

C H U R C H O F

St. Jerome

380 E. Roselawn Avenue
Maplewood, MN 55117

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
Florence Amena Confirmation
xxx Children's Liturgy

School

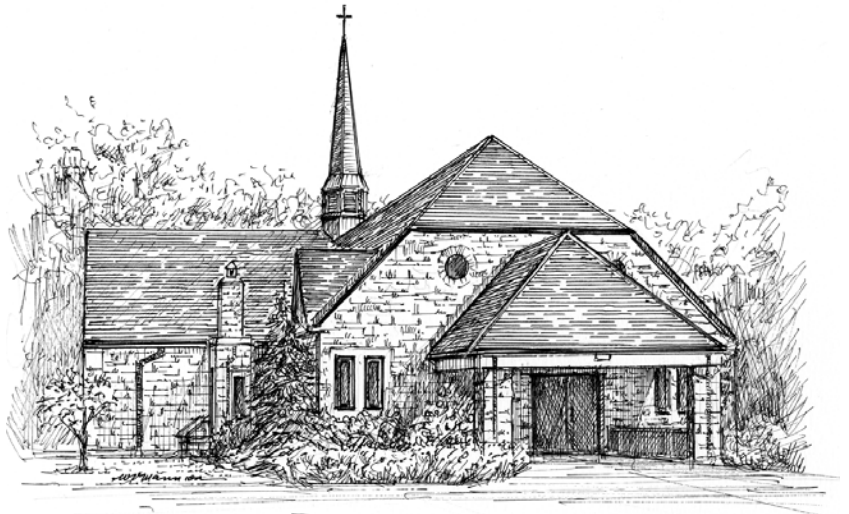
Anne Gattman Principal
Grace ZappaPreschool Director
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Nay Paw School Secretary

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Safe Environment coordinator

Marie Joseph.....651-771-8494
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December 29, 2024



**The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40



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,

Blessed celebrations of the Christmas season!

It is our tradition that on the Sunday after Christmas we remember, reflect on and celebrate the holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The gospel reading is about

the finding of Jesus in the temple. It is a very well known story, in fact one of the mysteries of the rosary.

Joseph and Mary are devout Jews, obedient to the laws. From Nazareth they took the long journey to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover Meal. The law requires that every adult male must travel to the sanctuary to celebrate three particular festivals: the Feast of Passover, the Feast of Pentecost — those are both in the Spring — and then the Feast of Tabernacles — which would be in the Fall.

Jesus was 12 years old when he was presented in the temple and later was found by his parents so absorbed in learning and discussion about the Torah. He was sitting among the teachers in the temple area, listening and asking them questions and all who heard him were amazed both at his understanding and his answers. Jesus is in God's house listening to the teachers about the word of God. He's already expressing a keen interest to learn about God the Father and his mission.

Understanding of Jesus grows in time. Joseph and Mary did not fully understand everything that happened and what Jesus is saying to them. It took time for them to ponder the mystery of who Jesus was, what he was saying to them, and how this particular response, "did you not know that I must be in my Father's house", fit into who he was and what he had come into the world to accomplish.

There are so many things we can learn from the holy family. Our contemporary family dynamics and what parents go through with their children are quite similar to that of the Holy Family.

Let us gaze at Jesus, Mary and Joseph and learn from them.

Fr. Victor

PRINCIPAL CORNER



Mrs. Maura McEvoy is a retired Kindergarten teacher. She remains active and invested in children by serving as our "artist in residence" and co-director of our Christmas program. Each year Maura comes in 2-3 days a month and works with our students on a different form of art. Pictured is the *quilling* that she did with our middle schoolers right before Christmas break. Maura also leads lessons in still life painting, landscape painting, working with clay, and the color wheel. We have so many students who love art and Maura's lessons inspire and enrich their school experiences. We're very grateful for her

time, effort and beautiful spirit.

May your Christmas season be beautiful in so many ways!
Anne Gattman, Principal



New Year's Day Mass

Jan 1
9:00am

NEW DIRECTORY IN 2025



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

FR. LUDESCHER LAMP
will burn this week in prayer for
Lucy Baker



**ST. JEROME
SCHOOL**

Happy New Year!

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

What an incredible year it has been so far at St. Jerome School!

- Enrollment continues to grow as more families join our vibrant community.
- Give Day 2024 was a record-setter, raising over **\$123,000**
- Student test scores are on the rise in math, reading, and language.

And we're only halfway through the school year!

Our students are blessed by the generosity of parishioners, families, and friends. St. Jerome School is truly a place people call "home."

If you or someone you know is interested in a Catholic education, we'd love to welcome you for a personal visit. We often accept mid-year transfers—details below!

Become a Lion

Preschool - 8th Grade Catholic Education

We are looking ahead to the 2025-26 school year already! At St. Jerome School, we are committed to providing all students a remarkable academic and formative experience.

For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact Mrs. Grace Zappa by calling 651-771-8494 or by email: gzappa@stjeromeschool.org.

St. Jerome School by the Numbers:

- 210 Students Preschool - 8th Grade
- Scholarships and Financial Aid available
- Bus transportation available
- Spots limited - contact the school soon to schedule your visit!

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 26



Spring Gala
PARTY WITH A PURPOSE



PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
December 30– Jan. 5

Monday	8:00am	Carpet install
Tuesday		<i>New Year's Eve</i> Parish Office Closed
Wednesday		<i>News Year's Day</i> Parish Office Closed
Thursday	9:00am	New Year's Day Mass
	9:00am	Quilters for a Cause
	10:00am	Mass at nursing home
	10:00am	Small Group
	11:45am	Fatima prayer group
	6:30pm	Small Group
Friday	10:00am	Funeral—Willenbring
	6:30pm	Small Group
	6:30pm	Spanish Rosary & Bible study
Saturday		
Sunday		<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> <i>Coffee and Donuts</i>
	10:30am	Religion classes
	6:30pm	Bible Study

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Joyce Haider
Tuesday	7:15am	Larry Michalitsch
Wednesday	9:00am	New Years Day
	9:45am	No School mass
Thursday	7:15am	Dewayne Hedlund
Friday	7:15am	Dick Schreier
Saturday	8:00am	
	4:30pm	
Sunday	9:30am	Members of the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	K. Yackel
Sun. 9:30 am	R. Klutzke

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm
Sun. 9:30 am

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat.4:30 pm	A. Bonghan	S. Anyanwu
	L. Anyanwu	P. Bonghan
Sun.9:30 am	Adult Servers & Izzy	



BOOYA—Frozen quarts for SALE \$16

BOOYA



Are you having people over for New Years?

We have BOOYA for sale.

For sale in the Parish office.



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You know that we are in the octave of Christmas. During the four weeks of Advent, we opened the way for Jesus to come into our soul's. Now continue to celebrate his arrival with a movie. Go to Formed.org and settle in with this movie about, you know who. Just click on the Advent tab at the top of the home page at Formed.org and you will find it and many other choices. The Jesus Film Based on the Gospel of Luke in the New Testament, here is the life of Jesus from the miraculous virgin birth to the calling of his disciples, public miracles, and ministry, ending with his death by crucifixion at the hands of the Roman Empire and resurrection on the third day.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

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.

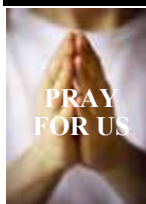


Thank you to the crew that cleaned the church on Dec. 17th and made it sparkle for Christmas. Many hands make light work.

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, Mary Kishish, 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