

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

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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

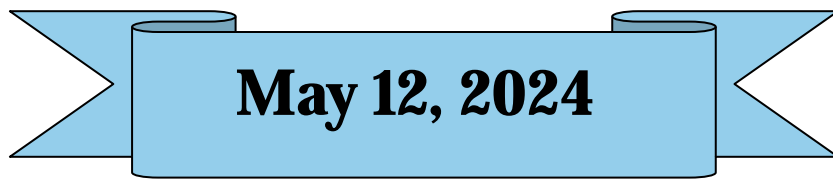
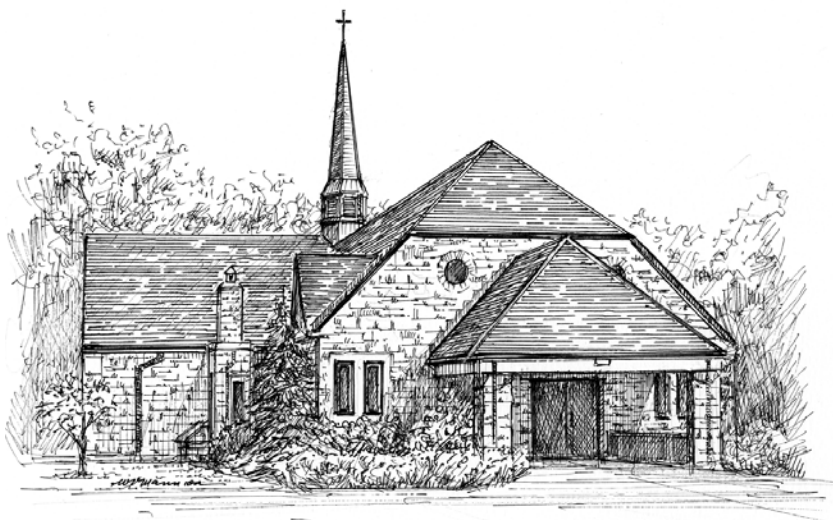
Anne Gattman ..... Principal  
Grace Zappa .....Preschool Director  
Sue Costello .....School Secretary  
Nay Paw ..... School Secretary

### Maintenance

Bob Hoisington ..... Supervisor

### Safe Environment coordinator

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



## Ascension of the Lord

### 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.

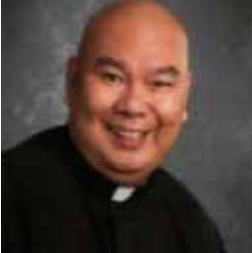




**WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JEROME**

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,

Today we remember and celebrate our belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. On the 40<sup>th</sup> day after his resurrection Jesus ascended after completing his work of redemption. It is traditionally celebrated on Thursday, the fortieth. Jesus is exalted. On earth

he was a servant, in Heaven he us ruler and Lord of all.

It is God’s promise that just as Jesus went to heaven so will all of those who believe in him and follow him. St. Paul said that those who have died will rise first, those who are alive will be caught to meet him in the air. That is our great hope.

Meanwhile, we are to move ahead and live our lives as a people of the resurrection. We believe in him and our lives should reflect that belief. We must remain in him and abide in his love. We must continue to share that faith and proclaim the good news we have received and lived.

Jesus became a man and lived with a human flesh (incarnation), he died but on the third day rose from the dead (resurrection) thus defeating death. He assumed his now incorruptible body as a man into Heaven (ascension) and will return as a man (second coming at the end of time. As the first fruit of the resurrection he will also raise the bodies as bodies like his of those who believe in him.

Fr. Victor



**PRINCIPAL’S CORNER—Mrs. Gattman**

Dear St. Jerome Parishioners,  
Last Saturday several of our students and parishioners were confirmed by Bishop Izen at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Congratulations! Come Holy Spirit!

**Coming soon!** We invite you to join us for **Grandparents and Special People Day** on Wednesday, May 15. We'll begin with Mass, enjoy coffee and donuts in the school, after mass, and listen to a wonderful spring concert in the gym. The concert will be repeated the evening of May 15 at 6pm.

St. Jerome School is in need of a **Kindergarten Teacher and Classroom Assistant for next year.**

Our beloved Mrs. Krueger is relocating to North Dakota. Please see this posting for the teaching position: <https://careers.archspm.org/job/kindergarten-teacher-st-jerome-school/>

**Maybe you know someone.** Please keep our search for the right person in your prayers.

Peace and blessings to you,  
Anne Gattman  
Principal



*Noah Kaiser  
Fr. Victor Valencia  
Bishop Michael Izen  
Preston Bonghan  
Ginia (GG) Revering  
Trevor Carr  
Linette Bonghan*





**SMALL GROUPS**

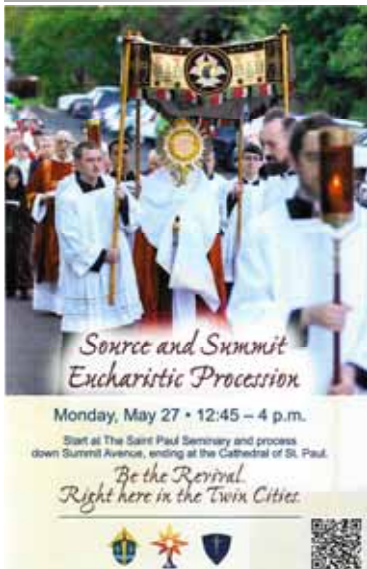
Do you want to know what 89 people in and around St Jerome's are doing?

