

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

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Website www.stjermeschool.org
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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 Amenia Confirmation
xxx Children's Liturgy

School

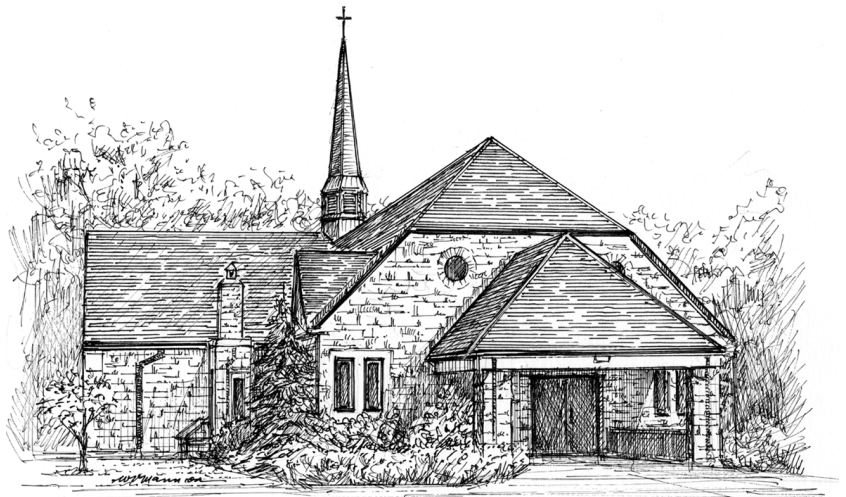
Anne Gattman Principal
Grace ZappaPreschool Director
Sue CostelloSchool Secretary
Nay Paw School Secretary

Maintenance

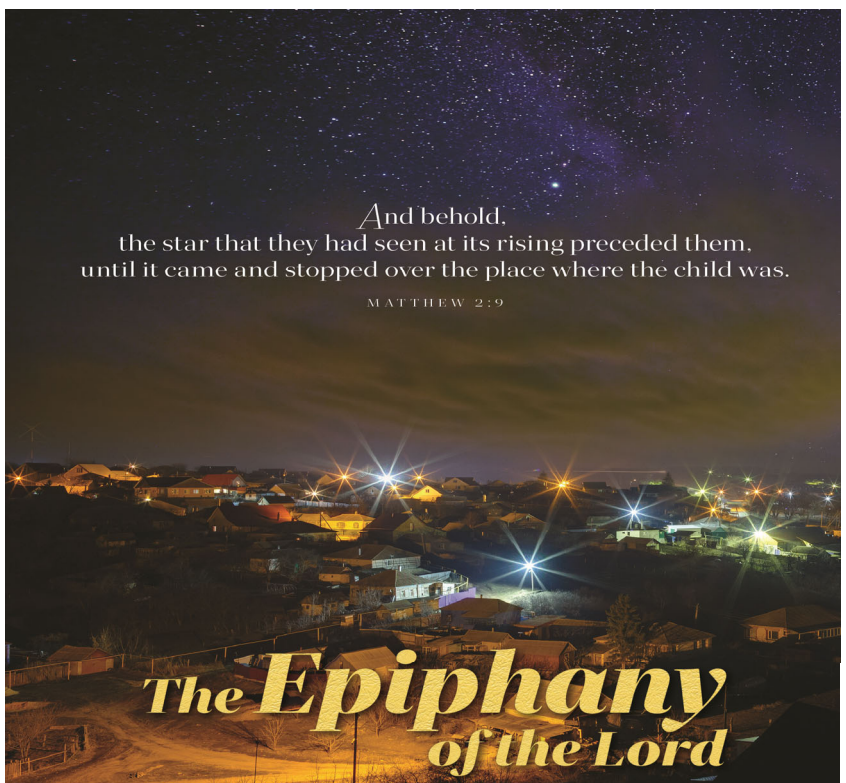
Rick Gahm..... Supervisor

Safe Environment coordinator

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



January 5, 2025



And behold,
the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

MATTHEW 2:9

*The Epiphany
of the Lord*

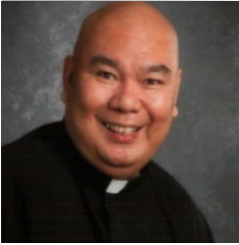


WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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



Happy New year everyone and happy new beginnings!!

