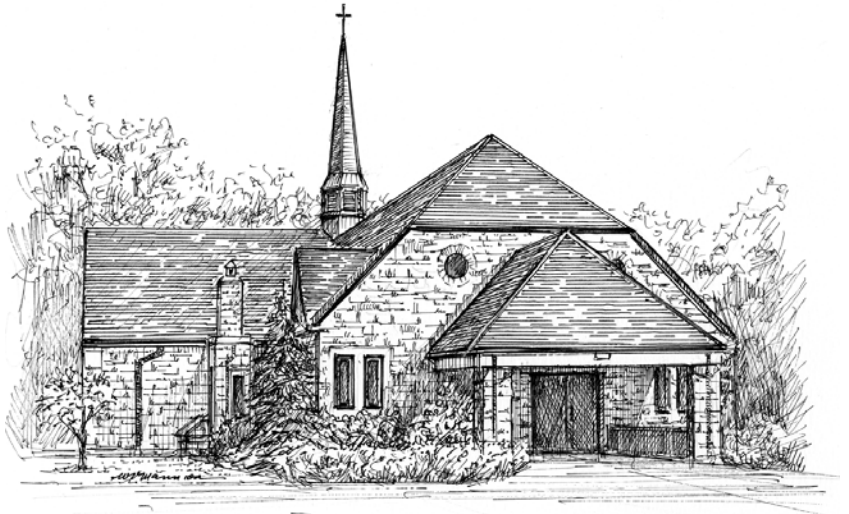
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April 7, 2024

**Divine Mercy
Sunday**

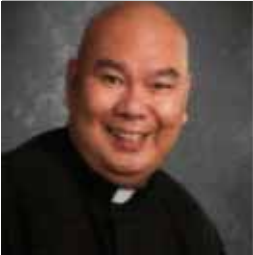




WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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



Happy Easter once again.

It is always a joy to celebrate with everyone the season of Easter. It is refreshing and encouraging to be reaffirmed of our identity as beloved children of God and destined for a life far better than our life here on earth.

The celebrations to begin the Easter season were very significant and well attended. The blessings of light and water were very reassuring of hope, restoration and life. The joyful celebration of the Eucharist proclaims the victory of life over death. Indeed, the light of Christ cannot be overcome by death!

We cannot thank enough everyone who worked in making our liturgy very solemn and meaningful. We value the time spent and the creative minds shared. It contributed to celebrating meaningfully and making our worship space conducive to prayer. Thanks to all our liturgical ministers.

In praise and thanksgiving to the Lord we remember and celebrate the gift of divine mercy. In his first appearance to the disciples after his resurrections the first words uttered by Jesus were the words "Peace be with you." It may sound like they were simple words of a Jewish greeting "Shalom" but to the disciples who were afraid of the Jewish authorities and going through the feelings of regret, shame and guilt, the greetings of Jesus were word of reconciliation and forgiveness. He encouraged them not to be afraid. His qualitative description of their mission was about forgiveness.

Forgiveness is about transcending (overcoming) beyond anger and resentment to peace and goodwill. It means the reestablishment of friendship and good relations. Mercy involves suspending punishment, the right to inflict and withholding a harsh treatment to the guilty. Mercy is about bringing healing to a hurtful offense. To do so could be costly. And Jesus paid for the price of forgiveness and healing: his own life.

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.

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE



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HEARTS ON FIRE

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!

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



Many St. Jerome Students received 1st Communion at St. Casmir's this past weekend. Congratulations!!!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY— April 7



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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

3:30 PM Personal Reflection

3:30 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

SPRING CLEAN-UP Sat. April 13

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April 13
8:30am to noon



Please join us on Saturday as we spruce up the campus.

Bring tools: rakes, leaf blowers, chain saws, hedge trimmers, brooms, shovels, wheelbarrows, tarps, etc.

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.

BOX OF FROZEN COD — \$55



There is a box of fish (40 fish per box and still frozen) that is still available for purchase. It is up for grabs at \$55.00. Pick up at the parish office.



EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL RESOURCES



**NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival**

**Be There When God Moves in
2024!**

National Eucharistic Congress,
July 17-21, 2024,
Indianapolis, IN

This once-in-a-lifetime gathering will bring together the most trusted voices in the Church and thousands of on-fire Catholics for five powerful days of worship, encounter, and formation. Regardless of where you are on your faith journey, every day at the Congress is designed to facilitate a life-changing encounter with Jesus. Whether you attend one day or all five days, come be inspired and set ablaze with new love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

For more information and registration:
<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

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 8-14

Monday	8:30am Bible Study 9:30am Small group 6:30pm Bible Study
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Fr. Biju Birthday 6:00pm Music practice
Thursday	6:30pm Parish Council mtg
Friday	10:30am Funeral: Siojo 6:30pm Spanish Rosary & Bible Study
Saturday	8:30am Spring Clean up
Sunday	3rd Sunday of Easter 9:30am Altar Server Award Mass 10:30am CCD 2:30pm bible study

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Louis and Anna Cruz
Tuesday	7:15am	Mike Anato
Wednesday	7:15am	Florence Leahy
	9:45am	June Guldán
Thursday	7:15am	Nancy Valento
Friday	7:15am	Patricia Schreier (living)
Saturday	8:00am	James Zappa Sr
	4:30pm	Louie Hermes
Sunday	9:30am	Members of the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 4:30pm	M. Montie
Sun. 9:30am	B. Cardinal

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30pm	J. Therrien
Sun. 9:30am	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 27– April 2

Weekly Contribution: \$6905

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

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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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!



