

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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Website www.stjermeschool.org
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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 Amena 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

The Most **HOLY TRINITY**

May 31, 2026



O Lord our God,
how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8:2



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.

Annual Garage Sale

June 17 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. & June 18 from 9 a.m.-noon (bag sale)



Donation drop offs

June 13, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & June 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Items not accepted include but are not limited to:

Exercise equipment, ski's and poles, computer equipment, electronics, TVs, large appliances, large furniture, automotives, encyclopedias, baby equipment

PRINCIPAL's CORNER—Mrs. Gattman

Hello! We have Roaring Good News from St. Jerome School!

Our last days of the 2025-2026 school year are flying by. Our 8th grade finished up on Thursday and will graduate on Monday, June 1. Here are the last of our 8th graders to share with you. Some wonderful guys!: Moo Nay Kri, Johnnavon, Has Bo and Round. Thanks for offering prayers for our SJS Lions as they go onto high school.

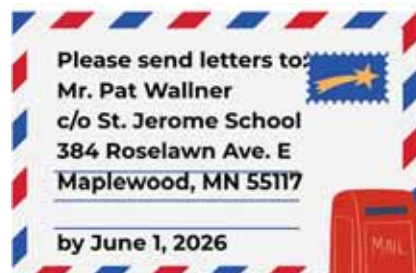


SCRIP

June is almost here, and that is a reminder that we will be having our physical gift card sale again soon. Look for the order form insert in the bulletin on June 7th and orders will need to be turned in by Monday, June 22nd. That will give you a full two weeks to get your order in. Just a reminder, there are tons of vendors out there, not just the ones I have listed on the form, and you can order your gift cards in various amounts. Besides the usual vendors we have Lands End, Macy's, Delta Airlines, Panda Express, DSW (shoes), Skechers, etc. Feel free to browse the cards online at raise right.com. For all my regular online orders and super customer Joyce, thank you so much for your continued purchases. All proceeds go to St Jerome's and every little bit helps!



We received a \$2000 grant from Catholic Community Foundation. We will use the money to purchase a new processional crucifix and pyx (for Eucharist distribution for the homebound).



Thank you!



Please continue to share the invitation for former students of Mr. Wallner's to write to him as he nears the end of a long career at St. Jerome School.

WELCOME FR. BIJU MATHEW



Archbishop Hebda has officially assigned Fr. Biju as the Sacramental Minister at the Church of St. Jerome.

Father Biju's role will be to cover as the main celebrant of the sacraments (Masses, Reconciliation, and Special Occasions) and support Pastoral Care needs as he is able, while also being the chaplain to Woodwinds Hospital (Woodbury) and Saint John's Hospital (Maplewood). This assignment begins July 1.

At little about Fr. Biju:

Father Biju Mathew was born on April 10, 1970, in Kerala, India, the second child of Mr. Mathew and Mrs. Annamma Mathew. He has two brothers and one sister. His younger brother is also a religious priest, currently serving in Papua New Guinea.

After completing high school, Father Biju joined the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception in 1985. He completed his minor seminary formation, followed by philosophical studies in Bangalore, India, and then theological studies at the Urban University in Rome. He also earned a Master's degree from the University of Teresianum in Rome.

Father Biju was ordained to the priesthood on September 5, 1998.

Upon returning from Rome, he served his religious congregation in various leadership roles across multiple communities. In 2008, he was missioned to the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, where he served as Pastor of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Saint Paul for nine years. During this time, he also ministered as a chaplain at several hospitals, including HealthPartners, HealthEast, and Fairview, and served as Administrator of Saint Matthew's Church, also in Saint Paul.

In 2017, Father Biju formally joined the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. He currently serves as Pastor of The Church of the Blessed Sacrament, and as Chaplain at Saint John's Hospital in Maplewood and Woodwinds Hospital in Woodbury.

On September 5, 2023, Father Biju joyfully celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his priestly ordination, marking 25 years of faithful service to God and His people.

Fluent in English, Italian, and several Indian languages, Father Biju will bring a wealth of spiritual depth, pastoral experience, and cultural richness to our parish.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS



Do you do needle point, draw with fabric paint, quilt, bead etc?????

