

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.stjeromeschool.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

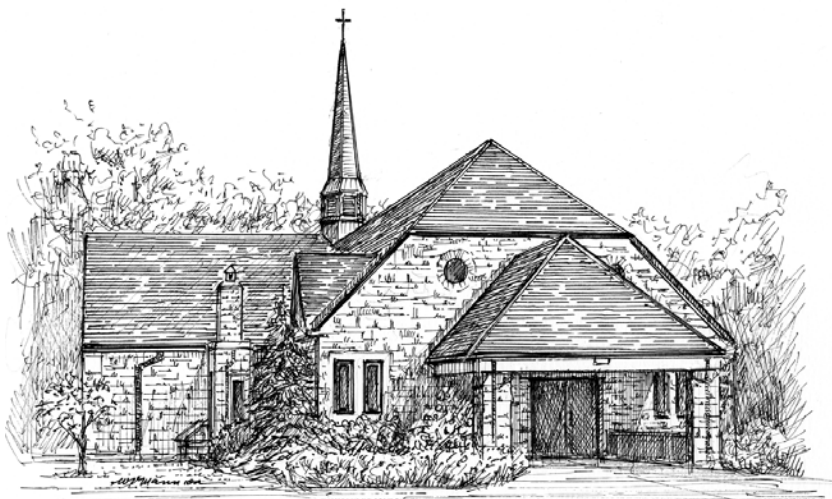
Anne Gattman Principal
Grace ZappaPreschool Director
Sue CostelloSchool Secretary
Nay Paw School Secretary

Maintenance

Rick Gahm..... Supervisor

Safe Environment coordinator

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



February 23, 2025

The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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,

Our brothers and sisters who went for a pilgrimage to trace the footsteps of St. Paul in Turkey and Greece have arrived home safe and sound. The trip was very informative and spiritually uplifting learning more and realizing the tough work of evangelization that St. Paul did.

One can only wander with admiration and inspiration the faith of St. Paul and his commitment to a joyful proclamation of Jesus and the good news of salvation. Until you have visited the places where he travelled, preached and at times persecuted, you wouldn't get a deeper sense of the life of St. Paul. Our pilgrims are so grateful for so many parish members who prayed for their safety and the success of their pilgrimage. How blessed we are!

What is this love that Jesus wants us to possess and especially share with our enemies? What does loving your enemy means? For Jesus, love is not "just" a feeling. We may feel in love but love is not a feeling. To love means making a choice and a decision to give one's self, even expanding beyond our limitations or boundaries for the good of the beloved. It means willing to make a sacrifice for the sake of the loved one.

Moving further to love our enemies entail good actions. "I will do good to someone who hates me. So even though they hate me, I don't return "eye for eye" or "tooth for tooth" (I don't return evil with evil), but they give me evil and I return it with a good action. So the first way we show love for our enemies is to do good to them. It doesn't say anything about feelings. The emphasis is on actions." (Pitre)

The love that Jesus invites us, in our time, is radical. It is love when we make the conscious decision and choice to 'pray for those who persecute you. It does not come natural to us to pray the rosary and to "will" the good of the person who hurt us. That is what "agape" is. That is what prayer is.

Lord, teach us how to love.

Fr. Victor



Are you homebound? Would you like communion brought to you? Please call the parish office to make arrangements. 651-771-1209

PRINCIPAL CORNER

One of the best parts of traveling to the refugee camps in Thailand was having a chance to meet the relatives of our students. Most of these grandmas and aunts had only met their grandchildren through facetime calls. With the help of an interpreter, I was able to tell them about their grandchildren...their personalities, how kind they are, how he or she is doing in school, how she has such a beautiful laugh and smile...grandparents' love for their grandchildren is universal, and it crosses many miles. Below is a picture of a grandmother that I got to visit with about her grandsons Lupway D. and Andrew (Lupway D. is on the far left).



When I returned it was so fun to share pictures with our students. Many of our current students were born in the refugee camps. These camps are a temporary place for families who have had to flee Myanmar because the government wants to rid the country of the Karen. Though temporary, many families have been here, waiting to relocate for between 1 and twenty-five years. We are hopeful that in the next 1-2 years additional families will join our Catholic Karen community here in St. Paul and join our school.

God's will in all things.

Our Grandparents and Special People Day is Wednesday, May 14. We'd love for you to pencil it on your calendar and plan to join us for Mass and a program.

Peace to you and yours,
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@stjeromeschool.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@stjeromeschool.org

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

How are donations to the CSA used?
How does it make an impact?
 CSA donations are used to support various local ministries.



