

C H U R C H O F

380 E. Roselawn Avenue
Maplewood, MN 55117

St. Jerome

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

Parish Office 651-771-1209

Fax 651-771-3466

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. Biju Mathew..... Pastor

Fr. T.J. McKenzie Canonical Administrator

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

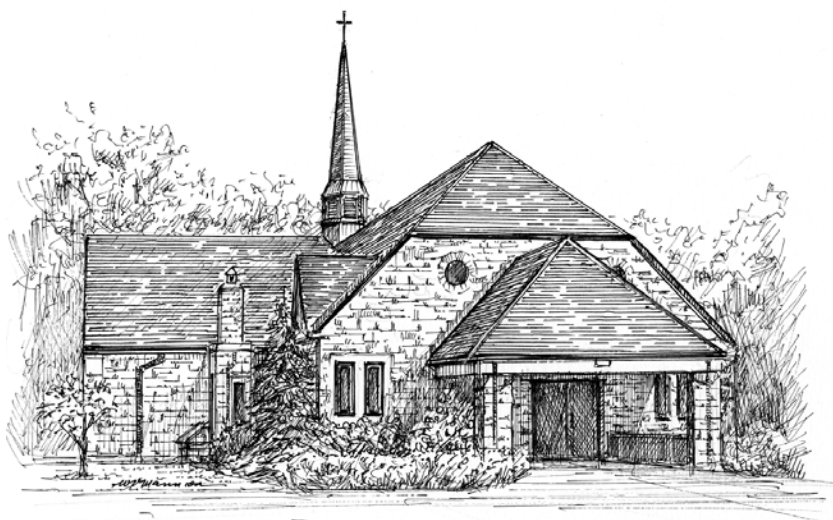
Maintenance

Rick Gahm..... Supervisor

Safe Environment coordinator

Marie Joseph..... 651-771-8494

Victim Assistance Hotline..... 651-291-4475



August 23, 2026

**21st 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 THE PASTOR



As we celebrate in the church the 21st Sunday of the ordinary time, our first reading is taken from the book of prophet Isaiah, where the prophet was instructed to confront Shabana, the master of the palace. The prophet was bidden to announce that Yahweh had plan to replace Shabana with

Eliakim and promises that Eliakim will receive the signs of authority, which is Shabana once processed. The key symbolizes the control of the exclusive power of opening and closing the palace. In the second reading, St. Paul-observes that God works everything out according to his own generosity without the aid of advisors or consultants. He praises God as the one who creates and supports the world, yet who is at the same time the very goal of the world.

In Mathews gospel Peter identifies Jesus as the Messiah and as the son of the living God. we see that Jesus proceed to reward Peter for his perception, for it was not based on weak human nature, but on the revelation received in faith from the father. Jesus confers on Peter, the grace of leadership. The title "rock" evokes the unshakableness he will provide for Jesus church. The keys represent the authority of the power to teach the way to the kingdom. The Rabbinic background of binding and losing implies both authoritative teaching and disciplinary power. We enjoy being over people, but do not release being under the obligation of serving them. We rejoice to have a nameplate and title, but rather forget to implement that name and title for others. We are happy upon making it to the top but resent having to provide for those under us. Jesus makes Peter the leader of his church. By being over the others, he is under the compulsion to serve and assist them. The Eucharist speaks of Jesus leadership as becoming the very life of his people .so we are also invited to do the same.

Fr. Biju Mathew

It's almost fall which means it time to sign up for

FAITH FORMATION:

Please call or email the parish office if you have a child that will be attending Faith formation for grades 1-7 or for Confirmation grades 8 and up.

651-771-1209
secretary@stjerome-church.org



PRINCIPAL's CORNER—Mrs. Gattman

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

Please join me in welcoming Laura Hester, our new Director of Advancement. We are thrilled to have Laura joining our crew!

Laura Hester has spent the last 6+ years working at the Aim Higher Foundation -- a foundation providing tuition assistance scholarships to students in grades K-8 at Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Here, she has held multiple roles serving school leaders, families, and donors. Prior to Aim Higher, Hester has served in a variety of roles in the education sector, and she holds a Masters degree in education public policy from Vanderbilt University. She resides in St. Paul with her husband and two daughters.



We are always grateful when you help us provide school supplies for our students.

Here is a list of the most needed items:

- *2 inch 3 ring binder for 6-8th grade
- *1 inch 3 ring binder for Kindergarten, 4th, 5th
- * 1/2 inch 3 ring binder - clear plastic cover for 1st & 2nd
- * Pencil pouch or box
- *Adult size scissors
- *Red pens
- *pack of pencil erasers
- *Prang paint set of 8 colors
- *box of colored pencils
- *wide ruled spiral notebook
- *standard size black sharpie
- *water bottles
- *folders with prongs
- *Disinfecting wipes, bottles of hand sanitizer, box of Kleenex, gallon size Ziploc bags

Thank you!