On this first Sunday of the year we celebrate the gift and the mystery of revelation. WE commonly call this Sunday as Epiphany Sunday. By it we mean appearing as or the unveiling of Jesus Christ the king, the divine Son of God.

The visit of the three magi is a revelation of who Jesus is to us. He is King and he is Divine. These three magi were gentiles to whom was revealed the birth of the king of the Jews. But he was not just king, he is the Son of God so they came, prostrated before the baby Jesus and offered him gold, frankincense and mirth.

Jesus who is God and king have been foretold by the prophets long before he was born.

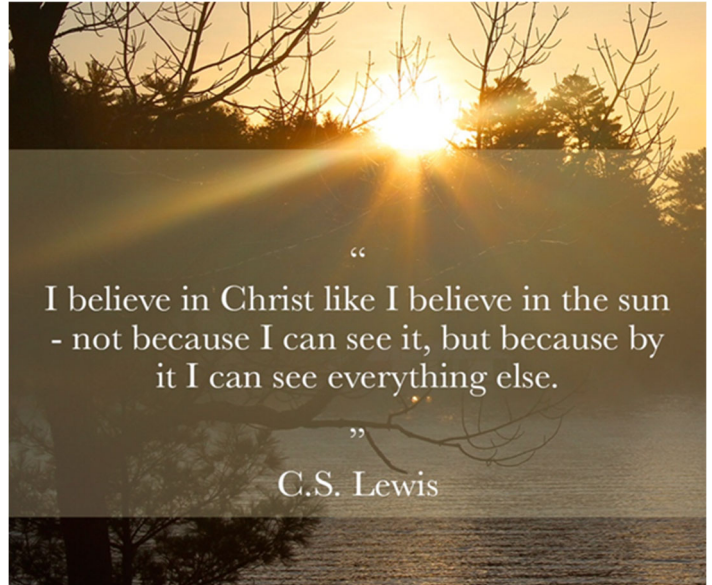
Let us continue to celebrate the coming of our God and king. Let us continue to move on through the year 2025 and no matter what challenges and difficulties will come our way we are always confident and hopeful and everything will be overcome because God is with us and with him, evil will never prevail. As St. Paul said "What then shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"(Romans 8:1)

The star was another Epiphany that led the Magi to the king. In the book of numbers 24: 15-17, there was a pagan prophet Balaam who made a prophecy of the star, a supernatural phenomenon. So this prophecy is known not only by Jews, but by pagan wise men like the Magi, and they would recognize that when the star — the symbol of the King — would also rise in Israel. And so when they see that star in the heavens, they come to the land of Jerusalem in order to inquire about where exactly the King is going to be born.

There are many manifestations of our God the king even during our times revealed in many different forms that touches the heart and leads the heart to a quest. It is good that we come to recognize the signs and follow it, as the blessed Mary would do, ponder on it. Our God is Emmanuel, God with us, and manifests himself to us. Come let us follow the star.

Fr. Victor

PRINCIPAL CORNER



“
I believe in Christ like I believe in the sun
- not because I can see it, but because by
it I can see everything else.

”
C.S. Lewis

As we approach the new year and the next part of our 2024-2025 school year, here are some things that Christ has made abundantly clear to us at St. Jerome School:

It's always worth going outside on a super cold day...the fresh air is good for us, and there is something so special about watching children at play;

Teachers' hearts are so very big! They carry a lot of struggle and sorrow on behalf of their students, and they need support too;

There is good, Christ himself, in each and every one of us...look, notice, and honor the good; See Christ! Children (and adults) don't really remember so much of what we teach or tell them, but they sure remember how we made them feel;

St. Jerome School is a place students want to come back to...after a vacation, after graduation, after a move... they always will belong here.

And, as of 12/21 the day light is getting longer, and that makes for so many good things.

I am currently in Thailand. I will have the chance to be at daily mass and will be praying for you. I hope you will keep our mission team in your prayers.

