

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  
Fax ..... 651-771-3466  
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FB ..... [www.facebook.com/stjeromecatholic](http://www.facebook.com/stjeromecatholic)  
School. .... 651-771-8494  
Fax ..... 651-771-3466  
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 Amenia ..... Confirmation  
xxx ..... Children's Liturgy

### School

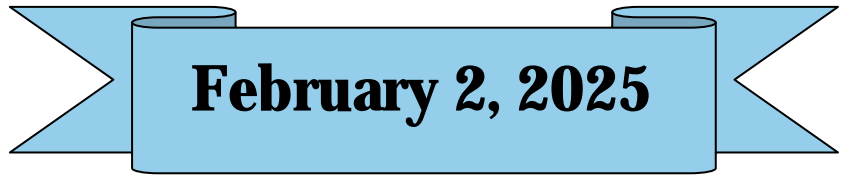
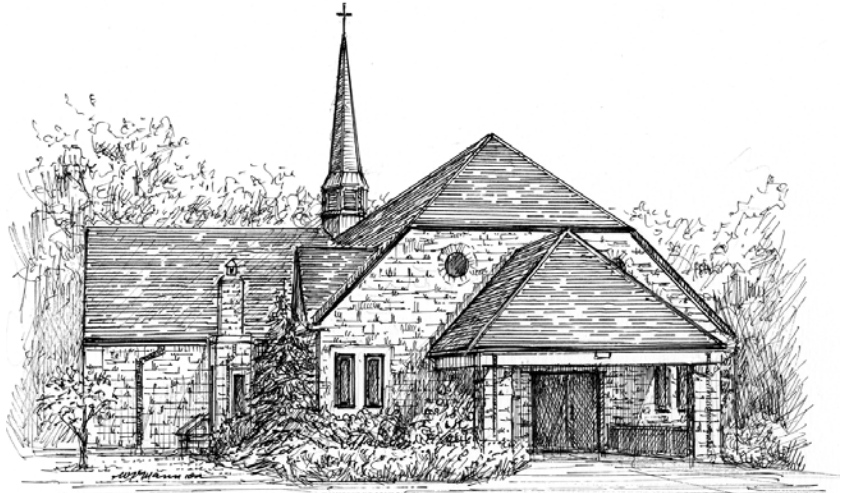
Anne Gattman ..... Principal  
Grace Zappa .....Preschool Director  
Sue Costello .....School Secretary  
Nay Paw ..... School Secretary

### Maintenance

Rick Gahm..... Supervisor

### Safe Environment coordinator

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



## 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.

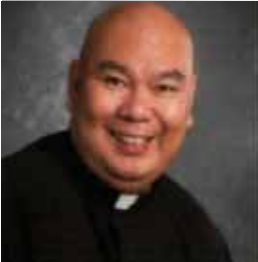




**WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JEROME**

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,

I am excited about leading a group of ten members from our parish to a journey of tracing the footsteps of St. Paul in Turkey and Greece. A great apostle to the gentiles and a former Pharisee was born in Tarsus, Turkey. We also look forward to visiting

Ephesus, to the home of the blessed virgin Mary after the resurrection of Jesus. In Greece we shall take time to visit the places where Paul established churches and Christian communities. May this journey give us more solid lessons of the early beginnings of our church in the life of St. Paul and strengthen our faith as we learn more of Paul's missionary journey as a disciple and proclaimer of the good news of salvation.

We remember and celebrate the feast of the presentation of Jesus in the temple. It is a religious custom during their time that the first born is being presented in the temple 40 days after birth. Mary and Joseph honors and fulfill this tradition of consecrating their first born Jesus and by offering a sacrifice of two turtledoves in the temple in Jerusalem. A devout and upright man named Simeon and the prophetess Ana rejoices as they recognize Jesus as the promised messiah and the light of the world. Joseph and Mary marveled at the words said by Simeon and Ana and kept in their hearts what they heard.

*"God enters the temple not as a powerful ruler but as a little child in his Mother's arms. The King of glory comes not with a show of human force and power, not with a great fanfare and noise, not causing fright and destruction. He comes into the temple as he came into the world, as an infant in silence, in poverty, and in the company of the poor and the wise."* – [Pope John Paul II](#)

Fr. Victor



*We ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of Sr. Clarice Gierzak and for the consolation of her family.*

*In Memoriam*

**PRINCIPAL CORNER**

Many thanks to the St. Jerome Men's Club for their help with the Catholic Schools Week pancake breakfast. For some reason, pancakes always taste so good at this event. Your help was very appreciated and it was a delicious and well attended event.



