

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

Parish Office ..... 651-771-1209  
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Website ..... [www.stjeromeschool.org](http://www.stjeromeschool.org)  
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

xxx .....Religious Ed Coordinator  
Florence Amena ..... Confirmation  
xxx ..... Children's Liturgy

### School

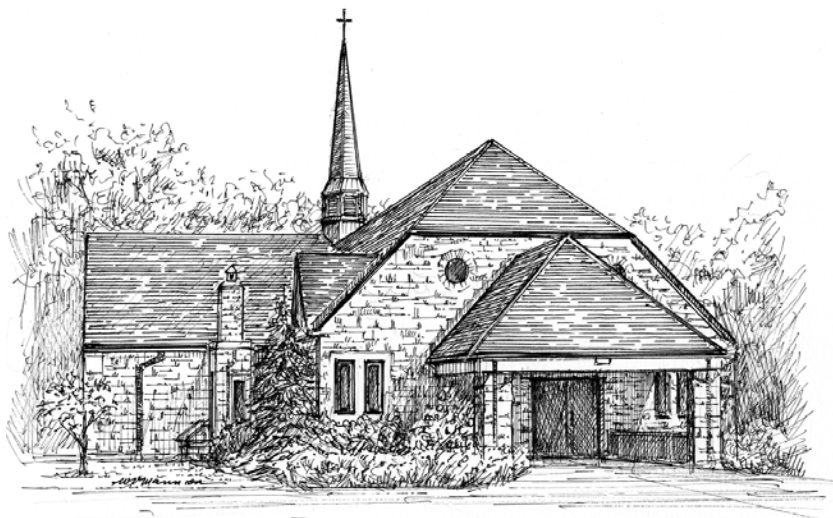
Anne Gattman ..... Principal  
Grace Zappa .....Preschool Director  
Sue Costello .....School Secretary  
Nay Paw ..... School Secretary

### Maintenance

Rick Gahm..... Supervisor

### Safe Environment coordinator

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



**December 1, 2024**





**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,  
It is a very good and valuable yearly celebration that families gather to give thanks for the journey that has been by our forefathers and the blessings that we continue to enjoy as fruits of their labor. Their journey has become ours as well as we take on from where they left off

and move ahead relying not only on our own efforts but from the guidance and continued blessings from the Lord. It is a good day to celebrate and teach our children to be grateful. It is a good day as well to give thanks to our Father in heaven.

Giving as a sign of gratitude is our way of expressing thanks to the God who has also provided us. At St. Jerome we targeted to share four thousand pounds of food to those who have less. It was a beautiful gesture for some to come up and offer the food during mass and pray that God will multiply our offerings. We have gathered more than five thousand pounds of food. Thank you to everyone who have shared food for the less fortunate.

Our church liturgical life begins a new calendar this Sunday. We begin with the celebration of Advent, a time of preparing our hearts spiritually for the birthday of Jesus. It is an interesting season remembering and looking forward to the coming of Christ not just in time and space at Christmas, but also about looking forward to his second coming, his second advent, at the end of time. It's focused on two comings therefore: the first coming of Jesus at Christmas and then the second coming of Jesus at the end of time.

Let us set our hearts to look forward with expectation and prepare by disposing our hearts to welcome him by clearing out our hearts from things that separate and distance us away from him. Let us take some quiet time to be still and ponder in the Lord who has gifted us with his Son so we can be redeemed from death. Let us reflect on the rich gift of love that enriches our life. Let us be affirmed that we are loved and saved. We shall continue to prepare to set our hearts to welcome him and let Jesus live in our hearts, now and forever!

Fr. Victor

Sending out Christmas cards, please update your address list:

**Sr. Clarice Gierzak**  
225 Frank Street, Apt. 211  
St. Paul, MN 55106-6747

**Fr. Ken Ludescher**  
225 Frank Street, Apt. 203  
St. Paul, MN 55106-6747

**PRINCIPAL CORNER**



There is a whole lot of goodness going on! Thank you, St. Jerome Parishioners, for donating to our school food shelf! Last week the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office donated 50 turkeys and bags of fixings for our families. The West 7<sup>th</sup> Boys Club also donated gift cards and turkeys for our families. God provides! All the time!