Let's keep one another in our daily prayers. It's a great time to be a part of the St. Jerome community!

Anne

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

God calls us first. Do you have a sense of that call in you? You may be hearing the echo of our Lord's call. "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process developed by the Catholic Church for adults to enter the Catholic Church. The process of OCIA starts on Wednesday Oct. 14th at 6:30 pm. For more information call the parish office.

SCRIP

We are nearing the end of August and quickly approaching our September Scrip sale. This is one of four physical gift card sales we have every year and it is a great opportunity to make some additional money for our church. The sale begins September 6th and ends September 21st. This is a great time to stock up on your frequently used cards for groceries or gas. I purchase cards for various restaurants that I plan to go to during the following months. This is also the time to get an early start on some Christmas gift cards, whether you buy them to purchase your gifts or give them as gifts.



Pilgrimage to Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Sept. 21-25, Peoria, IL and St. Louis, MO

Join Catholic faithful from around the archdiocese in a pilgrimage to the Beatification of one of the nation's most preeminent archbishops, Fulton J. Sheen. Pilgrimage includes a visit to the Fulton J. Sheen Museum, a tour of the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception and Archbishop Sheen's tomb in Peoria, IL, options for Mass daily, Vespers, a Mass of Thanksgiving, and time to explore downtown St. Louis. Find more information at archspm.org/events/pilgrimage-fulton-sheen.



SEPTEMBER 19

**NEW THIS
YEAR!**

Start your day with a pancake breakfast at 9:00am.

From 9:00-4:00 there will be a craft fair in the school gym

At 2:30 Brio Brass will play music under the tent.

After Mass at 6:00pm there will be a live Fire demonstration. You will not want to miss.

The Saint Jerome Parish Safety Committee and the National Fire Sprinkler Association is hosting a live-fire "side-by-side" demonstration following the Fall Festival evening Mass on September 19. There is no better way to witness the ravages of fire or the life- and property-saving benefits of a residential fire sprinkler system! Feel the heat, see how fast fire is, and witness how rapidly a fire is contained by the activation of a single fire sprinkler! Two living rooms will be lit on fire and allowed to burn. One living room is protected by a single fire sprinkler. You'll see just how fast the smoke alarm and the sprinkler operates to keep your family safe! The other living room is unprotected, and you'll see how fast and deadly fire can be. The un-sprinklered room will be consumed in a "flashover" in less than 3 minutes, and we'll watch the Maplewood Fire Department respond and extinguish what's left of the room.

QUILTERS FOR A CAUSE—Aug. 28

Do you like to sew? Would you like to spend a few hours with some fun people and eat some good food? Quilting experience is not necessary but basic machine sewing skills are helpful.

The Quilters will meet on Friday, August 28, 9:00 till 2:30. Come whatever hours you can and bring something to share for potluck lunch.

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.

Harvest Pack 2026



JOIN THE FALL FESTIVAL CHOIR



2026 FALL FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSALS

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 12 - 2:30 in church
OR

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 16 - 6:00 in church

Fourth graders through adults are welcome.

For more information - contact Mary Beth Hess
sistermb@comcast.net ~ 612-270-2752 cell



PARISH EVENT CALENDAR August 24-30

Monday	9:30am	Small Group
	6:30pm	Decorators
Tuesday	6:30pm	Watchmen Mtg (St. John's)
Wednesday		
Thursday	10:00am	Rosary at nursing home
	6:30pm	Liturgy Committee
Friday	9:00am	Quilters for a Cause
	4:15pm	Finance Committee
Saturday	12:00pm	Hall Rental
Sunday		22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Fr. Victor Valencia
Tuesday	7:15am	Zach Olberding
Wednesday	7:15am	Christine Tell
	8:45am	No School—Summer
Thursday	7:15am	Don Tomsche & Hao Dang (living)
Friday	7:15am	Ann Nichols
Saturday	8:00am	Irene Tschida
	4:30pm	Members of the Parish
Sunday	9:30am	Zach Olberding

LITURGICAL ROLES

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	M. Montie
Sun. 9:30 am	B. Cardinal

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	Y. Clintsman
Sun. 9:30 am	D. Flasch

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	I. Kennedy	A. Bonghan
Sun. 9:30 am	G. Murphy	M. Murphy
	G. Revering	



Contributions for the week of August 12-18

Weekly Contribution: \$2767

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



We will be remembering
Fr. Victor's
one year anniversary
of death.
Monday August 24
at 7:15am.

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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Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story

The Michelle Duppong Story is a modern-day story of Servant of God Michelle Duppong, who bore witness to Christ through heroic suffering and a passion for inviting others to be transformed by God's love.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

Permanent adorers are needed for Thursdays at 11am

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 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, 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



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