

C H U R C H O F

380 E. Roselawn Avenue  
Maplewood, MN 55117

# St. Jerome

Celebrating  
**85**  
years

### 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.stjermeschool.org](http://www.stjermeschool.org)  
Kids' Korner Daycare.....651-771-1023

### Pastoral Staff

Fr. Victor Valencia.....Pastor

### Administrative Staff

Joanne Lamb .....Parish Secretary

### Music

Open..... Music Director

### Faith Formation

Open .....Religious Ed Coordinator

Florence Amena ..... Confirmation

Open..... Children's Liturgy

### School

Anne Gattman ..... Principal

Grace Zappa .....Preschool Director

Sue Costello .....School Secretary

Nay Paw ..... School Secretary

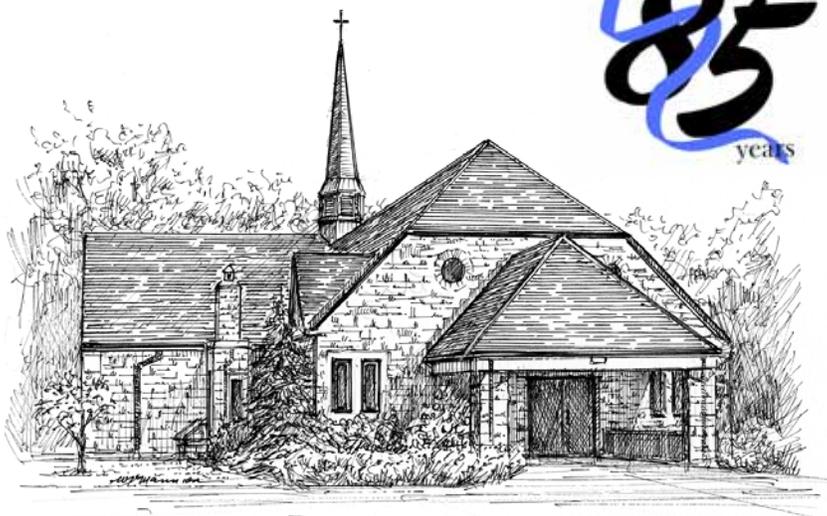
### Maintenance

Rick Gahm..... Supervisor

### Safe Environment coordinator

Marie Joseph.....651-771-8494

Victim Assistance Hotline.....651-291-4475



**August 31, 2025**

**22nd 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



## 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.



*We ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of Fr. Victor Valencia and for the consolation of his family.*

## In Memoriam

### MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY

A Facebook post from Fr. Vic's niece in the Philippines:

With deep sorrow and faith in God's will, we, the family of Fr. VICTOR CORTEZ VALENCIA, JR. announce his passing into eternal life on August 24, 2025.

Fr. Victor was a beloved son, brother, uncle and servant of the Church and the community. He lived his life in prayer, service, and love, and his memory will remain in the hearts of those whose lives he touched.

We, his family, humbly request your prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

We will be laying our beloved Fr. Victor C. Valencia, Jr. to rest on **AUGUST 29, 2025**, Friday.

Funeral Mass will be held at St. James the Greater Parish Church Tanjay at 9 in the morning, followed by interment at Tanjay Serenity Garden.



Please continue to keep him in your prayers

### SMALL GROUPS

Just a reminder that the small groups that took the summer off are starting up again in September.

See the parish website for a complete list of small groups.

Couple highlights:

Watch the CHOSEN: 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 or  
2nd and 4th Thursday at 1:30

Young parents meet in the school gym on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 3pm. Bring the kids.

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER—Mrs. Gattman

Hello St. Jerome Parishioners, we join you in mourning the loss of Fr. Vic. He always had just the right words to start us off at the beginning of a new school year. This week as we gathered we remembered something he preached, "Thanksgiving for what has been and all that is to come."

Thanksgiving for all... I think he was preaching to our staff at the end of a covid year where school, as we know it, had been upturned. And, still, he called us to *thanksgiving*. As we begin our new year we trust that Fr. Vic is watching out for us. We are thankful for the many masses he celebrated for our students, the confessions he heard, the smiles and encouragement he offered whenever he was with us. Rest in Christ's loving arms, Fr. Victor. We're heading into the 2025-2026 school year with 210 students enrolled in PreK-8. St. Jerome continues to grow as we serve the children God brings to us. Our Latino family enrollment is growing! We're so excited that new families are finding us and feeling at home at our school. Thank you so much for donating to the collection for Bibles for our Middle School students. They will be critical to their religion studies and to their personal faith development.