During this season of gratitude, we extend our thanks to you for your financial support, prayers, volunteerism, service to the school and parish...in countless ways. May you have an amazing Thanksgiving with your friends and family.

Peace and blessings to you,  
Anne Gattman, Principal

Wednesday, Nov 20

**Thank You!**

**ST. JEROME GIVE DAY**

On behalf of the entire St. Jerome family, thank you for being part of this extraordinary effort. Your gift supports our **teaching specialists** who provide essential Reading & Language Intervention programs for our students.

Goal: \$125,000  
Current Total: **\$107,819!**

**DECEMBER EVENTS**

- December—Adopt a Family
- Dec. 8—Christmas Tea Party - 11:00am
- Dec. 8—Afternoon of Prayer—2:00om
- Dec. 9—Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation
- Dec. 14 & 15—Christmas bake sale,
- Dec. 15—Pancake breakfast
- Dec. 15—Parish Individual Confessions 2:00—4:00pm
- Dec. 19—Christmas Concert 6pm
- Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Mass 4pm and 10pm
- Dec. 25—Christmas Day Mass 9:00am



## 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT: HOPE

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love, and our minds are searching for the lights of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

## SCRIP

Let the Christmas Shopping Begin!



It is here! Our physical gift card sale for all your shopping and gifting needs. This is our biggest SCRIP sale of the year where we make the most money from Scrip for church. There are a number of wonderful gift cards available. The enclosed order sheet just has the most popular ones, but if you want to buy cards for places like Scheels, Cabela's or elsewhere, just give me a call (651-587-0582) or send me an email at [auglic@usfamily.net](mailto:auglic@usfamily.net) and I can tell you what is available and in what denomination. Please pay attention to the percentages each vendor gives back. Some places give 8% or 10% back. Scrip sometimes has bonus days where they will double the amount given back. I just had a customer purchase a \$100 gift certificate for Applebee's and she made \$16 for church on that purchase alone! I need **all orders in by December 9th** and I should have the orders ready for distribution by **December 13th**. Thank you for your purchases for this important fundraiser for the church. Anita Kennedy

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH



Families are welcome to help with lighting the candles on the Advent Wreath at the weekend liturgies during Advent, If you are interested, please sign up on the board at the entrance of the church.

We need one family or person for each of the weekend masses.

## CHRISTMAS TEA—Dec. 8



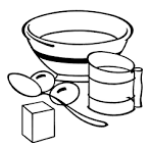
December 8th at 11:00am  
Ludescher Hall  
Reserve your seat for our annual Christmas tea party. Tickets will be sold after weekend masses.

## AFTERNOON OF PRAYER—Dec. 8

### Afternoon of Prayer for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Please joins us in the Church on Sunday, **Dec 8, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM** for Adoration, Prayer and Benediction. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 2:00 PM for Adoration and prayer. We will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2:45 PM, Evening Prayer at 3:30 PM and conclude with Benediction about 3:50 PM.

## HOLIDAY BAKE SALE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST



### HOLIDAY BAKE SALE Saturday/Sunday Dec. 14/15



### BAKERS—WE NEED YOU!

We need special Christmas cookies for this event.:  
Drop off cookies at 2pm Saturday.



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, Dec. 15th 9:00am to 11:30am. Free Will Offering.

## CONFESSIONS—Dec 15

There will be three priests available to hear individual confession on Sunday Dec. 15 from 2:00—4:00pm.



## CHURCH DECORATOR NEEDED



Angela, our talented church decorator, is stepping down in January. We are looking for someone to take over. She would like to train you over the Christmas season. This person, with help from others, keeps flowers in the church, changes banners and decorates the altar. Please contact the parish office if interested.

## FROZEN BOOYA FOR SALE



Stop by the parish office to get yours.

Great Christmas gift.



## NEW DIRECTORY IN 2025



Sign up now to have your picture taken for the new directory. Sign up on the parish website.