They are experiencing all the wonderful things happening in our parish small groups. St Jerome's currently has 10 small groups for people of all ages. We have groups for young adults, young families, Spanish speakers, those employed in healthcare, those who like science, the Filipino community, retired folks, and the list goes on. This means we have about 9 participants in each group. Our group leaders would love to have more people in their group.

What happens in a small group? We start with prayer, and then share what God has done for us or what we have done for God during the week. We have a short church teaching moment along with a discussion about it. We pray for others in our lives and in our small group who need assistance. That is what a small group is. If you would like more information, please visit the parish website under **small groups**. Feel free to stop by any small group and sit in and see if it is something you would like to be a part of. We welcome guests! The calendar listing when the different groups meet is also on the church website.

If you have questions, feel free to email Anita Kennedy at [auglie@usfamily.net](mailto:auglie@usfamily.net) or Ken Klutzke at [rkkmail@comcast.net](mailto:rkkmail@comcast.net). We would be happy to provide you with further information. Can you help make the 89 grow and see your faith grow? Your Synod Evangelization Team

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL**



Be the Revival. Right here in the Twin Cities.

Join the **National Eucharistic Revival**, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and The Saint Paul Seminary for a Eucharistic procession down Summit Avenue. A flagship portion of the **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage's Marian Route**, we will follow Christ through the heart of St. Paul, from The Saint Paul Seminary to the Cathedral of St. Paul.

The Source and Summit procession will begin with Mid-day Prayer at 12:45 p.m. at The Saint Paul Seminary and head east toward the Cathedral of St. Paul. The procession will conclude with prayer around 4 p.m. inside the cathedral.

Mark your calendar: More information is coming.

**GRADUATE BLESSING MASS—June 15**



**GRADUATE BLESSING**  
Saturday June 15  
4:30mass

A blessing will be given to **ALL 2024 Graduates**

**Did you graduate this year?**

The Church of St. Jerome invites you for a blessing in honor of your recent graduation. Please join us at Mass and allow us to celebrate your accomplishment. Wear your cap, if you have one.

**EUCCHARIST 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.

**GARAGE SALE**



**WEDNESDAY JUNE 12**  
9-4

**THURSDAY JUNE 13**  
9-noon  
Bag sale

**Drop off donations**

Saturday June 8  
10am—1pm.  
Monday June 10  
10am—4pm

We are accepting CLEAN clothing.

**Items not accepted:**

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| Exercise equipment                       | Ski's and poles    |
| Electronics including TVs,               | Computer equipment |
| Large furniture                          | Large appliances   |
| Automotive                               | Encyclopedias      |
| Baby equipment (car sets, cribs, swings) |                    |

**We reserve the right to refuse items.**

**PARISH EVENT CALENDAR**  
May 13-19

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Small group</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Young Adult board games</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Grandparents Day</b>
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Spring Concert</b>
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Music practice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Service at nursing home</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Small Group</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Liturgy Committee</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Visitation</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Funeral—Schroeder</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Spanish Rosary &amp; Bible Study</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Young Adult bible study</b>
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Pentecost</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>CCD</b>
	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Hall Rental</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Joel Ruffenach</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Al Spangenberg</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Ann Rinehart</b>
	<b>9:45am</b>	<b>Joel Ruffenach</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Lori Lonetti</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Eusebio Macavinta Mongaliman</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Louis and Anna Cruz</b>
	<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Members of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Pat Hermes</b>

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Sat. 4:30pm	J. Zielinski
Sun. 9:30am	J. Lamb

**LECTORS:**

Sat. 4:30pm	K. Faschingbauer
Sun. 9:30am	S. Cardinal

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

Sat. 4:30pm	L. Anyanwu	S. Anyanwu
	O. Olberding	M. Holzemer
Sun. 9:30am	M. Murphy	R. Odhiambo
	Z. Odhiambo	G. Revering
	C. Zorobi	



**Contributions for the week of**  
**May 1—7**

Weekly Contribution: \$5587.51

Please remember St. Jerome in your will.



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Christ has risen! Happy Easter! The next stop on the church calendar is Pentecost. Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, and president of Franciscan University of Steubenville has a good primer for Pentecost.

**The Wild Goose with Fr. Dave Pivonka**

"Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. In this 14-part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews, The Wild Goose presents viewers compelling teaching, and are invited into a more profound life-giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. To a new encounter or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.

**PENTECOST— May 18-19**



Please sign up to light one of the red candles during the petitions on Pentecost weekend.

Sign up is in the entrance of the church.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS**

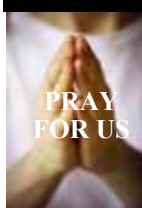


If you need low gluten hosts, please tell an usher at least 10 min before mass starts so that the priest can be told.