Peace and blessings,
Anne Gattman, Principal



FR. LUDESCHER LAMP
will burn this week in prayer for
Marlyss Petersen



*We ask your prayers for the
repose of the soul of
Marlyss Petersen
and for the consolation
of her family.*

In Memoriam



Winter Games!

ST. JEROME SCHOOL

Thinking about where your family would like to be for the 2025-2026 school year? St. Jerome School is currently accepting applications for enrollment in all grades! Financial Assistance is also available.

Join us for our Winter Games Open House on **Thursday, January 30 from 6:30-8:00pm.** Games, pizza, and prizes available! It's going to be a GREAT time! Bring a friend ~ if they enroll, you will receive a uniform voucher.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Zappa or Mr. Fielder at 651-771-8494.

NEW DIRECTORY IN 2025



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

BOOYA—Frozen quarts for SALE \$16

BOOYA



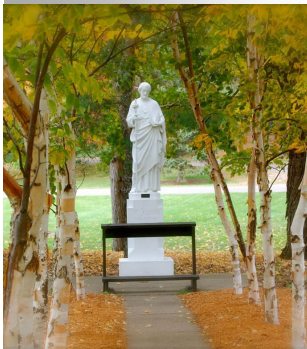
Need something to eat on these cold January days?

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

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.



Looking for a 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.

Let's say you shop at Cub, and spend \$100 a week. If you used a SCRIP gift card from Cub for your shopping, you would make \$208 a year for the church. Do you go to Olive Garden? Let's say you go there once a month and spend \$50 each time. That is \$48 dollars a year you make for St Jerome's, just eating out at a restaurant you would normally go to.



I love Bath and Body Works at the malls. Between candles, soaps, fragrances and buying gifts for friends or our fall festival or school auction, I spend about \$400 a year there. Since Bath and Body Works is so generous in their percent back to the church using SCRIP, I make between \$48 to \$60 for St Jerome's on that alone. If you would do these three things I just listed, **you** would make \$300 for the church by yourself in one year. Just think, If 10 families did this, they would make \$3000 for church and if 30 families did this, \$9000. Get the picture?

Flying out for your winter trip? You can buy Delta airlines SCRIP. If your ticket is \$300 and you get a gift card and simply plug in the gift card code when paying for your ticket, you will earn \$12 right there. It is just like putting in your credit card number when you purchase your ticket.

Please contact me at auglie@usfamily.net to get started. Otherwise, log on to 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



PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
Jan. 6—12

Monday	9:30am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00pm	Men's Club
Wednesday		
Thursday	10:00am	Rosary at Nursing home
	1:30am	Small Group
	6:30pm	Parish Council
Friday	9:30am	Small Group
	6:30pm	Spanish Rosary & Bible study
Saturday		
Sunday		Baptism of the Lord
	10:30am	Religion classes
	6:30pm	Bible Study

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Communion Service
Tuesday	7:15am	
Wednesday	7:15am	
	9:45am	Mary Frances Philbrook
Thursday	7:15am	Pasquale & Louise Valento
Friday	7:15am	Patricia Schreier (living)
Saturday	8:00am	
	4:30pm	Members of the Parish
Sunday	9:30am	Lori Lonetti

LITURGICAL ROLES

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat.	4:30 pm	B. Murphy
Sun.	9:30 am	B. Cardinal

LECTORS:

Sat.	4:30 pm	Y. Clintsman
Sun.	9:30 am	D. Mordorski

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

Weekly Offering



Contributions for the week of
Dec 26– Dec. 31

Weekly Contribution: 5390

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

CHURCH RENOVATIONS

The second collections for the months of December were to raise money to pay for the renovations to our church building.

You can still donate. 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 31: WE HAVE COLLECTED
\$122,321

To subscribe

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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!



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.



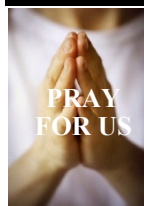
SCAN ME

GIVE HERE:
Scan this QR Code to donate Weekly Offerings or any donation direct via our secure online site

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, 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 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