Also, thank you for the generous donations of school supplies. You make many children smile each year, and relieve many parents who may be stretched to provide supplies. Your kindness and generosity, in all things, is something we are thankful for every day.

Upcoming: We'll celebrate our patron, St. Jerome, at the school mass on Wednesday, October 1. Please join us. Peace and blessings,  
Anne Gattman, Principal

### DECORATING THE CHURCH

Would you like to help decorate the church? Joann Holzemer and Catie McKenzie are co-chairs for the group. Starting Monday, September 8 they would like to host a meeting for any creative individuals, even if it's just to offer up ideas or help with seasonal decoration, or just one weekend. Contact Joann Holzemer for details 612-403-7066 or [jo5000@comcast.net](mailto:jo5000@comcast.net).

### SYNOD YEAR 3

Archdiocesan Synod Year 3  
September theme: **Prayer**

SAMPLE ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER:

- Attend Mass every Sunday this month.
- Prepare your family for Mass by reading the Gospel in advance. Consider laying out clothes, find everyone's shoes, and do anything else that will make the morning peaceful and efficient.
- Pray before meals as a family and individually.
- Institute Lord's Day evening prayer on either Saturday or Sunday and ask for everyone in the family to offer prayer intentions.
- Visit an adoration chapel for 15 minutes, 30 minutes, or more as a family. // Resource for going to adoration: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=irLkwdkeotw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irLkwdkeotw)



**Check out the parish website for all fall activities.**

- Registration for Faith formation for Grades 1-7 and Confirmation for Grades 8 and up is now open.
- Registration for those who want to become Catholic
- Registration for the bible study "The Bible and the Virgin Mary."
- Register for the "Basilica of St. Mary tour"

The Basilica of St. Mary has been identified as a site to gain an indulgence for this Jubilee Year. St. Jerome Parish has scheduled a date with the Basilica to visit it for this purpose on Saturday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>.



- 9:00 AM Gather at St. Jerome for the bus trip to the Basilica
- 9:30 AM Leave for the Basilica of St. Mary
- 10:00 AM Arrive and begin with ½ hour of prayer
- 10:30 AM Tour of the Basilica – less than 1 hour
- 11:30 AM Take bus back to St. Jerome
- 12:00 Noon Drop those off at St. Jerome who don't wish to join the rest of us for lunch
- 12:10 PM Head to our lunch destination.
- 12:30 PM Lunch destination - Lunch is at your own expense (Crooked Pint)
- 1:45 PM Take bus back to St. Jerome
- 2:00 PM Arrive at St. Jerome

## FALL CLEAN-UP Sept. 13



**Saturday Sept. 13  
8:30am**

**Help spruce up the property for the Fall Festival**

*Please bring chain saws, pole saws, hedge trimmers, loppers, rakes, wheelbarrows, brooms, shovels, weed whips, tarps, leaf blowers, etc.*



### SAVE THE DATE for the FALL FESTIVAL MASS.

Saturday – September 20  
4:30 p.m. Mass IN CHURCH

4th graders through adults are welcome to be part of the festival choir.

Email [sistermb@comcast.net](mailto:sistermb@comcast.net) to sign-up to be part of the choir. Stay tuned for more information and for the rehearsal schedule.

### JELLY JARS



Do you have extra jelly jars? Did you buy jelly at the Fall Festival last year? We could use jelly jars for canning jelly and beets for the Fall Festival boutique. Please drop off at entrance of the church.

## FALL FESTIVAL: WE NEED YOUR HELP

### SWEEPSTAKE TICKETS

This is a sweepstakes and there is no purchase necessary to win any of the prizes listed on the tickets. The tickets are valued at \$10.00 each. Buying a ticket will not increase your chance of winning. Please sell as many tickets as you can to friends and relatives and invite them to the Celebration. Turn in your tickets before or at the Festival Mass on Saturday the 20th.

SWEEPSTAKES



### CAKES FOR CAKE WALK

We need lots of cakes for the cake walk. Please bring the cake to the school either Friday night or Saturday morning.