**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 Basekela, Tim Bertsch, Phil Brady, Patricia Cokley, Gayl Chrysler, Cathy & Don Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Karen Geretschlaeger, Sr. Clarice Gierzak, Mary Gross, Mary Heller, Clarice Holthaus, Sharon Heffernan, David Hendricks, Janis Horski, Patricia Johnson, 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, Cynthia & David Schluender, John Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Mike Spangenberg, Craig Steineck, Joyce Theilhorn, George Valento, Greg Votel, Holly Walkner, Jim & Evelyn Wendt, Beverly Wermus, Eric Witzel, Kevin Yackel

**PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE**  
**MEN AND WOMEN**



Jack Butler  
Grace Wegleitner



# ASCENSION

## JESUS CHRIST, ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN

Jesus' ascension, or return to God, is best understood as a continuation of the resurrection event—God's action to reward Jesus' faithfulness to death by continuing their relationship in a new way. Although the ascension is only described in Luke's Gospel some 50 years after Jesus' death, the belief in Christ's heavenly presence with God and glorification in the place of honor at God's right hand, is already widespread in early Christianity and attested in several New Testament letters.

In Paul's letters, which precede the written Gospels by at least 10-20 years, he mentions without having to explain the already common belief that "Christ Jesus who died, yes, who was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us" (Rom 8:34). This is a result of "God's great power, which God worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens" (Eph 1:19-20). The letter to the Hebrews also stresses that Christ the high priest now sits forever in glory at God's right

hand (Heb 1:3, 13; 8:1; 10:12). The first Letter of Peter claims that Christ "has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him" (1 Pet 3:22).

In the Gospels, only Luke describes the ascension, and he provides two accounts, as if to stress that Jesus' presence with the disciples in his visible resurrected body now comes to a definitive end. A briefer account comes at the end of his Gospel on Easter evening (24:50-53). The more familiar version in Acts (1:6-12) occurs 40 days after Easter, during which time Jesus has been instructing the disciples about the kingdom of God.

Jesus' ascension has several consequences for the Church. First, it assures us that God's commitment to Jesus did not cease when Jesus died but God continues their relationship with the gift of new life. Second, his enthronement at God's right hand invites Christians to worship Christ as they do God. Third, it reminds us that Christ eternally intercedes and advocates for us with God.

## NOT GONE BUT STILL WITH US

All the early Christians believed that Jesus was risen to new life and appeared to his followers. They believed that though absent in his risen body, the risen Christ continued to dwell with them and allowed himself to be discovered under forms that we can experience and thus recognize him.

The New Testament authors stressed Christ's abiding presence in various ways. Matthew described Jesus as "Emmanuel, God with us" (1:23) and reminded us that Christ is present whenever we gather in his name (18:20) and will be with us always (28:20). Luke illustrated the hidden presence of the risen Christ as a mysterious stranger who explained scripture and shared bread (24:13-36). John described the abiding presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit or Advocate (Paraclete) (14:26) who continues in us the presence of the absent Jesus. Paul described the Christian community as those incorporated into the body of Christ (Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 10:17, 12:12-27) here on earth who continue his ministry and mission.

This hidden presence of Christ in us, in our community and in the world is also the foundation of our sacramental approach to reality. What we can perceive with our senses is not all there is to the mysterious reality we live in. So we seek this always present but hidden Jesus in prayer, in word and sacrament and in the others in our community. Like the disciples, we are not called to stand gazing into heaven to detect his return (Acts 1:10-11), which will surely come, but to go back to our households and jobs and neighborhoods to show forth the power of the Spirit that has been given to us by the ascended Jesus. By our attitudes, our words and our deeds, we display to the world around us the importance of Jesus' ascension.

## *Christ's Presence in the Eucharist*

Pope St. Leo I, the Great, reminded us that "Our Redeemer's visible presence has passed into the sacraments. What was presented to the disciples' bodily eyes no longer hindered them from turning all their attention to the realization that he had not left his Father when he came down to earth, nor had he abandoned his disciples when he ascended into heaven."

In his book *Sacramental Theology*, Franciscan Fr. Kenan Osborne summarizes our belief in the many forms of Christ's eucharistic presence. "Jesus is present in the gathering of the community, in the proclamation of the word, and in the banquet of bread and wine. Beyond this we must find the Lord not only in the table of the Eucharist, but in the table of the world around us. If we do not see Jesus in this table of the world, we will really not find Jesus in the table of the Eucharist; and if we do indeed find Jesus in the table of the Eucharist, we should leave the Eucharistic celebration with eyes of faith that allows us to find Jesus throughout the table of the world."

## *Jesus, Alive in Our Midst*

"The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: the crucified and risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the risen Jesus Christ, ascended into heaven."

—Pope Francis

## ASCENSION THURSDAY

### *Why Many Celebrate on a Sunday*

Many countries including the U.S. that do not observe the Ascension as a public holiday have obtained permission from the Vatican to move the feast to the following Sunday to encourage more Catholics to celebrate this important event. In the U.S., all dioceses transferred this feast to Sunday except those in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Nebraska which still celebrate it on Thursday.