

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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Nay Paw School Secretary

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Marie Joseph.....651-771-8494
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The Epiphany
OF THE LORD



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

“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!

Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.” Isaiah 60.1

Our Christmas celebrations continue as we celebrate the Epiphany this weekend, the manifestation of God made Flesh to the Magi—the three wise men, the three kings.

We all know the story of how these magi saw a new star in the sky, prompting them to follow it to find the newborn king. This journey was not intended to be one of curiosity to see what they would find, but one in which was planned: to pay *homage* and *honor* to a new King.

On this journey that the Magi undertook, there is no doubt in my mind that they brought with them their store of treasures not just for the normal expenses that come up with any travels, but also as gifts to be given to the newborn king; gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Quite the assortment of gifts.

Besides the gold, the frankincense and myrrh could seem a bit strange as a gift to any normal person, but as these Magi understood without having all the details of who this newborn child was that they were venturing off to visit, this is what they brought knowing well enough that this newborn was anything but normal. This star that appeared to them in the sky, which they spent days, weeks, and possibly even months following, showed them that this newborn child, this king, was heaven-sent that and these items, that they intentionally chose to bring, were for a divine being...

Just like the Magi, we too are on a similar journey, but this time not to *visit* a newborn king, but to go to that place where a home has been prepared for us, to *dwell* with *that* same King that the Magi had visited in a humble stable. The journey that we are on is the same but at the same time different from the one that the Magi went on.

If you’re reading this right now, my dear brothers and sisters, we are on that journey as sojourners, pilgrims. Amid our journey though, we must make time to stop and reflect regularly how we are doing. “Have I been intentional in my planning for this journey? What do I need to change, to keep the same, adapt to, etc.?”

At the start of this new year, 2026, many of us may have already come up with new year’s resolutions for different aspects of our lives. And whether you have or not, I present to you a challenge, to reflect upon not just the “typical” goals of saving and making more money, exercise and diet, seeking new careers and opportunities, but to also look at our pilgrim life: How has my prayer life been, am I praying daily? Have I been faithful to the Mass? Have I been engaged in the life of my parish family, sharing my time, talent, and treasure to build up my parish family and to help others follow Jesus?”

In the coming month we will hold a mini-stewardship drive to help us to reflect on our pilgrim journey and to see where we are at and at the same time, how we can do more, together, as a parish family. Just as the Magi traveled to visit Jesus, not by themselves, but in a group, we too are called to do the same.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

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

Fr Peter



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!



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.

FROZEN BOOYA

Frozen containers of Booya.
\$16 a quart.

BOOYA



Warm soup for cold days.



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 atauglie@usfamily.net I would love to help get you started on the road to further supporting St Jerome. Anita Kennedy



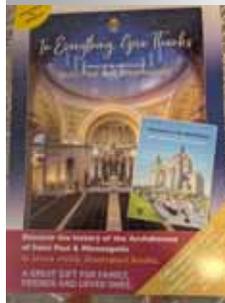
FR. LUDESCHER LAMP
will burn this week in prayer for
Robert Pogue



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 anytime. 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.

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



Stewardship

a way of life

January—Stewardship

What is stewardship? It is a lifestyle. It is living a life of gratitude that stems from the knowledge that God is the creator and owner of all. We are stewards when we care for God's gifts. Gratitude for these many gifts can be expressed in our prayer, worship, financial contributions, how we care for those around us, and in all we do. Stewardship is a way of being aware of all that God has given us and giving thanks. Our love and gratefulness lead to a desire to share our gifts in return.

Stewardship is the way to live our lives by answering the call received in our Baptism and realizing that all we have is gift from God. Stewards are asked to accept these gifts with grateful hearts, develop these gifts, and with a spirit of generosity, share them with others.

Stewardship is more than giving a few moments of spare time or some spare change to someone in need. It is truly a journey of discovery and conversion starting with the individual who asks, "Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going? What can I do to make a difference? How am I called by God?" As more and more individual stewards reach out to one another, the entire community of faith can be transformed, and together we can build vibrant and engaged parish community embracing Stewardship as a Way of Life.

PARTICIPATION



GENEROSITY



PRAYER



**PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
January 5-11**

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| Monday | 9:30am | Small Group |
| Tuesday | 7:00pm | Men's Club |
| Wednesday | 6:30pm | OCIA |
| Thursday | 10:00am | Rosary: Nursing home |
| | 11:45am | Fatima prayer group |
| | 1:30pm | Small Group |
| | 6:30pm | Parish Council |
| Friday | 6:30pm | Small Group |
| Saturday | | |
| Sunday | Baptism of the Lord | |
| | 10:30am | CCD |
| | 1:30pm | Bible Study |
| | 6:30pm | Confirmation |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday | 7:15am | Martin & Mary Ellen Tollefson |
| Tuesday | 7:15am | Emily Ameyna |
| Wednesday | 7:15am | |
| | 9:45am | James & June Guldán |
| Thursday | 7:15am | Gary & Marian Guinn |
| Friday | 7:15am | Patricia Schreier (living) |
| Saturday | 8:00am | Rinehart Family |
| | 4:30pm | Barb Bovy |
| 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 K. Yackel
Sun. 9:30 am T. Zappa

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm Y. Clintsman
Sun. 9:30 am S. Cardinal

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm W. Heurung I. Kennedy
Sun. 9:30 am G. Murphy M. Revering
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**Contributions for the week of
Dec. 23- 30**

Weekly Contribution: \$20,648
Christmas: \$4,872

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

MESSAGE OF FATIMA—January 8

SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA

Thursday, January 8 at 11:45 at St. Jerome upper church. Members responding to Our Lady's requests for prayer, penance and sacrifice in a spirit of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the conversion of poor sinners. Please join us.



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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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 adorers.
**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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**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, Marilyn Galbraith, 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 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, Theresa Richardson, Mary Rinehart, Sharon Ryan, Cynthia & David Schluender, John Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Don Schwantes, Gretchen Skinner, Mike Spangenberg, Craig Steineck, Lori Storla, Joyce Theihorn, Dave Thomalla, George Valento, Danica Weller, Jim Wendt, Beverly Wermus, Eric Witzel, Kevin Yackel