

C H U R C H O F

St. Jerome

380 E. Roselawn Avenue
Maplewood, MN 55117

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

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Open..... Music Director

Faith Formation

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

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Grace Zappa Preschool Director
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Nay Paw School Secretary

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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 Fr. Peter

As we enter the Fourth Sunday of Advent, I am sure there are several people who are scrambling right now to get things together for Christmas Day and all the celebrations that come with it... I mean, you've only got a few days left to prepare, right?

And I can say with some certainty, that there are several people who might have turned to frustration because things don't turn out the way they had envisioned things to go. How should you respond in the midst of these trials when you just want to celebrate and make those you love happy?

In our lives, we all too many times allow ourselves to fall prey to the commercialization and consumerization of those things that we hold dearest to us, our beloved family and friends, and yes, especially Jesus.

We get caught up trying to "make" people "happy" that we stay too shallow and don't go deep enough in our conversations and in our gifts for fear of rejection or not being fun enough, which in turn unfortunately deters us from what really matters.

A childhood movie that I enjoy watching every year is "A Charlie Brown Christmas," and specifically the scene* where Charlie Brown brings in his Christmas tree only to be ridiculed by his friends because of his poor choice in a tree for the occasion. In the midst of being ridiculed, he screams out loud, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?!"

He's frustrated and tired as it seems that whatever he does seems is never enough. In response to Charlie Brown's frustration, a gentle, calm response is given by Linus, who recites Luke 2:8-14 (grab your Bible and look it up!).

*Did you know that this scene almost didn't make it to the movie?

My dear brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birthday, remember the reason for the celebration. It is His Birthday. Make it special by remembering Him. Bring others with you to join His celebration, which in turn, is OUR celebration, "For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you..."

Take a minute (and more!) to slow down. To adore Jesus. To love Jesus. To love one another and the stranger. And... to let Jesus love you. Receive His Gift.

Happy birthday, Jesus!
Thank you for Loving us.
A very merry and blessed
Christmas to each and
every one of you!!!

Dear baby Jesus,
raise Your hand and bless us!
Fr Peter



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

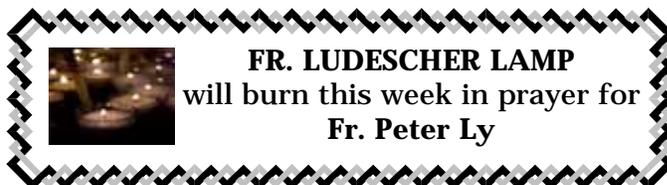


Christmas cheer from your friends at St. Jerome School!
Imagine the melody of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*...

On the 1st Day of Christmas, the good Lord gave to us, a preschooler learning how to pray;
On the 2nd Day of Christmas, the good Lord gave to us, 2 awesome priests (Fr. Peter and Fr. Seraphim);
On the 3rd Day of Christmas, the good Lord gave to us, 3 terrific custodians (Rick, Greg and Mike);
On the 4th Day of Christmas, the good Lord gave to us, 4 weeks of Advent;
On the 5th Day of Christmas, the good Lord gave to us, 5 golden Hymns;
On the 6th Day of Christmas, the good Lord gave to us, 6 8th graders leading us;
On the 7th Day of Christmas, the good Lord gave to us, 7 kinders climbing;
On the 8th Day of Christmas, the good Lord gave to us, 8 tutors teaching;
On the 9th Day of Christmas, the good Lord gave to us, 9 families joining;
On the 10th Day of Christmas, the good Lord gave to us, 10 teachers smiling;
On the 11th Day of Christmas, the good Lord gave to us, 11 Lions scoring;
On the 12th Day of Christmas, the good Lord gave to us, 12 parishioners helping;

As we come close to the end of 2025, please know how grateful we are for **your support** of our students and families. We wish you and yours a warm and peace filled Christmas!

Anne Gattman and our SJS Staff



HOLIDAY BAKE SALE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST



A **HUGE** thank you to all who helped with the bake sale and pancake breakfast.