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.



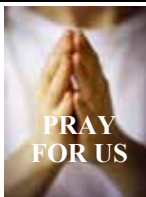
A Big Thank You to all SCRIP shoppers!

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



DIVINE MERCY

OUR GOD, RICH IN MERCY

Mercy is one of God's most characteristic attitudes toward us. "God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ" (Ephesians 2:4-5). So it was most appropriate when Pope St. John Paul II in 2000 renamed the 2nd Sunday after Easter as **Divine Mercy Sunday** when he canonized the Polish nun and mystic St. Faustina Kowalska, who was particularly devoted to Divine Mercy.

God's Mercy in the Bible

In the Old Testament, mercy identifies a complex Hebrew idea describing God's special covenant love (Hebrew, *hesed*). God's mercy includes loyalty, dependability, trustworthiness and an eagerness to help when situations turn bad. God's desire to be in a covenant relationship with us keeps God alert to our cries for help and eager to deliver us from whatever separates us from God (sin). Mercy is not just the response felt toward those who are suffering, but even more God's fierce covenant attachment to be with us and save us. Like a loving Father or Patron of a family, God is an especially generous benefactor who lavishes gifts (Greek: *charis*, Latin: *gratia*) on the covenant people. These gifts are not distributed because of the people's merits, but strictly out of God's freely-given favor or mercy.

Jesus Reveals God's Mercy

In the New Testament, Jesus is the face of the Father's mercy and reveals God as a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. Jesus offered a new vision for life in the covenant community, which he called the kingdom of God. He proclaimed God as king: the heavenly patron or benefactor who has mercy on us and generously gives us what we need. So Jesus stressed that our basic response is giving thanks (Greek, *eucharist*) for God's gifts and the task of sharing them with others. He reminded us that mercy is not only God's action, but as God's children we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.

BEING BEARERS OF MERCY

“As we can see in Sacred Scripture, *mercy* is a key word that indicates God’s action towards us. God does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes and behaviors that are shown in daily living. God’s mercy is his loving concern for each one of us. God feels responsible; that is, God desires our wellbeing and wants to see us happy, full of joy and peaceful. This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel. As the Father loves, so do we God’s children. Just as God is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other. Mercy expresses God’s way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert and believe. God’s forgiveness knows no bounds.

We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and humanity, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.”

— Pope Francis
Misericordiae Vultus (April 11, 2015)

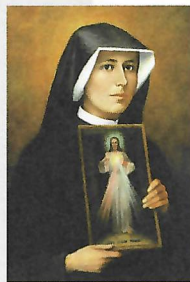
POPE FRANCIS’S PRAYER TO BECOME BEARERS OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees God.

Show us your face and we will be saved.
You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let us be your visible face in the world.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so we, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. Amen.

—Pope Francis



St. Faustina Prayer

(Polish born Helena Kowalska (1905–1938), was the third of ten children. When almost twenty, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, became Sr. Maria Faustina and devoted her life to the message of God’s mercy. She traced her spiritual experiences with Christ in her diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. She was canonized in 2000.)

I want to be completely
transformed into your mercy
and to be your living reflection, O Lord.
Help me, that my eyes may be merciful,
so I may never suspect
or judge from appearances,
but look for what is beautiful
in my neighbors’ souls
and come to their rescue.
Help me, that my ears may be merciful,
so I may heed my neighbors’ needs
and not be indifferent to their pains.
Help me, that my tongue may be merciful,
so I should never
speak negatively of my neighbor,
but have a word
of comfort and forgiveness.
Help me, that my hands may be merciful
and filled with good deeds,
so I may do only good to my neighbors
by doing the difficult tasks.
Help me, that my heart may be merciful
so I may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor.
Jesus, I trust in you! *Amen*.

Faustina’s Mission

St. Faustina’s life-long dedication to God’s mercy was the direct result of her mystic encounter with Jesus, who gave her this mission. “Today I am sending you with my mercy to the people of the whole world. Speak to the world about my mercy. Let all mankind recognize my unfathomable mercy. Let them have recourse to the fount of my mercy. Let them profit from the blood and water which gushed forth for them. Before I come as a just judge, I first open wide the doors of my mercy. One who refuses to pass through the doors of my mercy must pass through the doors of my justice. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to my mercy.”