

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

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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

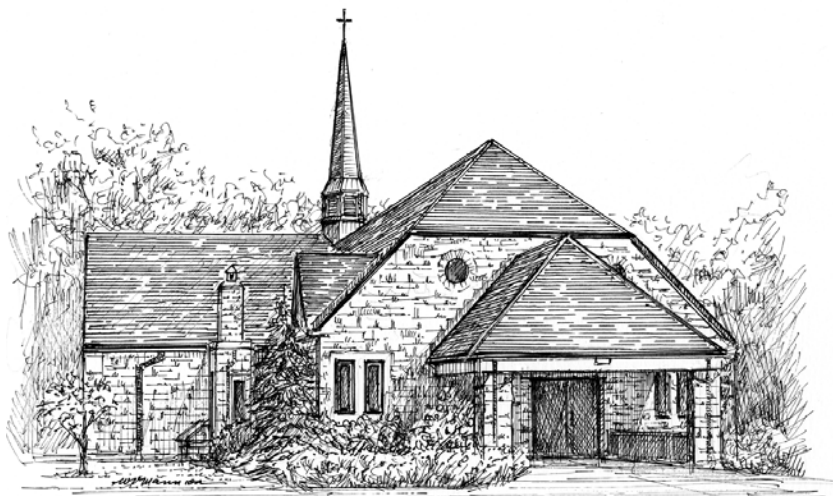
Maintenance

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Safe Environment coordinator

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October 4, 2026

**27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



Congratulations

Fr. Biju Mathew

Installation Mass

Welcome Bishop Michael Izen



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 are celebrating today, the 27th Sunday of the ordinary time. The first reading, the book of prophet Isaiah, states that Israel is the chosen people of God or Yahweh's covenantal creation. The covenant presumes not only rights, but also obligation. God looked for faithfulness, but found only bloodshed. God sought righteousness, but heard only the cry of the oppressed people.

In the second reading, St. Paul, before concluding the letter to the Philippians, appeals to the community to avoid preoccupations by concentrating on prayer, but especially a grateful form of prayer. He also reminds them to remember the teachings and examples he showed to them.

Matthew's gospel presents Israel as the vineyard of God. Israel rejected the prophets both before and after exile. Finally, Israel rejected his son, Jesus Christ. But by the resurrection of Jesus, God turned disaster into exaltation. Through the resurrection of Jesus, the church became a symbol of unity between Jews and Gentiles. So according to Matthew, belonging to Christ means to produce good for God and for others.

Holy Eucharist is a reminder that we all belong to the body of Christ than the individual self. To eat and drink with Christ means to provide food and drink for the body of Christ, especially for poor and marginalized.

Fr. Bijou Mathew

PRINCIPAL's CORNER—Mrs. Gattman

Roaring Good News from St. Jerome School!

The Aim Higher Foundation exists for one reason ~ to help parents afford to choose Catholic education for their children. Many of our parish and school families have benefited from Aim Higher Scholarships. These are \$1,000 per year scholarships for students, each year, from Kindergarten through 8th grade. As many of you know, we do everything we can to say "yes" to parents who seek a Catholic education at St. Jerome. For the 2026-2027 school year, St. Jerome School will receive \$120,000 in Aim Higher Scholarships. This gift is a tremendous help to our families and to our ability to say "yes" and welcome students to our school.

This past weekend, our St. Jerome School students, under the leadership of Ms. Sophie Emery, were honored to join the Aim Higher Choir at their annual Night of Light Gala. Here's a great picture of our students:



In other school news ~ we kicked off **Rake-a-Thon 2026!** Do you live close by? Could we be helpful raking your yard for you? Rake-a-Thon will be Friday, October 30, 2026. Please let Joanne know, 651-771-1209 if you'd like us to put your yard on our list. **Our goal is to receive pledges for \$10,000 and have 100% participation from all students.** I know we can do it! Peace and blessings to you this fall, Anne Gattman, Principal

FEAST OF ST. JEROME



**Feast of St. Jerome
September 30**

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

After years spent in the desert, Jerome returned to Antioch where he developed a reputation as a great scholar. There, he eventually was ordained a priest, though with the stipulation that he not be forced to take on priestly duties in order to fully pursue his monastic interests. He spent much time extensively studying the scriptures. In 382, he returned to Rome where he became a secretary to Pope Damasus. He continued his scholarly work, notably using Greek manuscripts to update Latin versions of the Gospels. He also led classes for women who were interested

in monastic life, and defended the idea of Mary as perpetual virgin. After the death of Pope Damasus, Jerome left Rome for the Holy Land, discouraged by his belief that the Roman clergy was corrupt.

