

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

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Joanne LambParish Secretary

Music

Mary Beth Hess Music Director

Faith Formation

xxxReligious Ed Coordinator
Florence Amena Confirmation
xxx Children's Liturgy

School

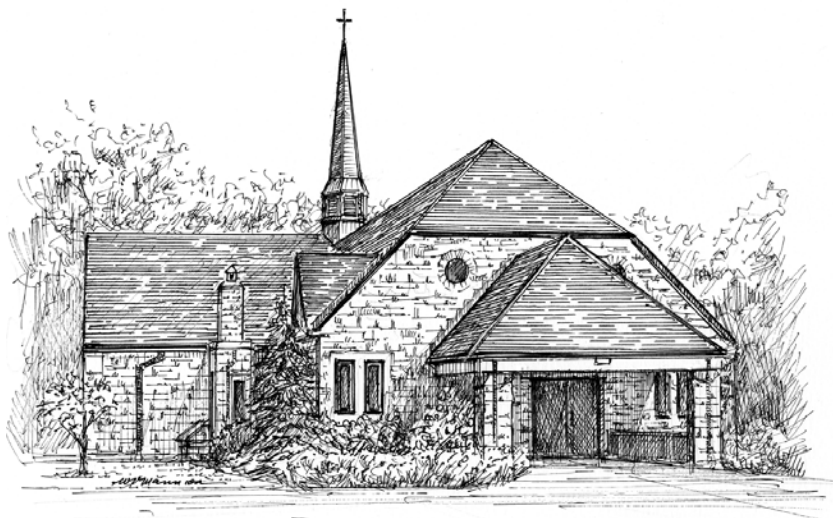
Anne Gattman Principal
Grace ZappaPreschool Director
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Nay Paw School Secretary

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



December 8, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Advent

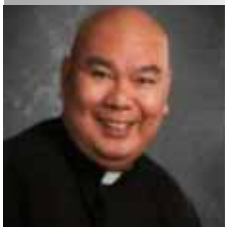


WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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,

Last week we learn an aspect of Advent as preparing for the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. It will be a day of the final revelation of the Father and the definite establishment of his kingdom. This Sunday we are reminded of the first coming of Jesus Christ born in Jerusalem. It was a day of the beginning of the story of salvation – our story, the beginning of the establishment of God’s kingdom that will be fully materialized in his second coming.

A very important spiritual and historical figure in our advent story is John the Baptist. It goes to say that the story of the nativity is true, factual and historical and so does John the Baptist. Luke went to the point of describing the corrupt and unjust political picture during their time.

John the Baptist was very popular among the Jews during his day. He was proclaiming to them that the time of the ingathering of the exiles was at hand, and in order to get ready for the coming of the Messiah one needed to put away sinfulness.

It is important to turn away from a life of sin and turn to a life of grace, repentance for the forgiveness of sins. That's the condition that will make us ready to meet our Messiah. Sin leads us astray, into exile, alienated from God. It alienates us from each other and scatters us them amongst the nations? It was sin. It's sin that exiles us from God. It's sin that separates us from one another. It's sin that, in a sense, drives us away from the promised land that God has made to be our home.

John's message to us is to repent. The coming of Jesus will usher the age of salvation where people will be able to come home to God's paradise and be reconciled with him and with each other.

Let us continue to inculcate in our hearts a disposition of preparedness. As we look forward to his coming let us actively participate in preparing our hearts and souls to be ready to welcome the Lord. Let us take time to pray and to be strengthened, to listen and let us collectively work in the church to bring about a people who will get excited to look forward to his coming with our lighted lamps full with oil to welcome him.

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

Happy Advent! We gather each Monday to share Advent Prayers. I love when our whole school is together in one place, for song and prayer. We wish you a very hope filled season of Advent.

At St. Jerome School we are trying to expand our offerings to meet the interests of our students. We offer afterschool programs, and the students and families are thrilled to take advantage of them. Below are pictures of a piano student who works with Ms. Emery, and some of our students who attend weekly Art Club. We also have Lion Leaders on Thursdays. Graduates and current 5th-8th graders gather for volleyball and leadership lessons.

We are grateful for the dedicated SJS Faculty who go above and beyond to make our afterschool programs possible.

