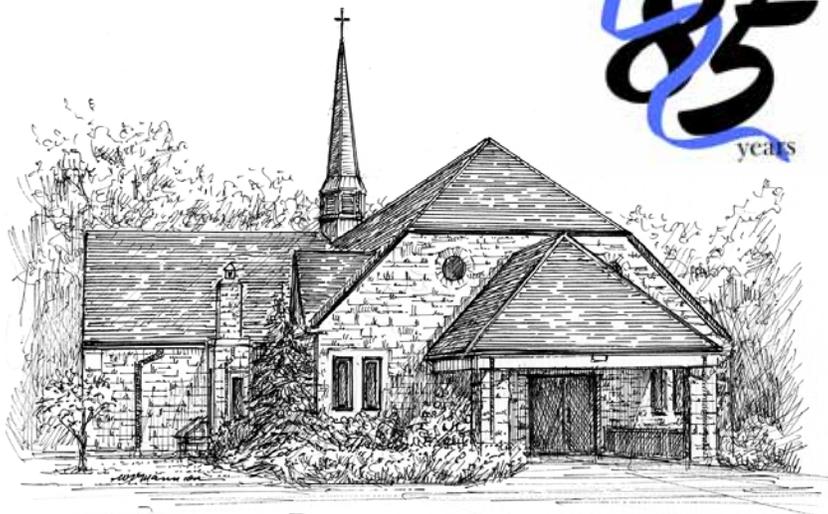


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St. Jerome

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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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Pastoral Staff

Fr. Peter Ly Interim Pastoral Administrator

Administrative Staff

Joanne Lamb Parish Secretary

Music

Open..... Music Director

Faith Formation

Open Religious Ed Coordinator
Florence Amena Confirmation
Open..... Children's Liturgy

School

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Grace Zappa Preschool Director
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Nay Paw School Secretary

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Safe Environment coordinator

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December 14, 2025





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.

GIVING TREE—December



This year the parish will sponsor families from the Ramsey County Family Sponsorship program. Each family receives:

- 1 clothing item per child
- 1 toy item per child
- *1 parent gift
- *1 grocery gift certificate

We are doing a **virtual giving tree**. Please donate the money to pay for a gift or two. Please place your donation in the basket in the back of the church or send to the parish office marked "giving tree".

We have been given 3 families—12 people total. We need to raise \$900 to support these families. Any extra money will go towards gift cards to help people who call the office asking for Christmas help.



The Christmas Tea held on December 7th turned out to once again be a beautiful and fun event. The 90 participants were treated to a magnificent tea party with sumptuous food and drink for all. The entire McKenzie family pulled out all

the stops to make this a very special event to remember. From the red silk ribbon tied chairs to the fine china and delicious tea sandwiches and sweets, everything made for a most festive afternoon. The party goes enjoyed magical music performed by Jade Ensemble with their cello and violin playing. A big thank you to all those who volunteered alongside the McKenzie family as well as all the participants.



The next meeting of the **Catholic Watchmen** will be on Tuesday, December 16th, at 6:30 PM in the Lower Church, following the Watchmen Rosary at 6:00 PM in the Lower Chapel. Our speaker will be Father Tom with his title "Jesus the Divine Physician"

followed by Adoration and Confession. Dinner will be: Ham, potatoes, corn, 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.



PRINCIPAL's CORNER—Mrs. Gattman

The Roaring Good News from St. Jerome School
"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it." John 1:5

Our first Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration was a great success, and very heartwarming. It was fun to see some of our St. Jerome parishioners join us too. Thank you! Fr. Peter provided a beautiful blessing, and during *O Holy Night* the lights went on.

Our tree came from northern Wisconsin near Lake Superior ~ a beautiful spruce. Let's let light shine brightly even as our days are clouded by lots of snow and cold right now.



This coming Thursday, December 18 is our Christmas Concert. This is a correction from last week's bulletin. Please join us. The children's singing is always beautiful, and just what I need to fully settle into the Christmas season.

Christ's peace,
 Anne Gattman, Principal



Preschool Scholarship Opportunity!

The Schulze Family Foundation Early Learning Scholarship is now awarding scholarships for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year.

Even if you have not decided where to enroll your child to preschool next fall, you may still apply! Scholarships are awarded on a first come, first serve basis. You are eligible to apply if:

- Your child will be attending an eligible Catholic preschool (St. Jerome School qualifies!)
- Your child will be in their last year of preschool in 2026-2027 and
- Your family is middle-income.