Educate in Faith

- K-8 student scholarships and school support
- College outreach programs
- Room and board for seminarians

Help Those in Need

- Meals and short-term housing support for the homeless
- Food and clothing for those in crisis
- Hospital ministry
- Prison chaplains
- Venezuelan Mission support


Strengthen in Faith

- Youth and young adult parish leader training
- Adult small group ministry resources
- Multi-cultural parish support
- American Sign Language interpreters and pastoral outreach

Respect for Life •


- Unexpected pregnancy support
- Respect of life in all stages

BOOYA—Frozen quarts for SALE \$16



Need something to eat on these cold February days?

We have BOOYA for sale.



Get yours in the Parish office.
Get it before its gone.

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.



FR. LUESCHER LAMP
will burn this week in prayer for
Helen Zappa

BUY SCRIP



Many of you purchased gift cards in December. Did you know the majority of them are reloadable? What that means is you can add more value to the card at any time. As an example, I have a Kwik Trip card I use for gas and groceries. It started out as a \$50 card and each time I refill it now, I add \$100 value to it. What is really great is that I try to wait until Scrip has a special deal with Kwik Trip and I am able to make \$12 for the church every time I refill my card. A real no brainer. Every time I use the card, I know I am making money for the church without spending anything extra. I have a customer that started out with a \$100 Cub card. When it is time to reload her card, she adds \$1000 to the card, earning \$40 or \$50 dollars for the church. These amounts really add up. I use my Kwik Trip card like I would a credit card. I just put the card in at the pump like I would do with a credit card. If you would like to do this but don't know how, just email me or call the church office and I will walk you through the steps. If you missed buying gift cards in December, we will have another physical gift card sale in March, so stay tuned for that. Thank you for your support of St Jerome Church. Anita Kennedy

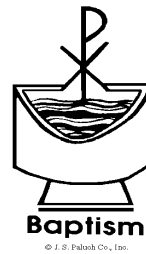
WOMEN'S LIFE CARE CENTER

Thank you to all who donated to the Women's Life Care Center



Congratulations to
Kaliyah Rose Bassatt
Daughter of
Darrell Bassett and
Jennifer Cruz

She will be baptized on
February 22, 2025



We ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of Margaret Johnson and for the consolation of her family.

In Memoriam

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.

PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
Feb. 24—March 2

Monday	9:30am	Small Group
	9:30am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00pm	Small Group
Wednesday	4:15pm	Finance meeting
	6:30pm	Handbell choir
Thursday	10:00am	Rosary—nursing home
	1:30pm	Small Group
	6:30pm	Small Group
	6:30pm	Liturgy Committee
Friday	No School	—conferences
	10:00am	Visitation
	11:00am	Funeral—Vern Mayer
	6:30pm	Spanish Rosary & bible study
Saturday	1:00pm	Middle School Play
Sunday	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:30am	Baptism—Zappa
	10:30am	Religion classes
	1:30pm	Bible Study

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	
Tuesday	7:15am	Helen Zappa
Wednesday	7:15am	Mark Burns
	9:45am	
Thursday	7:15am	Roland & Lois Glaudel
Friday	7:15am	Barbara O'Connor
Saturday	8:00am	
	4:30pm	Harold Frenning
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	J. Dickson
Sun. 9:30 am	T. Zappa

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	S. Maldonado
Sun. 9:30 am	C. Pirri

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	S. Anyanwu	P. Bonghan
	L. Anyanwu	A. Bonghan

Sun. 9:30 am Adult servers and Izzy



Contributions for the week of
Feb 12-18 2025

Weekly Contribution: \$3732

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

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.

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4. Find **St Jerome Catholic Church** by parish name, address, or zip code
5. Enter your email - and you're in!



Lent will be staring soon! Sometimes, it feels like Lent is just about giving up chocolate. But we just don't know how to do Lent. Please! Please! Go to your Formed account and watch this short four-part video series.

How to Lent

Guided by Solenne Santiago and with the help of priests and religious, this series will challenge our preconceived notions about Lent, laying out a roadmap for entering the season with a purpose. Don't let Lent sneak up on you like it did last year.

FYI: If you need tech help, go to the FAQs under the Help tab on the home page of Formed.org for answers. For example, how to log in on your smart TV or using the Formed App.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

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

Please stop to visit with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

If you have questions, please call Lorraine at 651-772-2997



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PRAY FOR US

Fr. Cletus Basekela, Rick Brilla, Patricia Cokley, Gayl Chrysler, Cathy & Don Deiman, Kirk Dullman, 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 Klutze, John & Linda Kostohryz, Mary Laumeier, Steve Lauinger, Andrew Lenze, Morgan Lenze, Fr. Ken Ludescher, Nancy Masson, 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, Luke Schmitt, 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