

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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Pastoral Staff

Fr. Victor Valencia.....Pastor

Administrative Staff

Joanne LambParish Secretary

Music

Mary Beth Hess Music Director

Faith Formation

xxxReligious Ed Coordinator
Marie Joseph Confirmation
xxx Children's Liturgy

School

Anne Gattman Principal
Grace ZappaPreschool Director
Sue CostelloSchool Secretary
Nay Paw School Secretary

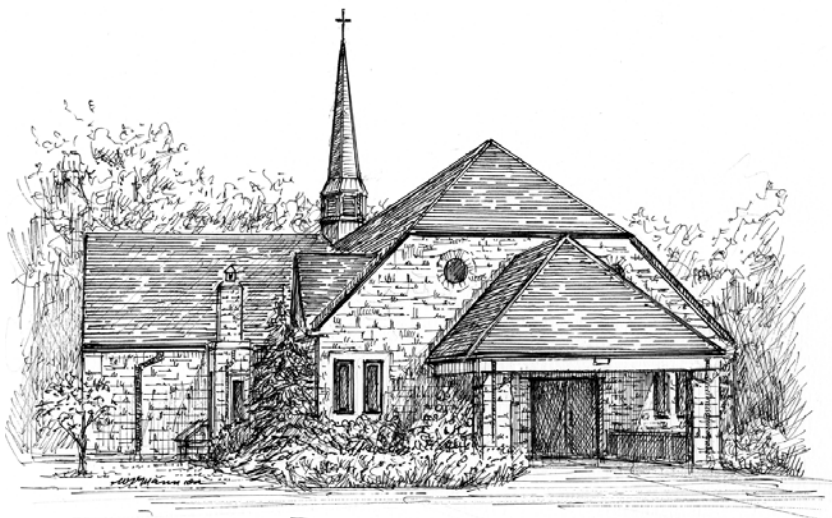
Maintenance

Chris Robinson Supervisor

Safe Environment coordinator

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

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September 15, 2024

The 24th 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.





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 Sisters and Brothers,

It is indeed a good weekend to celebrate our gift of community at St. Jerome. As today we gather for our parish festival, it is also a good time to reflect about journeying to follow Jesus and the way of the cross.

Today we recognize our gift of diversity, liturgical participation, volunteerism and school ministry.

Jesus asked a very important question about himself to his disciples. They said that other people look at Jesus as more than just an ordinary man as he was identified with the great men of the past like the prophets. But when personally asked “who do YOU say that I am” Peter responded on behalf of the twelve that he was the messiah, the anointed one. Peter’s response highlights their faith in Jesus as far as they were engaged with him, live with, heard him speak and witnessed him making miracles. It was a response coming from a time of life journey with Jesus.

Celebrating as a community we are challenged as well to answer that question. We have been journeying in faith and from time to time it is good to ask the question and answer it. Today we happen to remember the feast of the “exultation of the cross”, a time as well to reflect how the suffering of Jesus has become a victory for humanity. All these points for reflection are very important for us as a journeying community, following in the way of Jesus. WE desire to follow him and the way that he is teaching us is the way of the cross. We take note that the way of the cross is hard and can be painful but at the end of the tunnel there is the bright light of eternal life that we all desire and is the hope, the courage and the rallying point of our efforts to endure all adversities.

The tension of discipleship and the cross, of following and self denial is a reality in our journey. Many times we can be like Peter who do not want suffering, and avoid inconvenience. He did not like the idea of the cross. We have a mind of our own and we want things to happen just as we want reality to be. The plan of God is for his Messiah to suffer and die. We need to understand that the way of salvation is the way of the cross. “The desire to avoid suffering, the desire of Peter for Christ to avoid his suffering and his passion is in its essence satanic, because it would undo the very mechanism by which God is going to redeem the world and deliver it from Satan and from the power of death. So when Jesus says get behind me Satan, in Hebrew the word satan means adversary” (Petre)

Are we with him or are we going to leave him?

