

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.stjerome-church.org

Email..... secretary@stjerome-church.org

FB www.facebook.com/stjeromecatholic

School. 651-771-8494

Fax 651-771-3466

Website www.stjermeschool.org

Kids' Korner Daycare..... 651-771-1023

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Peter Ly Parochial Administrator

Fr. Biju Mathew..... Sacramental Minister

Administrative Staff

Joanne Lamb Parish Secretary

Music

Open..... Music Director

Faith Formation

Open Religious Ed Coordinator

Florence Ameny 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



July 26, 2026

**17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

MISSION STATEMENT

The people of St. Jerome Church are a Catholic parish community united in the love and grace of Jesus Christ; to celebrate the sacraments and our faith, to proclaim and teach the Gospel values of Christ and His Church, to nurture our faith community, and to respond to the needs of those in and beyond our parish through worship and service.





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. Biju

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ
We are celebrating in the church, the 17th Sunday of ordinary time.
The first reading is taken from the book of wisdom, where Solomon, the king of Israel, asking God for the wisdom to rule his people. He did not ask God for silver or gold. But God granted him both wisdom and richness.
In the second reading Saint Paul highlights that God in his own way chooses, arranges, and calls a person. Every Christian shares in Christ's risen life and so conform themselves more and more to his image.
The parable of the buried treasure and the Pearl are unique to Mathews gospel. Both deal with the advantage of the kingdom and radical commitment to it.
The three readings summarizes that God is the true treasure of our life. We seek happiness in the world of comfort but find monotony. We search for satisfaction in a world of pleasure, but find discontent. We look for power in the world of affluence, but uncover disillusion.
Like Solomon who found wisdom of God above all treasures of the world, St. Paul finds that Jesus is the true treasure of his life. That leads him to total commitment to Jesus.
The gospel invites us to discover the true treasure which will help us to the possibility of new life.
The Eucharist urges all believers to find in the self-giving Jesus the formula for happiness and success. Eucharist teaches that only the Jesus- treasure satisfies.

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE



Thank you to
Betty Wermus and
Teri Gibson who used
their wonderful talents to
make us baptism bibs.

VETERAN'S COLLECTION

THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the wonderful donations. If anyone is interested in seeing where these donations go, you are invited and welcome to come and tour the VA CRRC (Community Resources and Referral Center) facilities and new VA Pantry. They're happy to give us a 10-15 minute guided tour (length depends on how many questions are asked).
If interested please call Jane Rinehart at 612-978-2516



Join us in the school courtyard on
Tuesday Aug. 4
for **National Night Out.**
We will have food and games.

HARVEST PACK—Aug 12 @ 5:10pm

Mark your calendars for Wednesday August 12 to help pack rice meals for 20,000 people. We will need plenty of help to make this night a success both in packing the food and with your financial donation. The cost of each packet is \$0.30. Each packet we make feeds five people. Our goal is to raise \$6000 to pay for the cost of these meals. We can do it! With God's blessing, we have reached our goal the previous 5 years. You can donate by putting your check in an envelope in the collection basket marked, "Harvest Pack", or drop your donation off at the parish office. We will be collecting between now and the packing event.

Watch for your parish council members at the doors of the church signing people up for Harvest Pack, OR go to the parish website and sign up.

Bring your family and friends with you as well!
Thank you and God bless you!



ALTAR SERVER

St. Jerome Church is looking for more altar servers. Anyone male or female, entering 5 grade and older, including adults, can be an altar server. Become more involved in the Mass.

Learn more about your faith and religion.



Summer is a great time to train to be an Altar Server. Please call the parish office if you are interested.



On the weekend of August 1-2, 2026, we welcome Br. Ayub Mwenda, OFMConv., who will speak at all Masses about the missionary work of the Conventual Franciscans throughout the world. Originally from Kenya, Br. Ayub has studied and ministered in Tanzania, Zambia, Poland, Ecuador and the United States. He currently serves as Manager of the St. Thomas of Canterbury Food Pantry in Chicago. This year's Mission Appeal will support the education of young friars in Africa, where vocations are thriving, and assist the friars' ministry among the poor. Please prayerfully consider supporting this important mission of the Church through your generous contribution. Thank you.



Fall is still a ways off. With that said, we wanted to let you know what is on tap starting in October. St Jerome was fortunate enough to obtain a \$600 grant from the Catholic Community

Foundation to fund movie night for the church. We will be able to pay for the movies and purchase some yummy treats with the funds. Our plan is to start showing the movies starting in October and have a movie and treat night every 4-6 weeks. Earlier this year, we had shown the story of St Maximilian Kolbe's days in Auschwitz in the movie *Triumph of the Heart*. Despite a nasty snow storm the day before showing the movie, we had a very good crowd. We will be looking for inspiring faith filled movies for the adult population. Please keep this in mind as we move closer to the fall season. We will be informing you through the bulletin as we get closer to the date.



ARCHBISHOPS HEBDA'S LETTER

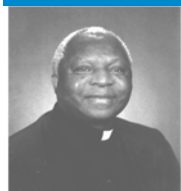
Archbishop Hebda's Letter to Families Is Here!

