

C H U R C H O F

380 E. Roselawn Avenue
Maplewood, MN 55117

St. Jerome

Celebrating
125
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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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 Amenia 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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December 28, 2025

December 27, 2020



**The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40

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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

“Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.”
Psalm 128

My dear brothers and sisters, *Merry Christmas!*

We continue our Christmas celebrations by focusing on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Just as God had deemed it worthy and appropriate that He should come into this world through a virgin-woman, Mary, He also gifts to her a husband in Joseph, who would in turn become the stepfather and guardian to Jesus, the Son of Mary, the Son of God. This *Holy Family* is to be for us a model of what every family, every household, is called to be: filled with grace—abiding with Emmanuel... Jesus, *God-with-us, Who saves.*

Reflecting on this is a reminder to take a moment and cherish the wondrous gift God has given to us through the lives of our immediate family, but not just them, but to our extended families as well, which includes our parish family.

The beauty in which God chose to reveal His plan of salvation to the world is a reminder of how He desires for us to come together, as He had intended since the very beginning of time, to be a part of His family.

When we reflect on our Christmas tradition, whether it is at church or at someone’s home, it is a call to gather and celebrate the Gift of a Life: Jesus, Who IS God. A call to gather, TOGETHER, AROUND Jesus. At every celebration of the Mass, this Divine Liturgy, whenever and wherever it takes place, take a moment to look around and see how a people have gathered together for This singular purpose, Jesus. And this people who have gathered are called to be in COMMUNION with one another, with Jesus leading... together in *Holy Communion...* as a *Holy Family*.

Take a moment to thank God for the “family” that He has placed in your midst. Even when there are challenges that come with the relationships in our lives, how blessed we are to be part of a family.

Pray also, that each and every one of us, would allow ourselves to be led and guided by Jesus, the head of our family, our household, that our love would increase for Him and one another. He is the glue to the family bringing together those who we might not have thought could come together. In His perfection, He perfects our imperfections.

Christmas blessings to all!!!

Jesus, Mary, & Joseph, raise your hands and bless us! Pray for our families at home and in our parish!

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

Please enjoy a couple of photos from our 2025 Christmas Program. It was truly spectacular and so very filled with the blessed spirit of Advent and Christmas.



Enrollment for the 2026-2027 School Year is open!

St. Jerome School continues its strong tradition of *excellent academic and Catholic faith formation.*

- We are proud of the dedicated, talented and accomplished faculty and staff who support our mission;
- We have a peaceful, respectful and virtue oriented school community where children feel they are loved, supported and “home”;
- We work with each family to make a Catholic education affordable;
- We welcome and embrace students who learn differently, and we work to help them feel understood and supported within our school community;

Do you know someone who may benefit from a St. Jerome Catholic education? Please encourage them to contact Mrs. Grace Zappa for more information: [gzappa@stjeromeschool.org](mailto:gzap-pa@stjeromeschool.org) or 651-771-8494.

Merry Christmas!
Anne Gattman and our SJS School Community





FR. LUDESCHER LAMP
will burn this week in prayer for
Rinehart Family

QUILTERS FOR A CAUSE—Jan. 2

Quilters for a Cause – 1st Friday of January

Start the New Year off right! We will meet on Friday, January 2 from 9:00 till 2:30. Come whatever hours you can and bring something to share for potluck lunch.

Quilting experience is not necessary but basic machine sewing skills are helpful. Please bring your creativity, basic sewing supplies, scissors, pins and needles. At this time we are especially in need of people to sew the tops of the quilts. We have kits all made up ready to go. No need to pick out a pattern or fabric or cut the pieces. Just start sewing! These could be done at church when we meet or you can take some home, work on them throughout the month and bring them back the next time we meet.

This is a good way to socialize with and meet other parishioners while doing something for others. The quilts go to charities in the Maplewood area, children baptized at St. Jerome and Kids Korner. If you have any questions please call Mary Selby at 651-489-4177.



VATICAN UNVEILED

Jan. 10 - Feb. 1, 2026,
Mall of America®,
Bloomington

Experience interesting historical perspectives, artistic items with old-world craftsmanship, and papal artifacts that show the humanity behind the leaders with Vatican Unveiled, the largest collection of papal artifacts outside of Rome. Visit archspm.org/vaticanunveiled to learn more!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
DONATED
TO THE GIVING TREE.

Please consider making a year-end donation to the Church or School. All 2025 donations must be dropped off at the parish office or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be recorded in the 2025 year.



Did you know that the school collects aluminum cans?



Please put them in a bag and leave them behind the school next to the red shed.