We are in need of Baptism bibs and scarves.

Please contact the parish office if you can help. The office has the pattern.

This is what the current bibs look like.



WELCOME FR. TOULEE PETER LY



Archbishop Hebda has officially assigned Fr. Peter as the Parochial Administrator at the Church of St. Jerome.

As the administrator, Fr. Peter has the same duties and scope of authority as a pastor. He will share the duties with Fr. Biju.

At little about Fr. Peter

Born and raised a child of God in the Catholic Church in Saint Paul, Fr Peter was ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ at the Cathedral of Saint Paul in May 2018. Fr Peter's first assignment was at Saint John Neumann in Eagan from 2018-19 before going to Presentation of Mary in Maplewood in July 2019, where he was their Parochial Administrator for a year before becoming their Pastor in the following year.

One of the many blessings in his life as a priest was when Archbishop Hebda opened the door for the Hmong Catholic community from the Saint Vincent de Paul Campus of the Cathedral of Saint Paul, his faith family growing up, to join his current faith family at Presentation of Mary in the summer of 2024.



We ask your prayers for the repose of the souls of Marian Salo & James Dean and for the consolation of their families.

In Memoriam

Schedule of Upcoming Retreats May through September 2026

- (May 19-21) - Women's MidWeek
- (June 9-11) - Women's MidWeek
- (June 25-28) - Silent Retreat Weekend - Men and Women
- (August 6-9) Silent Retreat Weekend - Men and Women
- (September 8-10) Women's Midweek Retreat
- (September 18-20) Grief with HUGG - Men and Women
- (September 24-27) Silent Retreat - Men and Women

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952-447-2182

Gift Certificates Available



FR. LUDESCHER LAMP
will burn this week in prayer for
Ken Newton

**PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
June 1-7**

Monday	9:30am	Small Group
	6:30pm	8th Grade Graduation
Tuesday	7:00pm	Men's Club meeting
Wednesday		Last Day of School
Thursday	8:00am	Hall Rental
	10:00am	Service at nursing home
	10:30am	Small Group
	11:45am	Fatima Prayer Group
Friday	9:00am	Quilters for a Cause
Saturday		
Sunday		Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Adelaide Hickey, Betty Leitner, Florence Jakes
Tuesday	7:15am	Ken Newton
Wednesday	7:15am	Ann Rinehart
	9:45am	
Thursday	7:15am	John Burns Jr.
Friday	7:15am	Dick Schreier
Saturday	8:00am	Louise Nieters
	4:30pm	Members of the Parish
Sunday	9:30am	Achille and Dorothy Pirri & Dick Peiffer

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	M. Simone

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	S. Maldonado
Sun. 9:30 am	R. Klutzke

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

Weekly Offering



**Contributions for the week of
May 20-26**

Weekly Contribution: \$3,557

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



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EUCCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

**Permanent adorers are needed for
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, John & Linda Kostohryz, Mary Laumeyer, Steve Lauinger, Morgan Lenze, Fr. Ken Ludescher, Nancy Mason, Dorothy Mayer, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLellan, Romona Medina, Brian Michalitsch, Nancy Miller, Nolan Mul-laney, Greg Negard, Alida Peltier, Paul Peltier, Christine Pirri, Enrico Pirri, Shannon Presler, Patrick Roth, Theresa Richardson, Mary Rinehart, Sharon Ryan, Cynthia & David Schluender, John Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Don Schwantes, Denny Selby, Gretchen Skinner, Mike Spangenberg, 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.

CHURCH OF
St. Jerome



***“Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.”*** Matthew 11:25

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We stand on the shoulders of giants.

How blessed we are to be able to celebrate over 80 years of strong Catholic presence and formation here in Maplewood, both at Saint Jerome and the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Both parishes have been foundational in helping to provide a rich and strong legacy to thousands of individuals and families for many generations and to this day.

