

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

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Kids' Korner Daycare.....651-771-1023

### Interim Pastoral Administrator

Fr. Peter Ly ..... 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

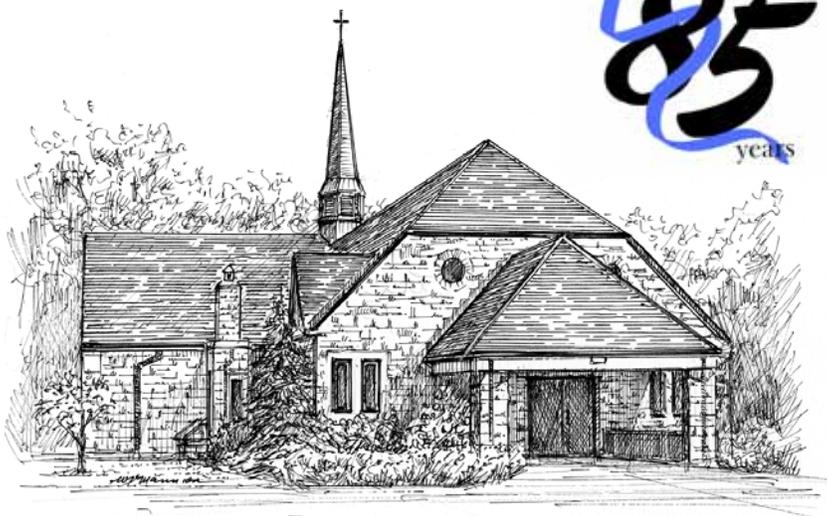
Anne Gattman ..... Principal  
Grace Zappa ..... Preschool Director  
Sue Costello ..... School Secretary  
Nay Paw ..... School Secretary

### Maintenance

Rick Gahm..... Supervisor

### Safe Environment coordinator

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



**September 14, 2025**

## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### 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 INTERM ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear brothers and sisters,

My name is Father Toulee Peter Ly, the pastor at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, your neighbor just a few miles to the east.

I was recently asked by Archbishop Hebda to step in as your Interim Administrator here at Saint Jerome's with the sudden passing of your dear pastor, my friend and brother priest, Father Victor Valencia.

Like many of you, when I heard of the passing of Father Vic, I was in total shock. The suddenness of this news was grieved even more with the horrific tragedy that would take place just days later at Annunciation Catholic Church & School in Minneapolis. In these days, there seems to be in the news one tragedy after another... making it seem almost as if the darkness has taken a stronghold in our lives.

However, it is exactly in times like these that we are called to lift our heads and cast our eyes on the Cross of Jesus Christ, for, "the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor 1.18). Recall that when Jesus told us to follow him, he reminded us that to do so would also entail having to carry our own cross, which he himself carries with us and for us.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, our late holy father, Pope Francis, called us to rise up and be Pilgrims of Hope. As Christians, we must recall that in this world that we live in, we are all on a journey to heaven, God's Kingdom, where He has prepared a place for all of us. We are pilgrims moving in the same direction towards that ultimate good, but in order to move in the right direction and to get there, we must carry with us the hope he has given to us.

We cannot say that we are Christian if we lack hope. Hope builds on faith, and our Christian faith demands that we trust Jesus as our Lord, Savior, and Redeemer, God Himself in the flesh! That our faith in Jesus means that we trust in his promise, that he is here with us, and that he will provide for us in our need.

And so I ask you my brothers and sisters, please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Vic, for all those who have lost their lives to violence, and for all who suffer and mourn. But I would also remind and encourage you to rise up and be that Pilgrim of Hope. For your sake, for your family, your friends, your parish here at Saint Jerome's, and for those you encounter each and every single day of your lives, rise up and give hope to those around you while clinging to the Cross of Jesus Christ, who is our true Hope.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you during this time. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything. I plan to be at the Parish Office on Thursdays every week.

Saint Jerome and Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

Fr Peter Ly  
Interim Administrator of Saint Jerome's  
Pastor of Presentation of Mary  
651.842.6013

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**PRINCIPAL'S CORNER—Mrs. Gattman**

Hello St. Jerome Parishioners,



We ended our 1st week of school with a Pep Fest. "We have spirit, yes we do! We have spirit, how 'bout you?" Remember that old cheer? It was fun to come together, offer our year to God's glory, be greeted by Jerry the Lion, play a game and celebrate our school.

Currently, we have 196 Preschool-8th grade students. Our Kindergarten is very healthy at 21 students. We'll graduate 15 scholars, from 8th grade, in June. Our enrollment is strong and steady!