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.

Join us to celebrate the coming of our Savior



Christmas Eve Masses: 4 and 10 p.m.
Christmas Day Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Incense will be used at all Masses



Between now and Christmas Eve, we invite you to help decorate the trees on the altar. Each time you do a good deed OR have a good deed done for you, place an ornament on a tree. Ornaments can be found in the boxes in the altar.

The Church needs to be cleaned before Christmas! **Cleaning will take place on Monday Dec. 22 at 6:30pm!** We need a crew of people. Many hands make light work. Please bring along any extra rags and buckets you have at home!



FROZEN BOOYA

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



BOOYA



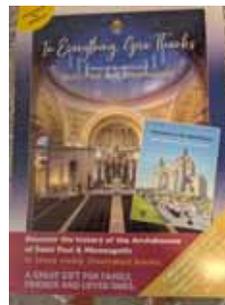
Frozen containers of Booya. \$16 a quart.

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



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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 22-28

Monday	9:30am	Small Group
	5:30pm	Private prayer service
	6:00pm	Hall rental
	6:30pm	Church cleaning
	6:30pm	Decorators meeting
Tuesday		
Wednesday	<i>Parish office closed</i>	
	4:00pm	Mass
	10:00pm	Mass
Thursday	9:30am	Mass
Friday	<i>Parish office closed</i>	
	6:30pm	Small Group
Saturday		
Sunday	<i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Fr. Peter Ly (living)
Tuesday	7:15am	Todd Watson (living)
Wednesday	4:00pm	Christmas Eve
	10:00pm	Christmas Eve
Thursday	9:30am	Christmas Day
Friday	7:15am	David Edward Costello
Saturday	8:00am	Rinehart Family
	4:30pm	Alex Carney
Sunday	9:30am	Members of the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Wed. 4:00pm	B. Cardinal, C. Anyanwu, J. Zielinski
10:00pm	Y. Clintsman
Thurs 9:30am	T. or E. Schoenecker
Sat. 4:30 pm	J. Zielinski
Sun. 9:30 am	B. Cardinal

LECTORS:

Wed. 4:00pm	S. Maldonado
10:00pm	T. Zappa
Thurs 9:30am	K. Faschingbauer
Sat. 4:30 pm	M. Montie
Sun. 9:30 am	R. Klutzke

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	I. Kennedy	W. Heurung
Sun. 9:30 am	M. Murphy	C. Zorobi
	Z. Odhiambo	Z. Odhiambo



Contributions for the week of
Dec. 9-16

Weekly Contribution: \$5240.12

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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity! "Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louise Missouri. Your gift directly impact thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in the later years. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.

4TH WEEK OF ADVENT: Love



Father, all-powerful God, Your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory, and open our minds to receive the

Spirit who prepares us for his coming.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

EUCCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

Adorers are needed Wednesdays at 6pm and 7pm to share the hour with the permanent adorer. The Chapel is open Monday through Thursday 9am to 6pm.

Please feel free to stop in for a visit with Jesus in the Eucharist. 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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MEN AND WOMEN



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Fr. Cletus Baskela, Debbie Bibeau, Patricia Cokley, Gayl Chrysler, Cathy & Don Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Shawn Gadwa, Karen Geretschlaeger, Mary Gross, Robert Haas, Sharon Heffernan, David Hendricks, Clarice Holthaus, Richard (Les) Johnson, Kevin Jones, Eugene Kaufhold, Von Kern, Mary Kishish, Christine Klein, Kevin Klutzke, Dawn Knabe, John & Linda Kostohryz, Mary Laumeyer, 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, Theresa Richardson, Mary Rinehart, Cynthia & David Schluender, John Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Don Schwantes, Gretchen Skinner, Mike Spangenberg, Craig Steineck, Lori Storla, Joyce Theilhorn, Dave Thomalla, George Valento, Danica Weller, Jim Wendt, Beverly Wermus, Eric Witzel, Kevin Yackel

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.