

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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Website ..... [www.stjermeschool.org](http://www.stjermeschool.org)  
Kids' Korner Daycare.....651-771-1023

### Pastoral Staff

Fr. Peter Ly ..... Interim Parochial 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

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

*Easter Sunday*

This is the day  
the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice  
and be glad.

Psalm 118:24

April 5, 2026



**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.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Our Lenten pilgrimage has brought us through the desert, to the base of Calvary. From our vantage point, as we look up to the heights, what do you see?

An unthoughtful thing: three crosses lifted from the ground, with men hanging from each of them. The middle cross with a sign on top of it that reads: “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.”

Our Lenten pilgrimage has brought us to this place where the sight of pain, suffering, and death is present. What are we to do in this moment? What has led us here?

Each Lent, we are given an opportunity to allow Jesus to help us unburden ourselves from the unnecessary things in our life that have caused us to be distracted from His love, the love of others, and the love of self. And if we have made any progress of ridding ourselves of some of those unnecessary things, have we been able to replace it with the necessary: His Love, the love from others, and a healthy does of self-love?

Because if we haven’t allowed ourselves to be unburdened by some of those things and replaced with His Love, this next part of the journey will be the hardest to do: to climb up this mountain where His Cross has been erected, where our Savior, our Redeemer, has been crucified, and where He still waits for us.

This beautiful, but sorrowful, image of our crucified Lord is so very important to us, as Jesus himself said, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Matt 16.24ff). We have to look past the Cross (the hurt, the pain, the death) and realize where it is that Jesus is leading us to, and the only way to know, is to climb this mountain and to His Cross, for there we will find the path to everlasting Life.

This journey that Jesus walks on for us, is one in which he is leading us to freedom. Freedom from the shackles of this world: the falsehoods which we unfortunately have come to believe that are “supposed” to bring us joy and happiness; but also freedom from the evil one, whose sole desire is to keep us from being who we were made to be, beloved children of God: made in His Image and Likeness.

Only by climbing this mountain and the Cross of Jesus, will we be able to have the high vantage point of seeing the falsehoods that are all around us, but more importantly, to better understand and experience what our souls have truly longed for, to be with our soulmate, Jesus... God.

Easter, the Resurrection, is what Jesus leads us to when we “deny” ourselves from the falsehoods in this world that have been handed to us by the evil one. He IS the Light of the world, the Light of our lives. Take a moment to think of those “holy moments” that you have experienced how Jesus has touched a part of your life, how that felt, and what it brought to you. But don’t just stay there, keep moving forward and receive more! That is the freedom that Jesus has given to us, and nothing more than to give more of it!

This Easter, bask in His Light & Love, the freedom He has already purchased for us. The cost has been paid, we just need to have courage to receive it.

Have a blessed Easter!  
St. Jerome, pray for us!

Fr Peter

**PRINCIPAL’S CORNER—Mrs. Gattman**

**Happy Easter from the St. Jerome School Community!**

As we prepared for Easter we focused on ways we could love God and others more. Here is the culmination of the Lenten weeks of prayer, fasting and almsgiving over here at St. Jerome School:



At a Catholic school like St. Jerome, Easter is more than bunnies and eggs. The focus begins and ends with how we know Jesus, and how our actions show that we love Him and choose to follow Him. Alleluia! He is risen!

School Updates:

- **Enrollment for the 2026-2027** school year is in full swing! Spread the word to family and friends please. Our enrollment is strong and we anticipate a Kindergarten class of at least 20. Such great news for our school!
- **Grandparents and Special People Day:** Begins with Mass at 9:45 and then our program and school visit to follow. This is on Wednesday, May 13.

Easter joy and blessings to you and yours!  
Anne Gattman



A fundraising event for the students of St. Jerome School.

*Saturday, April 18th*

Join us for our annual Spring Gala and connect with the faculty, staff, and students who bring our mission to life!



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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following who were welcomed into the Church Saturday night.

### Baptism:

Shawn Nilsson  
Ariella Rugel  
Isabella Rugel  
Bryner Schiller

### 1st Communion:

Isaiah Kennedy  
Michelle Jackson  
Jack Kangas  
Shawn Nilsson

### Confirmation:

Michelle Jackson  
Jack Kangas  
Shawn Nilsson



## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA



The Divine Mercy Novena started on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Please pick up a pamphlet from the entrance of the church.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—April 12th



"The Feast of Divine Mercy - Sunday, April 12th

St. Jerome will host an afternoon of prayer beginning at 1:30 and ending with 4:00 Sunday (fulfillment) Mass. Confessions from 1:30-3:30pm

[www.feastofmercy.net](http://www.feastofmercy.net)  
for more information."

### Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Saturday May 16, 2026 we will be travelling by Coach Bus to La-crosse WI to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This event will include the parishes of St. Jerome and Presentation of the BVM. We will leave St. Jerome at 8:00 AM and arrive at the Shrine by 11:00. We will spend 4.5 hours at the shrine. At the Shrine there will be an opportunity to pray the Rosary, attend Confession, Attend Mass, Venerate the Relic of St. John Nepomucene, participate in a Church Pilgrimage, and wander the grounds to see various shrines and eat lunch. We will leave the Shrine at 3:30 PM and arrive back by 6:30 PM. There is space on the bus for 56 attendees.



**Cost for transportation and boxed sub sandwich lunch will be \$50 per person.**

Sign up for this event will be after Masses on the week-ends of April 18/19 and April 25/26. Or in the parish office.  
Cash or check only.

### FR. LUDESCHER LAMP

will burn this week in prayer for  
**Rosemary Duchaine (living)**



### Fr. Biju Birthday—April 10

Wishing **FATHER BIJU**  
Happy birthday.  
April 10

Send cards to:  
2136 Case Ave  
St. Paul, MN 55119



### SPRING CLEAN UP—April 18

**8:30 to Noon**

Please join us on Saturday as we spruce up the campus.  
Bring tools: rakes, leaf blowers, chain saws, hedge trimmers, brooms, shovels, wheelbarrows, tarps, etc.



## THE HOLY WATER

Holy water is a powerful symbol of grace and blessing. It is one of our symbols of faith, a visible sign of God's grace to humankind through the years. The waters that flowed from the rock quenched the thirsting Israelites and saved them from death. In the rivers of Jordan the Jews received the grace of repentance and cleansing. Water that flowed from the side of Christ was a symbol of new life given after the sacrifice of Christ. The water in baptism cleanses us from our sins to make us become worthy children of God. Water is life.

When we make the sign of the cross with water it reminds us of our baptismal identity and the grace of life. The gesture speaks a lot about faith, of devotion and grace and protection. Because water is a sacred symbol of God's life and salvation, we use holy water also as protection from the evil one. The blessing of things with holy water comes from the faith that those that are touched by holy water are touched with the life giving grace of God. Holy water connects all these things to the memory and mystery of our involvement in the life of Christ in the Church."



**PLEASE TAKE A BOTTLE OF HOLY WATER HOME WITH YOU TODAY.**

**PARISH EVENT CALENDAR**  
April 6—12

<b>Monday</b>	<b>No School</b>
	<b>9:30am Small Group</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00pm Men's Club</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00am Rosary at Nursing Home</b>
	<b>1:30pm Small Group</b>
	<b>6:30pm Parish Council</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6:30pm Small Group</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00am Lay Carmelites</b>
	<b>4:30pm Rite of Sending</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
	<b>10:30am CCD</b>
	<b>1:30pm Divine Mercy Prayers</b>
	<b>4:00pm Mass</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Annamma Mathew</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Emily Ameyna</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>James Zappa Sr</b>
	<b>9:45am</b>	<b>Chris Pirri (living)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Larry Dittel</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Dick Schreier</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Achille &amp; Dorothy Pirri &amp; Dick Peiffer</b>
	<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Keith Monroe (living)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Members of the Parish</b>
	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Renee Good</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	T. Zappa
	4:00pm	xxx

**LECTORS:**

Sat.	4:30 pm	Y. Clintsman
Sun.	9:30 am	S. Cardinal
	4:00pm	T. Zappa

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

Sat.	4:30 pm	S. Anyanwu	L. Anyanwu
Sun.	9:30 am	Adult Servers	
	4:00pm	xxxx	



**Contributions for the week of**  
**March 25-31**

Weekly Contribution: \$4630

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**The Resurrection with Dr. Michael Barber**

The heart of the Gospel is the resurrection of Jesus and Christian hope. Dr. Michael Barber unpacks the biblical account of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead.

**OLD PALMS**

Bring in your old palms and place them in the box at the entrance of the church. We will dispose of them.



**EUCCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL**

**Permanent adorers are needed for**  
**Tuesdays at 5 pm and Wednesday at 2 pm.**

Please prayerfully consider helping with one of these hours. If you would like to commit to an hour of adoration or if you have questions, please call Lorraine at 651-772-2997.



**The Chapel is open Monday at 9am**  
**to Thursday at 10pm.**

**PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE**  
**MEN AND WOMEN**



Jack Butler  
Grace (Wegleitner) Kelley  
Eric Dickson  
Jared Anderson



Fr. Cletus Basekela, Debbie Bibeau, Patricia Cokley, Gayl Chrysler, Cathy & Don Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Connie Dufresne, 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, John Kerske, 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, Romona Medina, Brian Michalitsch, Nancy Miller, Nolan Mullaney, Greg Negard, Zachary Olberding, Alida Peltier, Paul Peltier, Christine Pirri, 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 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.