Fr. Vic

PRINCIPAL CORNER

Hello!

Let me introduce you to some of our 5th graders. We were chosen to participate in Minndependent’s Scientists in the Classroom program for the 6th year. Every month two scientists come to 4th and 5th grade and lead an interactive science lesson. It is great fun and opens the minds of our young thinkers.



Do you know a 5th grader? If so, you know they are right in between being big kids and still being little kids. At St. Jerome School, we see 5th grade as a time to really build study skills and stamina for increasing amounts of content to come in Middle School. We do this in a very nurturing way so students still know they have the support they may need. Here are a few other characteristics of some 5th graders:

- Able to focus and sustain attention for longer periods of time;
- Drawn to the outdoors, active learning;
- Able to work out conflicts and play cooperatively;
- Love humor, understanding more complex language;
- Developed sense of right and wrong;
- Often need to talk it out while learning.

Of course, every child is unique. We love our SJS 5th graders! Please join me in praying for them and their teacher, Ms. Ruth Giefer.

Peace and blessings to you,
Anne Gattman
Principal



We are looking for a part time Director of Faith Formation.

See the Parish Website for details

FR. LUDESCHER LAMP
will burn this week in prayer for
Patricia and Lou Hermes

FEAST OF ST. JEROME



Feast of St. Jerome September 30

What do you know about St. Jerome?

St. Jerome was born in Strido, Dalmatia (Croatia) in 347 AD to well-to-do Christian parents. He was educated at home until he was 12 and then was sent to Rome to further his studies. There he learned grammar, rhetoric, philosophy, and literature. While in Rome, his morals lapsed. His guilt over his sinful behavior led him to spend Sundays visiting catacombs to remind himself of his mortality and the prospect of hell. Ultimately, he experienced a conversion and was baptized in 366 by Pope Liberius.

After his baptism, Jerome traveled around to many different communities and Christian sites. He also became a hermit for several years. While in the desert, he studied Greek and learned Hebrew. There, he began translating books into Latin. He likely composed his first work of literature in 374 while staying as a guest of a priest. During this stay, Jerome experienced a dream in which he was brought before a tribunal of the Lord. In the dream, the Judge asked him who he was, to which he responded, "I am a Christian." The Judge accused him of lying and of being a follower of the Roman philosopher Cicero. Jerome realized he was more attached to pagan literature than to the Sacred Word. He vowed to abandon pagan literature, and for many years the dream caused great spiritual crisis for him.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Preschool at St. Jerome for the 2024-2025 year began Monday, September 9! We are pleased to have 37 preschoolers enrolled and have only a few spaces remaining in our 3-4 class and 4-5 class. Do you have a family member looking for preschool, or a child yourself? We have flexible scheduling and extended day care, led by faith-filled, caring and nurturing early childhood staff. We use a child-directed approach to learning, which research has shown to be the most beneficial to children and has the highest success rate in elementary schools and beyond. Your child will feel at home in our classrooms and will be well prepared for Kindergarten and elementary school after attending preschool at St. Jerome.



To learn more or set up a school visit, contact Mrs. Zappa: gzappa@stjeromeschool.org. Come and see why St. Jerome is the best fit for your family!



Please pray for
Eric Burn and Alisen Madison
Who received the sacrament of marriage
at St. Jerome on
Saturday Aug. 23, 2024

ACTs BIBLE STUDY & TRIP TO GREECE



Our bible study this year is the Acts of the Apostles. It is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom is a Bible study that traces how the gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. It shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today. See the bulletin insert or parish web site for details and registration form. If you registrar on the parish web site fee is due at first session

Dates - Times - Location
Sunday Afternoons: 2:30 to 4:00
starting September 22nd
Mondays starting September 23rd
Mornings: 9:30 to 11:00 am
Evenings: 6:30 to 8:00 pm
See full schedule on back.
All classes in Ludeschier Hall.