Peace and blessings to you,
Anne Gattman, Principal



~ CHRISTMAS AT ST. JEROME ~



The Contemporary Group will be singing at the 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Fourth Graders through adults are welcome to sing

THREE rehearsal options:

- * **Saturday, December 7 - 2:30 p.m.**
- * **Wednesday, December 18 - 5:30 p.m.**
- * **Saturday, December 21 - 2:30 p.m.**

INTERESTED? Please contact Mary Beth Hess
RSVP sistermb@comcast.net
Phone: 612-270-2752

DECEMBER EVENTS

December—Adopt a Family
Dec. 8—Christmas Tea Party - 11:00am
Dec. 8—Afternoon of Prayer—2:00pm
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

2ND WEEK OF ADVENT: LOVE

Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find him. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen



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.

CHURCH DECORATOR NEEDED



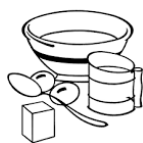
Angela, our talented church decorator, is stepping down in January. We are looking for someone to take over. She would like to train you over the Christmas season. This person, with help from others, keeps flowers in the church, changes banners and decorates the altar. Please contact the parish office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

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.



SCRIP— turn in orders by Dec. 9

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 auglie@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

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

Support those who have given a lifetime. Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. The annual Retirement Fund for Religious helps enable many religious communities to meet their pressing retirement needs for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Your contributions also support newer religious communities with their retirement planning. We thank you for your past generosity and ask when the 2024 collection takes place December 7—8, if you'd please give generously and gratitude to our religious sisters, brothers, and priests.

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 9-15

Monday	Holy Day of Obligation 9:30am Small Group 9:45am School mass 5:30pm Mass
Tuesday	1:00pm School Penance 6:30pm "The Chosen"
Wednesday	5:30pm Parish Choir 6:30pm Handbells
Thursday	10:00am Rosary at nursing home 6:00pm Filipino Mass 6:30pm Parish Council
Friday	9:30am Small Group 6:30pm Spanish Rosary & Bible Study
Saturday	1:30pm Quinceanera 3:00pm Bake Sale set up
Sunday	3rd Sunday of Advent 9:00am Pancake breakfast/bake sale 10:30am Religious education 10:45am CCD Reconciliation 2:00pm Confessions, 3 Priests 2:30pm Bible Study

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am 9:45am Jim Bougie 5:30pm
Tuesday	7:15am Joe McPherson
Wednesday	7:15am Sean Byrne
Thursday	7:15am Lori Lonetti
Friday	7:15am
Saturday	8:00am Mary Wegerson (living) 4:30pm Members of the Parish
Sunday	9:30am Jim Hickey, Adelaide Hickey

LITURGICAL ROLES

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 4:30pm	J. Zielinski
Sun. 9:30am	Y. Clintsman

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30pm	J. Therrien
Sun. 9:30am	D. Mordorski

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30pm	L. Anyanwu	P. Bonghan
	A. Bonghan	S. Anyanwu
Sun. 9:30am	M. Murphy	R. Odhiambo
	Z. Odhiambo	C. Zorobi



Contributions for the week of
Nov. 27—Dec. 3, 2024

Weekly Contribution: \$4883

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 December 3: WE HAVE COLLECTED
\$103,217

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!



Christmas and children go together perfectly. These two fun kids sized animated stories are to be enjoyed together with the kids. For more Advent resources to prepare for the coming of Jesus just login to your Formed account and click on the "Advent" tab at the top of the home page.

The Story of St. Nicholas

An animated character named Brother Francis tells the true story of Saint Nicholas, a compassionate bishop known for his generosity, who inspired the tradition of gift-giving.

O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About
Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with the animated character named Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

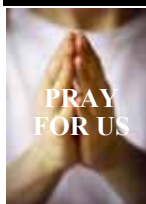
Advent is a perfect time to add an hour of Adoration to your weekly prayers. Please stop in for a visit with Jesus in the Eucharist. The Adoration Chapel is open 8 am Monday through 6 pm Thursday. A PERMANENT ADORER IS NEEDED Thursday at 4 pm. If you could help with this hour, or if you have questions, 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