Our thoughts and plans turn toward the 2025-2026 school year. **Enrollment and Financial Assistance Applications are now open!** Please share about St. Jerome School. We are a gem of a school: academically rigorous and supportive of learning differences; centered on Christ and Catholic/Christian teaching; small and safe campus and environment. AND, we make it work for any family who desires a Catholic education for their children.

**School Tours available.  
Call Mr. Craig Fiedler to arrange a visit:  
651-771-8494 or [cfiedler@stjermomeschool.org](mailto:cfiedler@stjermomeschool.org)**

Peace to you,  
Anne Gattman,  
Principal



Looking ahead:  
St. Jerome School will be hiring a part time paraprofessional for the 2025-26 school year. This person will serve as our Latino Family Liaison, so Spanish fluency is a requirement. If you are interested in this 20 hour/week position, please contact Mrs. Gattman ([agattman@stjermomeschool.org](mailto:agattman@stjermomeschool.org))

*La Escuela St. Jerome estará contratando a un paraprofesional a tiempo parcial para el año escolar 2025-26. Esta persona servirá como nuestro Enlace Familiar Latino, por lo que se requiere fluidez en español. Si está interesado en este puesto de 20 horas/semana, comuníquese con la Sra. Gattman. [agattman@stjermomeschool.org](mailto:agattman@stjermomeschool.org)*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Dear friends at St Jerome,  
I am writing to you on behalf of Today's Harvest – Maplewood, a free food market dedicated to providing nutritious food to all individuals and families in need. As the demand for our services continues to grow, we find ourselves in urgent need of volunteers to help us fulfill our mission.

Food insecurity is a pressing issue in our community, and together, we can make a tangible difference in the lives of those who are struggling. We are reaching out to your congregation in hopes of inspiring compassionate hearts to join us in our efforts. Our free market operates Monday – Friday from 12:00 -6:00pm (with volunteer shifts starting at 10am – 6pm) and Saturdays from 10:00am – 1:00pm (volunteer shifts starting at 8:00am – 1:00pm). We rely heavily on volunteers to help with sorting, stocking, and distributing food, as well as assisting with community outreach.

Volunteering individually or as a group at the market is a rewarding experience that not only impacts the lives of those we serve but also allows members of your church congregation to come together in fellowship and service. We believe that each act of kindness counts, and together we can create a powerful ripple effect in our community. Thank you for considering this opportunity to partner with us in addressing food insecurity in our area. We greatly appreciate any support your church can provide, whether that be through volunteering, donations, or spreading the word about our food shelf.

If you have any questions or would like to talk further, please feel free to contact me at 651-300-0662 or [leanna@opencupboard.org](mailto:leanna@opencupboard.org). We look forward to the possibility of working together and making a difference in our community.

With gratitude,  
Leanna Miller,  
Volunteer Manager  
Open Cupboard | Today's Harvest  
8264 4th Street North, Oakdale, MN 55128  
Email: [leanna@opencupboard.org](mailto:leanna@opencupboard.org)

## BOOYA—Frozen quarts for SALE \$16

BOOYA



Need something to eat on these cold February days?

We have BOOYA for sale.

For sale in the Parish office.  
Get it before its gone.



## MEN'S SILENT RETREAT—Feb. 13-16

Come to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville. Join us for a three-day men's silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The retreat begins Thursday evening February 13, 2025, and ends Sunday evening February 16, 2025. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website [www.demontrevilleretreat.com](http://www.demontrevilleretreat.com)

## BUY SCRIP



### New Year's resolution for 2025?

Why don't you resolve to give SCRIP/RaiseRight a try. It is easy and it is an incredible fundraiser for our church. If you buy gas or groceries or go out to eat, then SCRIP is for you.

Please contact me at [auglie@usfamily.net](mailto:auglie@usfamily.net) to get started. Otherwise, log on to [RaiseRight.com](http://RaiseRight.com) and the site walks you through the steps to get started. You will need one thing and that is the enrollment code for St Jerome's. It is **B89AB59714377**. Give it a try, there is nothing to lose and St Jerome's would have everything to gain. Thank you! Anita Kennedy

## BABY SHOWER—Feb. 16

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

February 16 at 11am

St. Jerome is hosting a baby shower for the Women's Life Care Center.



Can you help plan this event?  
Please call the parish office.

## ALTAR SERVER

St. Jerome Church is looking for more altar servers.

Anyone male or female, 4th grade and older, including adults, can be an altar server.

Become more involved in the Mass.  
Learn more about your faith and religion.

Earn points and awards.  
Go on field trips,  
like bowling, swimming, baseball games.