### SILENT AUCTION

Also gather items for the silent auction. Get creative making baskets.. Donate gift cards. They are a wonderful bidding item.



### CHERRY TREE

Start picking up those super close-out deals to donate to the Kids or Adult Cherry Tree.

### BOOYA BOUTIQUE

**Attention all crafty and talented parishioners.**

The Festival Booya Boutique needs your handiwork. Donations should be worth \$15 or less and include items such as embroidered dish towels and pillowcases, knitted hats, scarves, mittens, baby clothes and blankets, doll clothes, holiday decorations, crocheted items, wooden crafts, and canned jams, jellies, and vegetables. Or put your handstand minds to work to come up with other creations. We will be asking that donations be dropped at church as the festival draws near.



### JAR GAME

Please start collecting items for the jar game. Only plastic jars please. Old booya quart containers work great.



Lots of help is needed.

Set up Friday night starts at 4pm.  
Event runs Sat from 11am to 8pm  
Car show at 11am, food tent noon,  
Games 1-4 , music 5:30-8pm.

**Please sign up on the church website.**

**PARISH EVENT CALENDAR**  
September 1-7

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Labor Day</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>1st Day of School</i>
	<b>7:00pm</b> Men's Club meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00am</b> Service at Nursing Home
	<b>10:30am</b> Small Group
	<b>11:45am</b> Fatima Prayer Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Fr. Biju Anniv. Of Ordination (1998)</b>
	<b>9:00am</b> Quilters for a Cause
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:30am</b> Breakfast with Fr. Biju
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	Coffee and Donuts



**Saturday**  
**September 20**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	David Edward Costello
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	Judd Berthiaume (living)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	Thomas Kinney
	<b>9:45am</b>	Emily Ameyna
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	Jack Tschida
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	Patricia Schreier (living)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Mary Rinehart
	<b>4:30pm</b>	Members of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Dorothy & Achilli Pirri & Dick Peiffer

**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	M. Montie
Sun. 9:30 am	Y. Clintsman

**LECTORS:**

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

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

Sat. 4:30 pm	A. Bonghan	W. Heurung
	I. Kennedy	
Sun. 9:30 am	Adult Servers	



**Contributions for the week of**  
**Aug. 20-26**

Weekly Contribution: \$2026

*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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Perhaps you think God doesn't have a plan for you and your family. But Jesus is the Lord of History, yours included. Join Dr. Sean Innerst in "Foretold", a new series from the Augustine Institute that weaves together the Old and New Testament stories, highlighting their connecting threads of prophecy and fulfillment. Ultimately, this biblical history is your history. Just as the prophecies of the Old Testament were fulfilled, you can trust that Jesus will care for you and your story. Encounter this profound mystery and reality for yourself in Foretold.

**Fr. Biju Anniversary of Ordination**



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Fr. Biju Mathew**

**Anniversary of Ordination**

**Sept. 5**

**27 years as a priest.**

**Please join us after the 8am mass on Saturday Sept. 6 for a light breakfast in his honor.**

Send cards to: 2136 Case Ave E.  
St. Paul, MN 55119



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Fr. Cletus Baskela, Bill Baumgarten, Debbie Bibeau, Patricia Cokley, Gayl Chrysler, Cathy & Don Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Thomas & Patricia Frazer, Shawn Gadowa, Karen Geretschlaeger, Mary Gross, Robert Haas, Sharon Heffernan, David Hendricks, Clarice Holthaus, Janis Horski, Richard (Les) Johnson, Kevin Jones, Eugene Kaufhold, Von Kern, Mary Kishish, Christine Klein, Kevin Klutzke, John & Linda Kostohryz, Mary Laumeier, Steve Lauinger, Morgan Lenze, Fr. Ken Ludescher, Nancy Masson, Dorothy Mayer, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLellan, Brian Michalitsch, Nancy Miller, Nolan Mullaney, Greg Negard, Alida Peltier, Paul Peltier, Enrico Pirri, Shannon Presler, Terri Quitter, Patrick Roth, Rick Peiffer, Theresa Richardson, Sharon Ryan, Cynthia & David Schluender, John Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Don Schwantes, Gretchen Skinner, 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) Kelley  
Eric Dickson  
Jared Anderson