

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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Joanne LambParish Secretary

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xxxReligious Ed Coordinator
Florence Amena Confirmation
xxx Children's Liturgy

School

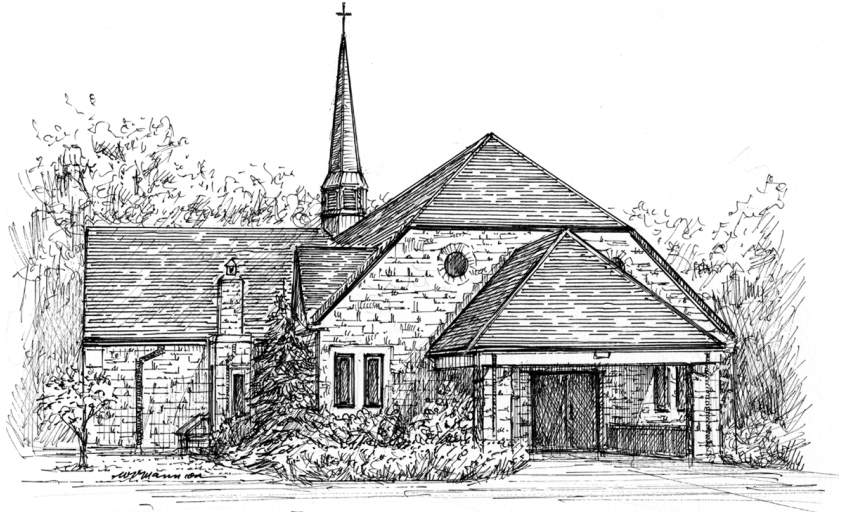
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Nay Paw School Secretary

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December 15, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Advent

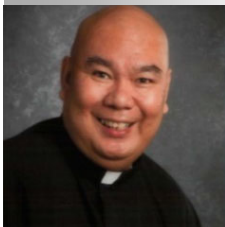


WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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 Brothers and Sisters,

We are half way through the advent season in the penitent mood. However on the third Sunday we reflect on a joyful dimension of the advent spirit. We are naturally moved to a penitent mood in our spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birthday of Jesus and importantly, for the second and final coming of the Lord. We pray "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Yet there is a tone of excitement and joy reflecting on Jesus' two comings. His birth marks the beginning of our story and journey to salvation. Being the Son of God his presence begins the process of establishing God's kingdom here on earth. His second coming will be the final fulfillment of our salvation and the final establishment of God's kingdom. God will be fully revealed and we will live with Him forever!!

His birth and his second coming are something to celebrate and look forward to. It is something that we can expectantly wait and joyfully look forward. That is why this Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday, Rejoice Sunday!

The gospel story tells us of the people asking John the Baptist what must they do, how must they live in preparation for the coming of the messiah? They were excited about actively preparing for the coming of the Lord. "John the Baptist is saying to the people, in order to prepare for the coming of the Messiah, first of all, keep the commandments in whatever state of life you find yourself in, but then also go above and beyond the commandments through the works of mercy, through the works of alms giving: feeding the poor, clothing the naked." Doing good works, works of mercy and compassion with a joyful heart.

Yes, those corporal works of mercy we desire to inculcate in our hearts. We practice many different ways to create a culture of grateful and joyful giving.

Let's continue our journey in following Jesus leading us towards his kingdom!

Fr. Victor

ADVENT TREE OF GOOD DEEDS

During Advent, there are two trees on the altar with a basket of ornaments next to them. As you, a parishioner, perform a good deed during advent, place an ornament on the tree thereby decorating the tree with 'good deeds' done.



PRINCIPAL CORNER



Let me introduce the students who won the Lions' Pride Virtue Award for the month of November, for the VIRTUE OF HUMILITY: (Joy, Felicitas, Kateri, La Po S, June, Wah Nay, Gree Ger W, Wah Wah S, Eh P, Anthony, Gay M, and Alice).

Each of these students lives *humility* by giving God credit for their accomplishments, helping others without bragging, and always looking for ways to do better.

On Thursday, we gathered with all the Virtue winners from September, October and November for a special luncheon. They had won for the virtues of HOPE, STUDIOUSNESS AND HUMILITY. We sure have great students at our school.

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

Two rehearsal options:

- * 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. 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

3RD WEEK OF ADVENT: JOY

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

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.

CHRISTMAS TEA

A Most Wonderful Christmas Tea!