## CONTRIBUTE ELECTRONICALLY!

You are strongly encouraged to make use of our automatic withdrawal option to make it easier to continually support St Jerome. It is safe, convenient, and reliable way of making your stewardship contributions. Only the amount you authorize will be deducted once a month on the 15th. Contact the parish office for a form.

**FR. LUDESCHER LAMP**  
will burn this week in prayer for  
**SR. Clarice Gierzak**



## PARISH EVENT CALENDAR

Feb. 3-9

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Small Group</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Visitation</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Funeral—Sr. Clarice Gierzak</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>Handbell choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Small Group</b>
	<b>11:45am</b>	<b>Fatima Prayer Group</b>
<b>Friday</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>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Religion classes</b>
	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Small Group</b>

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	
	<b>9:45am</b>	<b>June Guldán</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Nancy Valento</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Patricia Schreier (living)</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>Sr. Clarice Gierzak</b>

## LITURGICAL ROLES

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

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

## LECTORS:

Sat.	4:30 pm	C. Geis
Sun.	9:30 am	C. Pirri

## ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	W. Heurung	O. Olberding
Sun. 9:30 am	C. Zorobi	Z. Odhiambo
	R. Odhiambo	M. Murphy

Weekly Offering



**Contributions for the week of  
Jan. 22-27, 2025**

Weekly Contribution: \$2864.61

*Please consider adding the Church of St. Jerome to your will.*



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## EUCCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel is open  
**8 am Monday through 6 pm Thursday.**

Thank you to the person who recently committed to an hour of Adoration. Please stop to visit with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. If you have questions, please call Lorraine at 651-772-2997



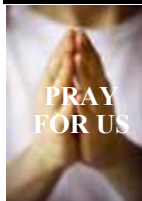
## SMALL GROUPS

St. Jerome has many small groups. Please see the web site for a calendar of meeting times and descriptions of each group. Join a small group today, it's a great way to start off the year.

## 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.



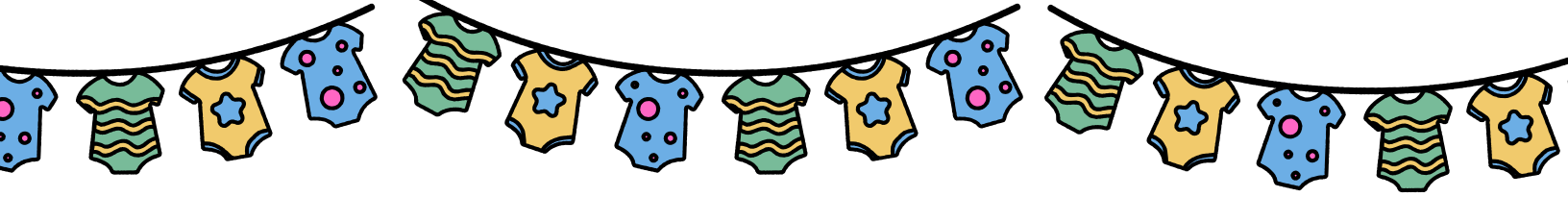
PRAY FOR US

Fr. Cletus Basekela, Patricia Cokley, Gayl Chrysler, Cathy & Don Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Nora Ettl, Karen Geretschlaeger, Mary Gross, Clarice Holthaus, Sharon Heffernan, David Hendricks, Janis Horski, Patricia Johnson, Richard (Les) Johnson, Kevin Jones, Eugene Kaufhold, Von Kern, Mary Kishish, Kevin Klutzke, 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, Enrico Pirri, Shannon Presler, Terri Qwitter, Patrick Roth, Rick Peiffer, Theresa Richardson, Cynthia & David Schluender, John Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Don Schwantes, Mike Spangenberg, Craig Steineck, Lori Storla, Joyce Theilhorn, George Valento, 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



All are invited to

# A St. Jerome Baby Shower

put on to benefit Women's Lifecare Center

**Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. in Ludescher Hall**



**Please bring donations**

\*unwrapped\*



Pacifiers  
Bottles  
Bottle Brush  
Baby Laundry Detergent  
Baby Nail and Safety Kit  
Washcloths & Towels  
Bottle Warmer  
Baby Body Wash and Shampoo  
Baby Lotion  
Diaper Cream  
Bathtub  
Diapers

Blankets  
Baby Wipes  
Burp Cloths  
Diaper Bag  
Toiletry Bag for Hospital  
Socks  
Pack-n-Play  
Sleepers  
Baby Book  
Car Seat  
Baby Clothing  
Onesies  
Baby Hats



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