To learn more or apply, visit <https://www.schulzefamilyfoundation.org/early-learning-scholarship-checklist/>

Contact Mrs. Zappa with any questions or for help completing the application: 651-771-1023, gzappa@stjromeschool.org

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE
Saturday/Sunday
Dec. 13/14



PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, Dec. 14th
9:00am to 11:30am.
Free Will Offering.



Sunday Dec. 14
2:00—4:00 pm

Individual confessions
3 priests available



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FROZEN BOOYA

Do you need gift ideas for that person who has everything.



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Frozen containers of Booya. \$16 a quart.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. JEROME

The Contemporary Group will be singing at the 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve.

Fourth Graders through adults are welcome to sing with us.



TWO rehearsal options:

- **Tuesday – December 16 – 6:30 p.m.**
- **Saturday, December 20 – 10:00 a.m.**

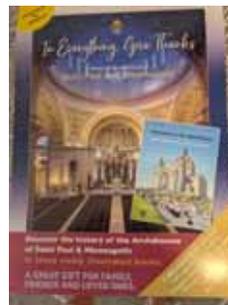
INTERESTED? Please contact Mary Beth Hess
RSVP sistermb@comcast.net
Phone: 612-270-2752

SCRIP

A huge thank you to all who purchased Scrip for our Christmas sale. Thanks to you, we earned over \$560! This is the most profitable sale we have had in the last 4 years. I am projecting we will have made St Jerome's over \$3500 for this year thanks to all the wonderful people who purchase Scrip. Scrip keeps on getting more and more vendors to choose from and the gift cards are so easy to use. No fumbling with cash or change when you go through a drive thru. I just hand my card over, the employee swipes it and that is it. Going to the gas station and using my card is easy too. No going into the store to pay and no need to use my credit card at the pump. I am looking forward to more sales with you during 2026 and I am hoping we can aim for \$4000 in total sales for next year. I wish all of you a safe and Blessed Christmas and New Year. Anita Kennedy



ARCHDIOCESE 175th Anniversary BOOKS



Need a Christmas gift for the hard to buy for person:?

The coffee table book, History of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and the softcover Illustrated book are available for purchase at the entrance of the church.

Cost:

\$36 for the coffee table edition

\$16 for the graphic novel

\$50 for both

Please welcome the following to the Parish Council:

Andrea Anfang
Daisy Carlson
Tom Herran
Virginia Revering
Jane Rinehart



Other members;

Mark Jirsa, Jim Schmit, Cathy Deiman, Anita Kennedy
Catie McKenzie, Fr. Peter

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How to Advent

Sometimes Advent just feels like that time that is sandwiched between Thanksgiving and Christmas. In "How to Advent" we will discover the rich traditions that mark this season and how they aid us in preparing our hearts for the birth of the child Jesus at Christmas. Guided by priests, religious, professors, and a charismatic host, you will gain practical tips and spiritual reflection on the practices of Advent. These four short episodes can help you enter this season of joyful anticipation.

PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
December 15-21

Monday	9:30am	Small Group
Tuesday	6:30pm	Watchmen
	6:30pm	Christmas Eve Choir
Wednesday	5:30pm	Parish Choir
	6:30pm	OCIA
	6:30pm	Handbells
Thursday	7:15am	Anointing of the Sick
	10:00am	Service: Nursing Home
	10:30am	Small Group
	6:00pm	School Concert—Church
	6:30pm	Liturgy Council
Friday	6:30pm	Small Group
Saturday	10:00am	Christmas Eve Choir
Sunday		4th Sunday of Advent
	10:30am	CCD
	3:00pm	Small Group—Gym

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Clinton Racine
Tuesday	7:15am	Rosemary Wagner
Wednesday	7:15am	Mark Burns
	9:45am	James Guldán
Thursday	7:15am	Glenda Scow
Friday	7:15am	Evelyn Wendt
Saturday	8:00am	Marlyss Petersen
	4:30pm	Louise Maus
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	R. Klutzke

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	J. Gattman
Sun. 9:30 am	T. Zappa

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	L. Anyanwu	S. Anyanwu
Sun. 9:30 am	M. Revering	G. Revering
	G. Murphy	

Weekly Offering



Contributions for the week of
Dec. 3—8

Weekly Contribution: \$13034.75

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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

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For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious!

3rd WEEK OF ADVENT: JOY



Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

EUCCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

Advent has begun. Enhance your prayer life by spending intimate time with Jesus in the Eucharist. Commit to a certain hour or stop in anytime between 9 am and 6 pm Monday through Thursday. The Chapel is located in the white house next to the school.



If you have any questions, or if you would like to commit to an hour of adoration, please call Lorraine at 651-772-2997.



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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.