As I come up on my 8th year at Presentation of Mary, and having been privileged to have been at Saint Jerome's now for the last 9 months, filling a void with the sudden passing of Father Victor Valencia this past August, I have been blessed to have met and heard many stories of those who were privileged to have been at both parishes since their establishments in the 1940's, and to have heard many stories of those who have come through our doors and the sacrifices that were made to make both parishes possible.

What great dreams and vision our founding pastors and members had to come out to what was once only fields to build churches and schools to ensure that their families and the families to come, would have a home to pray and grow in.

Just recently, Archbishop Hebda reached out to me to ask if I would be willing to stay on as both pastor of Presentation of Mary and as the Parochial Administrator at Saint Jerome's, what I have been doing for the last 9 months, into the next year as well (July 2026-June 2027). I accepted his request but informed him that I would need assistance as I know that I have not been able to reach all the good people of Saint Jerome's in these 9 months. Understanding that, Archbishop Hebda also asked Father Biju Matthew to come support our efforts as the Sacramental Minister of Saint Jerome's. Father Biju's role would be to help cover as the main celebrant of the sacraments (Masses, Reconciliation, and Special Occasions) and is willing to support any Pastoral Care needs as he is able, while also being the chaplain to Woodwinds Hospital (Woodbury) and Saint John's Hospital (Maplewood).

Deacon Mike Powers of Presentation of Mary, has also graciously raised his hand to help be a presence at the liturgies at Saint Jerome's to support my efforts to provide better pastoral and spiritual care for the people, as well.

I want to share another recent development in our schools' leadership, as well.

Just recently, Mr. Matt O'Keefe, my principal at Presentation of Mary, had shared with me that he would be stepping down from his role as principal and leader at the end of this current school year. With that unexpected news, I took that opportunity to assess Presentation of Mary's situation and the options ahead of us. Similar but different to Saint Jerome's School, we continue to face financial duress, and this

coming year was going to be a year in which we were going to assess our own school's future. Thus, a brand-new principal was not an option as a strong principal is needed to maintain & bring confidence to my staff and families, but also, to help my parish leadership assess our options going forward.

Through prayer, discernment, and counsel from the Office of Mission for Catholic Education (OMCE), I reached out to Mrs. Gattman, principal of Saint Jerome's School, and proposed the idea of her status as continuing to lead Saint Jerome School, but also, to lead Presentation of Mary School, concurrently. The proposal would include making sure that there would be administrative support for her in each of the schools to ensure that there is leadership for staff and students while Mrs. Gattman is at one location or another, and to support the efforts in maintaining both our schools' excellence.

Mrs. Gattman then took time to pray, discern, and receive counsel, as well, and we reconvened to continue the conversation, which ultimately led to her agreeing to be the principal for both Saint Jerome and Presentation of Mary Schools for this upcoming year.

The purpose of my ask and for Mrs. Gattman's agreeing to this proposal is the desire to help create a pathway to the future for sustainable Catholic education here in Maplewood. With her strong school leadership skills and experience that she has proven in these last 9 years at Saint Jerome School, and her ability to connect with students, families, and friends (partners), the hope is that she will be able to come into Presentation of Mary's community and be able to identify our strengths so that we can begin look for opportunities to collaborate with each other and bring along our communities and friends to work with us, together, towards a sustainable future.

As Mrs. Gattman and I discussed what her new role would look like, she shared with me the theme that had already been picked out for Saint Jerome School next year from the Gospel of Matthew 17.7: "**Rise up! Do not be afraid.**", and thought it would be good to use that theme for this effort, too.

I hope that this new development and update will bring you hope and excitement, as it has for Mrs. Gattman and I, and for Saint Jerome School and Presentation of Mary School: the opportunity to start collaborating and working towards a pathway to sustainable Catholic education in Maplewood today and for the next generations.

Please continue to "**Raise Your Hands**" for our schools and to "**Rise Up**" together with us, so that we can continue to build on what we have received from those who came before us, those "giants" who took a chance and the reason we are here, today, 80+ years later.

Do not hesitate to reach out as I know that this development in the school will bring with it some questions. The hope is that there will be no major changes in the day-to-day operations of each school in this next school year 2026-2027.

Saint Jerome & Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

Fr Toulee Peter Ly
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