We had a wonderful turnout and beautiful tea party for all our guests last Sunday. A big thank you to the McKenzie family who once again put on a most beautiful and scrumptious tea. Jade Ensemble

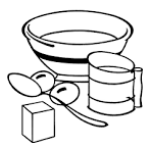
played their lovely string instruments while tea, sandwiches, scones and Christmas cookies were enjoyed by all. Thank you again to all who lovingly helped make this tea a success and thank you to all of you who attended.

Merry Christmas!

What is the meaning of:

- Advent:** Coming, approach, arrival
- Emmanuel:** God is with Us
- Maranatha:** O Lord, Come
- Bethlehem:** House of bread

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST



HOLIDAY BAKE SALE
Saturday/Sunday
Dec. 14/15



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

BOOYA—Frozen quarts for SALE \$16

Do you need gift ideas for that person who has everything.



BOOYA



We have BOOYA or sale.

Purchase in parish office.

A big thank you to all Scrip Shoppers!

Thanks to all of you, we raised over \$500 for the church with this most recent sale! We made more than any other physical sale this year and topped last year's total. This could not have been done without your help!



May you and all the recipients of your gift cards have a most joyous Christmas and New Year's! We will be back with another physical sale in March, and Scrip is always available to order online! Anita Kennedy

TRUSTEE INSTALLATION



On Sunday Dec. 1, Fr Victor installed our Trustees for the next 3 years.

Tim Butler and Tim Bertsch

NEW DIRECTORY IN 2025



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

CATHOLIC WATCHMEN—Dec. 17 St. John's



The next meeting of the Catholic Watchmen will be on Tuesday, December 17, at 6:30 PM in the Lower Church, following the Rosary at 6:00 PM. All men and their sons are welcome to attend.

Our speaker will be Fr. Tom Balluff, with his talk entitled: "God Visits His People with Love," followed by Adoration and Confessions. Dinner will be pizza, chips, snacks, desserts, and beverages.

Contact Jim DeBilzan at 651-503-8043 for further details.

CONFESSIONS—Dec 15

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



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.

2 more families of 4 have been added.

We are supporting 3 families this year.

PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
December 16-22

Monday	9:30am	Small Group
	9:30am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00pm	Church Cleaning
	6:30pm	Watchmen (St. John)
Wednesday	4:15pm	Finance meeting
	5:30pm	Parish Choir
	6:30pm	Handbells
Thursday	7:15am	Anointing of the sick
	10:00am	Service at nursing home
	10:30am	Small Group
	1:30pm	Small Group
	6:00pm	School Christmas program
Friday	6:30pm	Spanish Rosary & Bible Study
Saturday		
Sunday		4th Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Joyce Haider
Tuesday	7:15am	
Wednesday	7:15am	Catherine Farrell
	9:45am	
Thursday	7:15am	Nancy Valento
Friday	7:15am	
Saturday	8:00am	
	4:30pm	Lori Lonetti
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	M. Simone

LECTORS:

Sat.	4:30pm	J. Gattman
Sun.	9:30am	T. Zappa

ALTAR SERVERS:

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



Contributions for the week of
Dec. 4 -10

Weekly Contribution: \$5965.25

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 10: WE HAVE COLLECTED \$118,567

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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!



Here are two Advent resources from Formed; the first one, will deepen your knowledge and devotion to Blessed Mother Mary. The second one, you will take a video trip to Rome to experience Christmas in the Holy City of Rome.

The Birth of the Messiah: Mary and the Mystery of Christmas w/ Brant Pitre

Learn from Dr. Brant Pitre the distinguished research professor of scripture at the Augustine institute. He is the author of the best-selling books, Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, The Case for Jesus, and Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary.

Christmas in Rome: A Celebration of the Nativity

Christmas in Rome follows the celebration of the Nativity throughout history, from a tiny grotto in Bethlehem to the biggest Nativity scene in Saint Peter's Square, and from small groups of early Christians to the enormous multitude of believers at Christmas Masses in St. Peter's Basilica.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

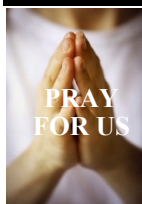
Advent is a perfect time to add an hour of Adoration to your weekly prayers. Please stop in for a visit with Jesus in the Eucharist. The Adoration Chapel is open 8 am Monday through 6 pm Thursday. A PERMANENT ADORER IS NEEDED Thursday at 4 pm. If you could help with this hour, or if you have questions,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



PRAY FOR US

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 Laumeyer, 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