

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..... 8:45 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

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Pastoral Staff

Fr. Biju Mathew..... Pastor

Fr. T.J. McKenzie School Canonical
Administrator

Administrative Staff

Joanne Lamb Parish Secretary

Music

Deborah Berioli..... Music Director

Faith Formation

Open..... Religious Ed Coordinator

Florence Amenia Confirmation

School

Anne Gattman Principal

Grace Zappa Preschool Director

Laura Hester..... Advancement Director

Sue Costello School Secretary

Nay Paw School Secretary

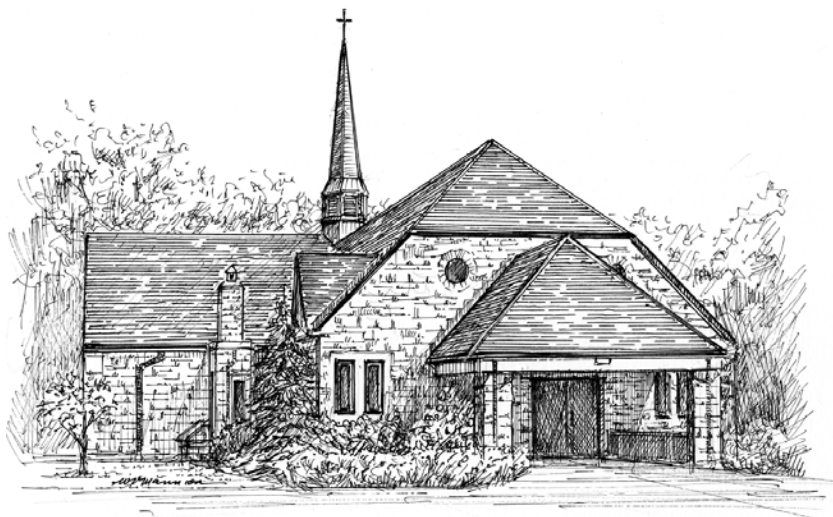
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Rick Gahm Supervisor

Safe Environment coordinator

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

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



September 27, 2026

**26th 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



We celebrate today the 26th Sunday in ordinary time. The first reading is from the book of prophet Ezekiel. The prophet preached the message of personal responsibility of the people of Israel. The exilic community urged that God was unjustly afflicting them for the sins of their forefathers. But surprisingly God would help them to

begin a new life. It was a question of personal responsibility in which the options were the fall of the righteous from Grace or repentance of the guilty.

Saint Paul's community in Philippi experienced factions and rivalries. In this context, St. Paul first appeals for harmony by referring to their Union in Christ. They should not be motivated by selfishness or empty glory but by humble attitude in Christ. They should grow in humility and Christ should be their role model.

In the gospel of Mathew, Jesus affirms that the social outcasts, sinners and tax collectors entering the kingdom of God. But the Pharisees and scribes, by rejecting Jesus message of repentance, place themselves outside the kingdom of God.

The holy Eucharist challenges all members of community to hear the words of Jesus and act on it, by emptying themselves for God and others.

Fr. Bijou Mathew

PRINCIPAL's CORNER—Mrs. Gattman

Roaring Good News from St. Jerome School!

This weekend, I'd like to let you know about a really amazing program designed to build teaching resources for our Drexel Mission Schools. St. Jerome is a Drexel Mission School and, fortunately, we have a stable teaching team. Sometimes, though, it can be hard to find teachers for our Catholic Schools. This program, through the University of St. Thomas, helps to prepare teachers while paying them to work in a school at the same time.

Called to Teach: The Drexel Catholic Teacher Academy, a new partnership with the University of St. Thomas School of Education, offers a paid pathway to becoming a licensed Catholic school teacher: mentored classroom experience, ~90% tuition covered, a paid stipend, a bachelor's degree, and a Minnesota K-6 license. First cohort begins February 2027. Nominate someone or yourself at <https://form.jotform.com/262037061816049> or contact Erin Nemetz, Director, Drexel Catholic Teacher Academy, at erin.nemetz@stthomas.edu.



Nominate Someone to Teach



"Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire." ~ St. Catherine of Siena

Anne Gattman, Principal

FEAST OF ST. JEROME



Feast of St. Jerome
September 30

**What do you know about
St. Jerome?**

St. Jerome was born in Strido, Dalmatia (Croatia) in 347 AD to well-to-do Christian parents. He was educated at home until he was 12 when he was sent to Rome to further his studies. There he learned grammar, rhetoric, philosophy, and literature. While in Rome, his morals lapsed. His guilt over his behavior led him to spend Sundays visiting catacombs to remind himself of his mortality and the prospect of hell. Ultimately, he experienced a conversion and was baptized in 366 by Pope Liberius.

After his baptism, Jerome traveled around to many different communities and Christian sites. He also became a hermit for several years. While in the desert, he studied Greek and learned Hebrew. There, he began translating books into Latin. He likely composed his first work of literature in 374 while staying as a guest of a priest. During this stay, Jerome experienced a dream in which he was brought before a tribunal of the Lord. In the dream, the Judge asked him who he was, to which he responded, "I am a Christian." The Judge accused him of lying and of being a follower of the Roman philosopher Cicero. Jerome realized he was more attached to pagan literature than to the Sacred Word. He vowed to abandon pagan literature, and for many years the dream caused great spiritual crisis for him.