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Dec 7/8

**Aging religious need your help.** "Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

## GIVING TREE



This year the parish will sponsor families from the Ramsey County Family Sponsorship program. Each family receives:

- 1 clothing item per child
- 1 toy item per child
- \*1 parent gift
- \*1 grocery gift certificate

We are doing a **virtual giving tree**. Please donate the money to pay for a gift or two. We have a family who will purchase the gifts and then we will host a gift wrapping afternoon. Please place your donation in the basket in the back of the church or send to the parish office marked "giving tree".

So far we only have 1 family. A mom and 4 girls.

**PARISH EVENT CALENDAR**  
December 2-8

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Small Group</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Men's Club</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Handbells</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Mass at nursing home</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Small Group</b>
	<b>11:45am</b>	<b>Fatima Prayer group</b>
	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Chosen Small group</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Small Group</b>
<b>Friday</b>		<b>Feast of St. Nicholas</b>
	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Quilters for a Cause</b>
	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Tea Decorating</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Small Group</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Spanish Rosary &amp; Bible Study</b>
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Religious education</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Christmas Tea</b>
	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Advent Prayer Service</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Nancy Valento</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Louis and Anna Cruz</b>
	<b>9:45am</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Joe Conden</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Dick Schreier</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00am</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. Dickson
Sun. 9:30am	T. Schoenecker

**LECTORS:**

Sat. 4:30pm	S. Maldonado
Sun. 9:30am	S. Cardinal

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

Sat. 4:30pm	W. Heurung	O. Olberding
	M. Holzemer	
Sun. 9:30am	G. Murphy	M. Revering
	G. Revering, A. Vigonte, R. Vigonte	



**Contributions for the week of**  
**Nov. 20-26, 2024**

Weekly Contribution: \$5532.35

**CHURCH RENOVATIONS**

We will be having second collections the months of December to raise money to pay for the renovations to our church building. In your church envelope packets are envelopes labeled **Building Fund**. Use those envelopes to help fund our renovations. There are extra envelopes at the entrance of the church.

**AS OF Nov. 26: WE HAVE COLLECTED**  
**\$98,448**

**To subscribe**

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
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!



Okay, we are now at the front door of Advent. In this season there is great potential for spiritual growth. God chose to share in our humanity so that we could share in his divinity. Do not waista this opportunity to reorder your life around Jesus. There are many resources on Formed.org, both English and Spanish. Click on the search button in the upper right corner of the home page and type in "Advent" to see hundreds of resources. Here are two examples.

Go to your account today or create an account.

**Prepare Your Heart: Advent with Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR**  
During each week of Advent, you will embark on a new path informed by Franciscan spirituality to guide you to becoming closer to God.

**Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns**

In this series you will focus on a new theme each week—vigilance, preparation, nearness, and Emmanuel—that you can relate to your own life.

**EUCCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL**

Advent will be here soon. It is a perfect time to add an hour of Adoration to your weekly prayers. Please stop in for a visit with Jesus in the Eucharist. The Adoration Chapel is open 8 am Monday through 6 pm Thursday.

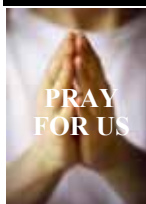
A PERMANENT ADORER IS NEEDED Thursday at 4 pm. If you could help with this hour, or if you have questions, please call Lorraine at 651-772-2997.



**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.



Fr. Cletus Basekela, Patricia Cokley, Gayl Chrysler, Cathy & Don Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Nora Ettl, Karen Geretschlaeger, Sr. Clarice Gierzak, Mary Gross, Clarice Holthaus, Sharon Heffernan, David Hendricks, Janis Horski, Patricia Johnson, Richard (Les) Johnson, Kevin Jones, Eugene Kaufhold, Lily Kehler, Von Kern, John & Linda Kostohryz, Mary Laumeier, Steve Lauinger, Andrew Lenze, Morgan Lenze, Fr. Ken Ludescher, Nancy Masson, Vern & Dorothy Mayer, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLellan, Brian Michalitsch, Nancy Miller, Nolan Mullaney, Greg Negard, Marlyss Petersen, 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