Cost - Registration
Cost per participant - \$45.00 includes
online access and a workbook.

For More Information
Contact the St. Jerome parish office:
651-771-1209

Acts is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They faced secular forces, internal strife, and hostile crowds and despite all this, they brought the Kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men.

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom will help you to see your place in the Church as a disciple of Christ.

Once you start learning, he makes you hunger for more. Jeff puts everything you need to know out of the Bible and it all starts to make sense like it never did before.

—Margaret T.

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PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
September 16-22

Monday	9:30am	Small Group
Tuesday	6:00pm	Small Group
	6:30pm	Watchmen (St. John)
Wednesday		
Thursday	7:15am	Anointing of the sick
	10:00am	Service at nursing home
	10:30am	Small Group
	6:30pm	Liturgy Committee
Friday	6:30pm	Spanish Rosary & Bible Study
Saturday		
Sunday		25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Bill Tronsen
Tuesday	7:15am	James Belland
Wednesday	7:15am	Liz Rothstein (living)
	9:45am	Harold Frenning
Thursday	7:15am	Lori Lonetti
Friday	7:15am	Betty Skok
Saturday	8:00am	Dennis & Paula Cusick
	4:30pm	Joan Marchio
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	J. Zielinski
Sun. 9:30am	M. Simone

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30pm	S. Maldonado
Sun. 9:30am	T. Zappa

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30pm	S. Anyanwu	L. Anyanwu
	M. Holzemer	O. Olberding
Sun. 9:30am	A. Vigonte	R. Vigonte
	G. Murphy	

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.



Contributions for the week of
September 4—10

Weekly Contribution: \$4003

Please remember St. Jerome in your will.



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



SCRIP



Hi all. It is time for our quarterly physical gift card sale. This is a wonderful time to stock up on gift cards for restaurants, home improvement stores, grocery stores, etc. This quarterly sale earns a large portion of our annual scrip profits for St Jerome. If you like to get an early head start on your Christmas shopping with gift cards, this sale is perfect for you. Please look at the percentages each store provides. Many restaurants give back 8% or 10%. If there is a store or restaurant you like, but don't see it listed, please email me at auglie@usfamily.net. I will let you know if I can get it for you. I have also listed smaller denominations for gift cards, but if you want them in larger amounts, please let me know. There are places like home improvement stores or Visa cards where you can purchase cards with a \$500 value. If you travel on Delta airlines, you can purchase their gift certificates, and when making your airline reservation, you simply use the gift card like a credit card. Very easy. Please place your order form and check in an envelope marked "Scrip" in the collection basket or you can drop it off at the church office. Deadline for ordering is Monday, September 23rd. I expect to receive the order on September 27th. Thank you for your continued support of St. Jerome. Anita Kennedy

Religion Teachers

WE NEED TEACHERS!

If you are willing to teach CCD or confirmation, please call or email the parish office.



Religion Sign-up



For registration and more information

- Parent Meeting is Sunday September 29 after the 9:30 mass.
- Classes start Sunday October 6



Fr. Cletus Basekela, Patricia Cokley, Gayl Chrysler, Cathy & Don Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Nora Ettl, 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, Von Kern, Kevin Klutzke, John & Linda Kostohryz, Mary Laumeier, Steve Lauinger, Morgan Lenze, Fr. Ken Ludescher, Nancy Masson, Vern & Dorothy Mayer, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLellan, Brian Michalitsch, Nancy Miller, Nolan Mullaney, Greg Negard, Enrico Pirri, Shannon Presler, Terri Quitter, Patrick Roth, Rick Peiffer, Theresa Richardson, Cynthia & David Schluender, John Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Don Schwantes, Mike Spangenberg, Craig Steineck, Lori Storla, Joyce Theilhorn, Greg Votel, Danica Weller, Jim & Evelyn Wendt, Beverly Wermus, Eric Witzel, Kevin Yackel

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE
MEN AND WOMEN



Jack Butler
Grace Wegleitner
Eric Dickson