Jerome journeyed to the Holy Land and visited important spiritual and archaeological sites. He settled in Bethlehem where he would live for the rest of his life. There he spent 34 years writing— histories, biographies, and biblical exegeses. He also revised his previous translations of the Gospels, and translated books of the Old Testament into Latin. Legend has it that one day while Jerome was giving a lecture in Bethlehem, an injured lion, with a thorn stuck in its paw, wandered into the monastery. Jerome extracted the thorn, which cured the lion, who stayed on with him as his companion. Jerome died in 420 but was not canonized until 1747. He is the patron saint of translators, Biblical scholars, and librarians.

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.



BIBLE STUDY—Revelation—Oct 11/12



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.

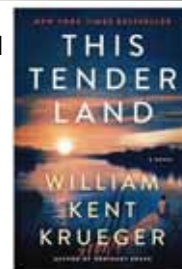
Please contact Tom Zappa (651 776 0897) with questions



THANK YOU
to all who came to spruce up the campus. It looks great!

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.



ALUMNI *reunion*

Join us as we celebrate 75 years of St. Jerome School!

Food trucks, school tours, and more!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

2 PM to 6 PM at St. Jerome School

384 Roselawn Ave Maplewood, MN 55117

RSVP today!



PARISH EVENT CALENDAR October 5-11

Monday	9:30am	Small group
Tuesday	7:00pm	Men's Club
Wednesday		
Thursday	10:00am	Rosary at nursing home
	1:30pm	Small Group
	6:30pm	Parish Council
Friday		
Saturday	5:30pm	Hall Rental
Sunday	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	1:30pm	Bible Study

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Dick and MaryJo Morris (living)
Tuesday	7:15am	Emily Ameyna
Wednesday	7:15am	Bruce Weber (living)
	8:45am	
Thursday	7:15am	John Becker
Friday	7:15am	Patricia Schreier
Saturday	8:00am	Jack & Adelaide Hickey
	4:30pm	Members of the Parish
Sunday	9:30am	Yony Rubio

LITURGICAL ROLES

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	S. Yackel
Sun. 9:30 am	T. Schoenecker

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	C. Geis
Sun. 9:30 am	S. Cardinal

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

Weekly
Offering



**Contributions for the week of
Sept. 23-29**

Weekly Contribution: \$2,936

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



GIVE HERE:

Scan this QR Code to
donate Weekly Offerings or
any donation direct via our
secure online site

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.

55 CLUB—Oct. 20

Presentation and Blessed Sacrament have invited us to
join their Young at Heart Group. They host monthly
luncheons at Blessed Sacrament.
Location: 2119 Stillwater Ave East, St. Paul

Tuesday October 20—Chicken enchiladas, rice, beans,
Pico de gallo, and lettuce as garnish. Dessert: Cookies.
Entertainment: Bingo ... **Service project:** Please bring
scarves, mittens, and hats for adults and children in need.

All meals are catered by The Little Oven Restaurant.
**Reservations are required by the Friday before the
luncheon. NO exceptions. \$15 per person**
Cancellations are also required by the Friday before the
lunch.

Check in opens at 11:45. Lunch is served at 12:30pm

To register call: **Patti Leo 651-231-6667**

RSVP: by Friday October 16



October is
Respect Life
month.

Respect Life Month Novena October 22-30

The annual Respect Life Month Novena prays for the
protection of human life, from conception to natural
death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-
life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short re-
flection and suggested action to help build a culture of
life.

Get the daily prayers by email or text message.

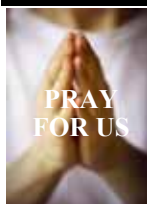
Visit:

Respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena

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, Sha-
ron 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,
Mike & Sharon Ryan, Cynthia & David Schluender, John Schluender,
Michelle Schoenecker, Don Schwantes, Denny Selby, Laurie Sher-
man, Gretchen Skinner, Mike Spangenberg, Lori Storla, Joyce Theil-
horn, Dave Thomalla, Don Tomsche, George Valento, Danica Weller,
Jim Wendt, Beverly Wermus, Eric Witzel, Kevin Yackel