Our teachers stay at St. Jerome (unless they retire or move). Staff retention is important for building momentum and excellence. Please be proud of your school's faculty and staff. They are smart, dedicated and committed to teaching stu-



dents with many diverse needs. Mrs. Shelly Berthiaume, celebrates 20 years of service to St. Jerome School this year.



We'll celebrate the Feast of St. Jerome at school mass on October 1. Please join us, if you're able. **Thanks for helping by arriving at school masses by 9:45. Doors are locked after 9:45.**

Happy Fall!  
Anne Gattman, Principal

**SCRIP—Order due Sept 22**

September is here and that means it is time for our physical gift card sale again. You have until September 22 at noon to get your order into the office. You can drop your order and check made out to *St Jerome Scrip* in the collections baskets the weekends of the 14th and 21st. Just mark **Scrip** on the envelope. You can always drop your order at the office as well. Thank you for your participation! Anita Kennedy



*Congratulations to Noemi Nilsson whose Quinceanera was September 6*



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
- **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 Arrive at St. Jerome
  - ◇ 12:10 PM Head to our lunch destination.
  - ◇ 12:30 PM Lunch destination - Lunch is at your own expense (Crooked Pint)

Please sign up by September 30th

- **Registration for the bible study “The Bible and the Virgin Mary.”**  
MARY AS YOU’VE NEVER SEEN HER BEFORE
  - ◇ Discover how Catholic beliefs about Mary build on the Old Testament as well as the Gospels
  - ◇ Learn why the early Church used titles like “New Eve” and “Ark of the New Covenant” for Mary.
  - ◇ Grow in your devotions to Our Lady.



You welcome to sing in the FALL FESTIVAL CHOIR  
Saturday - September 20  
4:30 p.m. Mass IN CHURCH

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

TWO REHEARSAL OPTIONS

- **SUNDAY MORNING - SEPTEMBER 14 -**  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 9:30 A.M. MASS  
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE MUSIC OFFICE
- **WEDNESDAY - SEPT 17 - 6:30 - 7:30** in church

Email [sistermb@comcast.net](mailto:sistermb@comcast.net) for more information

SELL THOSE SWEEPSTAKE TICKETS

SWEEPSTAKES



### 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.

### 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 15-21

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Small Group</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Funeral</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Watchmen mtg (St. John's)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Service at Nursing Home</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Small Group</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Fall Festival Set-up</b>
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Fall Festival</b>
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Confirmation meeting</b>
	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Small group—gym</b>



**Saturday**  
**September 20**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Glenda Skow</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Judd Berthiaume (living)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Donna Ellison</b>
	<b>9:45am</b>	<b>Connie Dufresne (living)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Harry &amp; Marian Guinn</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Lori Lonetti</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Mary Rinehart (living)</b>
	<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Harold Frenning</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Members of the Parish</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	E. Schoenecker

**LECTORS:**

Sat. 4:30 pm	Y. Clintsman
Sun. 9:30 am	T. Zappa

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

Sat. 4:30 pm	W. Heurung	I. Kennedy
	A. Bonghan	
Sun. 9:30 am	G. Murphy	M. Revering
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**Contributions for the week of**  
**Sept. 3-9**

Weekly Contribution: \$4529.69

*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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5. Enter your email - and you're in!



New on Formed.org the story of two young men who became modern-day saints. Don't have an account? See the instruction above. It is FREE!

**Pier Giorgio Frassati: If I Didn't Have Love.**

Frassati was a handsome, athletic and fun-loving young man from a rich, aristocratic Italian family who turned from a life of privilege to one devoted to working with the poor.

**The Boy from Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis**

You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time.



*We ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of Ann Nichols and for the consolation of her family.*

*In Memoriam*



**GIVE HERE:**

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

**FALL CLEAN-UP Sept. 27**



**Saturday Sept. 27**  
**8:30am**

**Help spruce up the property**

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

**Watchmen—September 16**

The next meeting of the Catholic Watchmen will be on Tuesday, September 16th, at 6:30 PM in the Lower Church of St. John's in Little Canada, following the Watchmen Rosary at 6:00 PM in the Lower Chapel. Our speaker will be Watchmen Russell Lind with his speaking title "Spiritual Warfare, Diving into the Breach". Dinner will be a grilled Sakura Family Farms Wagyu Burger Bar, sides, chips, snacks, desserts and beverages. All men including their sons/ grandsons ages 13 and above are invited and encouraged to attend. No RSVP necessary. Free will offering taken.