Sweepstake winners!
\$1000: Paul Dickson
\$750: Rose Schreier
\$500: Joe Schreier
\$250: Al Willenbring

QUILTERS FOR A CAUSE—Oct. 2

We will be meeting on Friday, October 2 from 9:00—2:30. Come whatever hours you can and bring something to share for pot-luck lunch.



Do you like to sew? Would you like to spend a few hours with some fun people and eat some good food? We can find a task for you - quilting experience is not necessary but basic machine sewing skills are helpful.

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](tel:651-489-4177).

BIBLE STUDY—Revelation



Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially

from a Catholic perspective. Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in this Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven.

The Church of St. Jerome will begin an eleven-week Bible study Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come on Sunday, October 11 at 1:30 PM or Monday, October 12 at 9:30 AM or 6:30 PM in Ludescher Hall.

Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

For more information or to register, visit our parish website: <https://stjerome-church.org/faith-formation/> or contact the parish office.

In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



There will be a commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass on **Saturday, Oct 24 and Sunday, Oct 25.**

This commissioning is for all currently active Eucharistic Ministers, and those who wish to join this Blessed ministry.

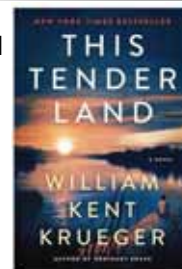
Please contact Tom Zappa ([651 776 0897](tel:651-776-0897)) with questions



FR. LUDESCHER LAMP
will burn this week in prayer for
Pat and Lou Hermes

NEW SMALL GROUP—Book Club

Have you ever read a great book and thought 'Who else has read this and would like to talk about it'? Then this small group is for you. We would like to start a small group book club at St Jerome's. **We will be meeting every other month on the first Thursday at 6:00PM** in the church basement to discuss the book that has been selected. Our first meeting will be on **November 5th**. For the first book, we will read and discuss **This Tender Land** by **William Kent Krueger**. Krueger is a MN based author and this book is historical fiction and is set in MN in the 1930's. Each individual will be responsible to buy or check out the book from the library, read and be ready to discuss at each small group meeting. Each group member will have the opportunity to suggest a book for the next book club meeting. Whoever is interested, just needs to read the book and show up at the first gathering. Please contact Dora Burns (djburns0118@gmail.com or 651-235-0188) if you have questions.



MOVIE NIGHT—Oct. 21



Join St Jerome's Church for a movie and pizza on Wednesday, October 21st at 6 pm in the lower church. Anyone 14 or older is invited.

We will be watching the movie based on St Frances Cabrini, titled, Cabrini. Saint Cabrini is the first American to be recognized by the Catholic Church as a Saint following her charitable work in NYC to poor Italian immigrants in the 1800s.

Pizza and beverages will be provided by a grant from the Catholic Community Foundation. We plan on sponsoring a movie every other month. The next movie night will be December 3rd followed by February 4th.

SING AT INSTALLATION MASS



OCTOBER 4 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

ALL ARE WELCOME to sing for this very special Mass.
Won't you join us?

REHEARSALS -

Saturday - September 26 - 2:30 p.m.

OR

Wednesday - September 30 - 6:00 p.m.

RSVP - Call the Parish Office - [651-771-1209](tel:651-771-1209)

Or email sistermb@comcast.net

Mary Beth Hess - Interim Music Director

PARISH EVENT CALENDAR Sept. 28-Oct 4

Monday	9:30am	Small group
	6:30pm	Decorators
Tuesday		
Wednesday		Feast of St. Jerome
	6:00pm	Choir practice
Thursday	10:00am	Mass at nursing home
	10:30am	Small Group
	11:45am	Fatima Prayer & Rosary
Friday	9:00am	Quilters for a Cause
Saturday		
Sunday		27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:30am	Installation Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Fr. Ken Ludescher (living)
Tuesday	7:15am	Sr. Clarice Gierzak
Wednesday	7:15am	Dennis Bednarek
	8:45am	
Thursday	7:15am	John Burns Sr.
Friday	7:15am	Glenda Scow
Saturday	8:00am	Dick Schreier
	4:30pm	Members of the Parish
Sunday	9:30am	Philip Brady

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	J. Gattman
Sun. 9:30 am	T. Zappa

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

Weekly
Offering



**Contributions for the week of
Sept. 16-21**

Weekly Contribution: \$3,490

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



Fr. Biju Mathew
Installation Mass
Sunday October 4 at 9:30am
Bishop Izen will be present
Reception to follow.

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.

THANK YOU SCHREIER MEMORIAL



Thank you to the
Patricia Schreier Trust
for the wonderful
donation to the Parish.

SCRIP

A huge thank you to all who purchased SCRIP this time around. Thanks to you, we earned over \$570 with just this one sale. That is fantastic! We had a few more people ordering this time and that really made us surpass what we generally earn by almost \$200. In the coming weeks, I will be listing instructions for those of you who would like to reload their gift cards once the initial amount has been spent. With the exception of Culver's and Menards, most of the other cards are reloadable, including the gas and grocery cards which make it handy when checking out or filling your vehicle with gas. Our next physical gift card sale will be in early December so you will have your cards early enough for Christmas giving.



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus
Nazareth Council #4021
Who donated \$200 to the Fall Festival.
(pictured) Knights, Bob Cardinal & Ricky Revering



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