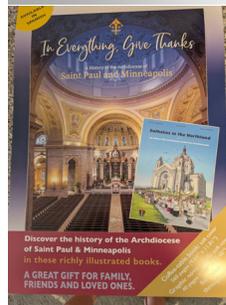
SCRIP

Scrip for the New Year

2026 is upon us, and I would like to ask each of you to resolve to try Scrip in 2026 if you have not done so before. St Jerome can certainly put to good use the money made off this program, and it is like putting extra money into the collection basket each time you use it. Do you fill up with gas? We have gift cards for Kwik Trip, Speedway, Holiday and Exxon-Mobil. All you do is put money on the card (easy to do) and stick your card in the pump and you have earned money for church. I fill up with gas 2-3 times a month and earn between \$6 and \$9 per month for St Jerome. That is about \$100 a year I make for the church just using my gas card. What if 9 of you joined me in doing this? We would make \$1000 for the church in a year just by filling up our gas tanks. I want to thank shoppers Barb H, Joyce F and Nancy H for earning a combined total of over \$1000 for St Jerome last year, just by buying Scrip. That \$1000 comes in handy when paying the church fuel bill. If you would like to get started, please contact me at auglie@usfamily.net I would love to help get you started on the road to further supporting St Jerome. Anita Kennedy



ARCHDIOCESE 175th Anniversary BOOKS



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

FROZEN BOOYA

Having a New Year Party?
Server Booya.



BOOYA



Frozen containers
of Booya.
\$16 a quart.

SMALL GROUPS

Would you like to increase your faith life? Small groups is an easy way to do it. Groups take place in a very informal setting where you, as a small group member are able to pray, reflect, listen and learn from your group leader and fellow small group members. It is a time to get together and learn about such things as saints, the Mass, the holy scripture and reflect on them and think about the importance they have in your life. Anyone can join at any time. Choose a group that fits your schedule. You can find a weekly group, bi-weekly group, or monthly group to try out. Everyone is welcome. There is more information about each group in our parish website. Or, please email Anita Kennedy at auglie@usfamily.net or Ken Klutzke at klutzes@comcast.net for any questions or further information. Please give it a try.

**PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
December 29—Jan 4**

Monday	9:30am	Small Group
Tuesday		
Wednesday	<i>Parish office closed</i>	
Thursday	<i>New Year's Day</i>	
	9:00am	Mass
Friday	<i>Parish office closed</i>	
	9:00am	Quilters for a Cause
	6:30pm	Small Group
Saturday		
Sunday	Epiphany of the Lord	
	10:30am	CCD
	3:00pm	Small Group—Gym
	6:30pm	Confirmation

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Fr. Tom Fitzgerald
Tuesday	7:15am	Ed Hedlund
Wednesday	7:15am	Larry Michalitsch
	9:45am	No School Mass
Thursday	9:00am	Keith Monroe (living)
Friday	7:15am	Dick Schreier
Saturday	8:00am	Evelyn Wendt
	4:30pm	Roger Pogul
Sunday	9:30am	Members of the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Thurs 9:00am	T. Zappa
Sat. 4:30 pm	B. Murphy
Sun. 9:30 am	C. Anyanwu

LECTORS:

Thurs 9:00am	J. Gattman
Sat. 4:30 pm	
Sun. 9:30 am	

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	L. Anyanwu	S. Anyanwu
Sun.9:30 am	Adult Servers	

Weekly Offering



**Contributions for the week of
Dec. 17-22**

Weekly Contribution: \$2814.15

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



**New Year's Day
Thursday Jan. 1
9am**

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!



The Story of Christmas |
Benjamin Cello Christmas Special

Here is something for the kids. In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet re-telling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph.

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.



GIVE HERE:

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**PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE
MEN AND WOMEN**



Jack Butler
Grace (Wegleitner) Kelley
Eric Dickson
Jared Anderson



PRAY FOR US
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 Klutke, 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, Sharon Ryan, Cynthia & David Schluender, John Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Don Schwantes, Gretchen Skinner, Mike Spangenberg, Craig Steineck, Lori Storia, Joyce Theilhorn, Dave Thomalla, George Valento, Danica Weller, Jim Wendt, Beverly Wermus, Eric Witzel, Kevin Yackel



**ST. JEROME
SCHOOL**

Merry Christmas

Wishing you and your family a joyful Christmas and a New Year filled with hope, health, and abundant blessings.

As we reflect on this holy season and look ahead to the year to come, we are deeply grateful for our incredible St. Jerome parish and school community. Each day, our school is filled with joyful learners who are proud to call St. Jerome home. Our students are known, loved, and supported, and our dedicated teachers work tirelessly to provide personalized, high-quality educational experiences that meet the unique academic, social, and spiritual needs of every child.

There is so much life and energy here at St. Jerome - from classroom learning and faith formation to community celebrations and service. All of it reflects our shared commitment to nurturing the whole child and forming young people rooted in faith, kindness, and a love of learning. It is this vibrant and caring environment that makes St. Jerome School such a special place.

Become a Lion

Preschool - 8th Grade Catholic Education - Enrolling Now!

We are looking ahead to the 2026-27 school year already! At St. Jerome School, we are committed to providing all students a remarkable academic and formative experience.

For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact Mrs. Grace Zappa by calling 651-771-8494 or by email: gzappa@stjeromeschool.org.

St. Jerome School by the Numbers:

- 195 Preschool through 8th Grade
- 87% of our students qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch
- 65% of our students are Multi-Lingual
- 80% of our students are Catholic
- 100% of our students are Fabulous!

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 18



Spring Fundraiser
PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