We know family life can be messy — even Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived amid the harsh realities of their own time.

And our Church wants to walk with you and your families through those struggles, joys and everything in between. Read Archbishop Hebda's pastoral letter to families, "Only One Thing is Necessary," available now at archspm.org/familyletter. Alongside it find a Small Group Guide, podcast recordings in both English and Spanish, and a way to order your own hardbound keep-sake version of the letter.

It is Archbishop's deep desire that, in it, **every** individual in this Archdiocese will see his or her role in the great task at hand, what's at stake, and how we can **all** strive to be united with our families and with each other, in this life and the next. Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—pray for us.

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LETTER TO
FAMILIES



CONGRATULATIONS

Fr. Cletus



Birthday: July 24
Anniversary of Ordination
Aug. 1
55 years as a priest.

Send cards to: 1276 Birch Pond Trl
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

There are 75,000 rosaries needed for the beatification Mass of Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

For information on how to make rosaries:
<https://www.archspm.org/help-make-75000-rosaries-for-the-beatification-of-archbishop-fulton-j-sheen/>



For information on the world mission rosary pilgrimage:
<https://www.archspm.org/events/world-mission-rosary-pilgrimage/>

Schedule of Upcoming Retreats



(August 6-9) Silent Retreat Weekend -Men and Women
(September 8-10) Women's Midweek Retreat
(September 17) Yoga Spiritual Day Retreat *NEW*
(September 18-20) Grief with HUGG - Men and Women
(September 24-27) Silent Retreat -Men and Women

FranciscanRetreats.net

952-447-2182

Gift Certificates Available

SCRIP

Do you know you don't have to wait for one of our physical sales to purchase scrip? You can set up your own account either on your computer or in a mobile app and get what you need anytime. The beauty of scrip is that you can also purchase paper gift cards you can use immediately. Are you taking the family to Outback for dinner? You can purchase a gift card for any amount and then either provide the code off your phone to the waiter or give them the print copy of your certificate. If you don't want to that do but would like to get a paper gift card, you can connect with me about what you want, drop the money for the gift certificate off at the parish office and Joanne will have your paper gift card. There are so many opportunities to use the gift cards. I saw the Odyssey movie this weekend and I purchased a gift card to use for buying both the movie ticket and treats. In the meantime, I earned money for St Jerome while going out and having fun. Please contact me at auglie@usfamily.net if you need any help or have any questions about using scrip. I will gladly provide you with instructions for setting up your own account with scrip. Thank you for supporting St Jerome through scrip. Anita Kennedy



MEN'S SILENT RETREAT Aug 20-23

Come to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville. Join us for a three-day men's silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The retreat begins Thursday evening, August 20, 2026, and ends Sunday evening August 23, 2026. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com

PARISH EVENT CALENDAR July 27-Aug. 2

Monday	9:30am	Small Group
	6:30pm	Decorators
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	Fr. Cletus Anniv. Of Ordination	
	4:30pm	Mission Speaker
Sunday	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:30am	Mission Speaker

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Elizabeth Bilotta
Tuesday	7:15am	Yimlap Tang (living)
Wednesday	7:15am	Bibl Bilotta Jr
	9:45am	No School—Summer
Thursday	7:15am	Daniel Bilotta
Friday	7:15am	John Leahy
Saturday	8:00am	Fr. Cletus Basekela (living)
		Anniv. Of Ordination
	4:30pm	Members of the Parish
Sunday	9:30am	Ken Newton

LITURGICAL ROLES

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	J. Zielinski
Sun. 9:30 am	Y. Clintsman

LECTORS:

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

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	I. Kennedy	A. Bonghan
Sun. 9:30 am	Adult Servers	

Weekly Offering



Contributions for the week of July 15-21

Weekly Contribution: \$2,521.05

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



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secure online site

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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!



Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family

This five-episode video series explores God's incredible design for marriage and the family. Be inspired by the encouraging stories of spouses and families living out the Lord's plan for their holiness.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

Permanent adorers are needed for
Thursdays at 11am
Wednesday at 9am

Long term substitutes are needed to fill in for this hour until a permanent adorer is found. If you are able to help, even for a month, or if you have questions, please call
Monica at 651-442-1673 or
Lorraine at 651-772-2997.

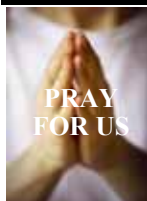


The Chapel is open Monday at 9am
to Thursday at 10pm.

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



Jack Butler
Grace (Wegleitner) Kelley
Eric Dickson
Jared Anderson



PRAY
FOR US

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, Bishop Kevin Kenney, Mary Kishish, Christine Klein, Kevin Klutzke, John & Linda Kostohryz, Mary Laumeier, 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, 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, Laurie Sherman, Gretchen Skinner, Mike Spangenberg, Lori Storla, Joyce Theilhorn, Dave Thomalla, Don Tomsche, George Valento, Danica Weller, Jim Wendt, Beverly Wermus, Eric Witzel, Kevin Yackel



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS (June, July, August)

Closed on Monday and Friday
Open 9:30-1:30 Tues—Thurs.

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.