

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 8:00 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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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

Sue Costello..... School Secretary

Nay Paw School Secretary

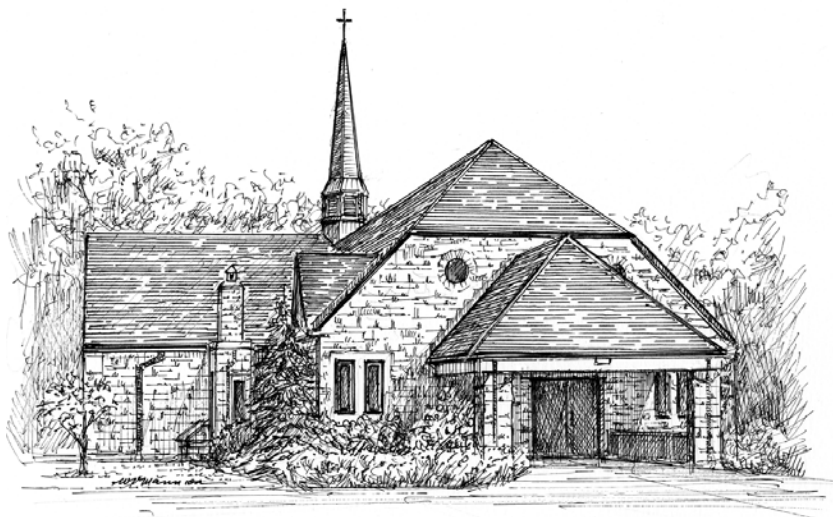
Maintenance

Rick Gahm..... Supervisor

Safe Environment coordinator

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

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



October 11, 2026

**28th 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 28th Sunday in ordinary time. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah, brings the message of hope to the people of Israel during the postexilic period. The prophet proclaims God's final victory over evil and the great banquet for all those loyal to Yahweh. The history of suffering and evil are over. The symbols of death and mourning are destroyed.

St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians, thanks the community for their generous help during his missionary work. St. Paul assures the Philippinas that God will meet their needs just as they have met his.

Gospel of Mathew, speaking about the royal wedding feast as the image of God's final Union with his own in heaven. According to St. Mathew, only the faithful have reserved seats. Mathew points out that enjoying the final banquet with Jesus community requires ongoing effort.

The invitation to Christianity is only a beginning. Only ongoing fidelity assures final election. The holy Eucharist presents to the community the example of the struggling, faithful Jesus of the passion. Eucharist, there by announces that in Jesus' kingdom only the faithful have reserved seats.

Fr. Biju Mathew

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.

FR. LUDESCHER LAMP

will burn this week in prayer for
Pat and Lou Hermes

PRINCIPAL's CORNER—Mrs. Gattman

Roaring Good News from St. Jerome School!

We hope you have marked your calendars for the **Celebration of 75 Years as St. Jerome School**. On September 15, 1951, the Parish of St. Jerome opened its doors to begin educating children as a Catholic school. Imagine the stories! **Celebrate with us on Sunday, November 1, from 2-6pm.** Food trucks, drinks, bonfires, smores, games and activities for families, walks down memory lane, and plenty of space to gather and visit with old (and maybe new) friends.

Please help us spread the word to others who may be interested. Visit our website for more information and to RSVP: <https://www.stjeromeschool.org/alumni-reunion>.





ST. JEROME SCHOOL 75
EST 1951

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!



One more thing...Mrs. T, our Middle School Math and Science teacher has offered to host a **Chess Club** for our students. **Do you have a chess set that you would like to donate to us?** We would welcome gently used, complete or new chess sets for our newly formed Chess Club. Please and thank you so much!

Peace and blessings to you,
Anne Gattman, Principal

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Dear St. Jerome Parishioners,
Is the Holy Spirit calling you to be more involved within our Parish? We invite you to join the Parish Council. The council supports our priest, sets goals for the parish, helps build the parish and bring Christ to all. The council sponsors events such as Harvest Pack, National Night Out, Christmas Tea, and Coffee and Donut Sundays. We have three open seats that we'd love to fill with new ideas and voices. No experience is necessary. Please open your hearts and prayerfully consider this. If you have questions or would like to join the council, please contact the parish office or fill out a nomination sheet in your pew and put in the collection basket.

Meetings are the
2nd Thursday of the month.
New members start Nov. 12
for a 3 year term.



WELCOME DEBORAH—Music Director

Deborah Berioli was born and raised in Harmony, NJ, in a Catholic family of church musicians. She grew up singing at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Belvidere, NJ, where her mother served as organist and choir director, and her father sang in the choir and led the Holy Name Society. Deborah vividly recalls singing her first solo during her First Holy Communion and being fascinated by her mother's piano practice at home. After sounding out hymns after Mass on piano (and after several years of begging), she officially began her piano and voice studies at the age of seven. She later pursued formal musical training at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ, where she was one of the youngest members selected to perform with their prestigious choir.



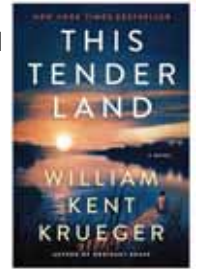
Feeling called to sing from an early age, Deborah has devoted her life to music study, performance, direction, and education. Her professional career includes performing leading operatic roles across the country with organizations such as The Minnesota Opera Company and The Minnesota Orchestra. She made her Carnegie Hall debut as the soprano soloist for the Mozart Requiem in 2001 and has received critical acclaim for her portrayals of The Countess Almaviva in Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" and Amelia in Verdi's "A Masked Ball."

Deborah is passionate about helping musicians experience music as a sacred connection to the liturgy, and is dedicated to fostering an environment where musicians of all levels feel supported and inspired to share their unique gifts in reverent devotion.

Deborah recently relocated to Minneapolis from Denver, Colorado. In her free time, she enjoys biking the local trails and exploring the area's wonderful restaurants. She is thrilled to serve the community of St. Jerome and looks forward to getting to know all of you!

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.



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](tel:6517760897)) with questions

PARISH EVENT CALENDAR Oct 12-18

Monday	9:30am	Small group
	9:30am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Decorators
Tuesday		
Wednesday	11:15am	OCIA
Thursday	7:15am	Anointing of the Sick
	10:00am	Service at nursing home
	10:30am	Small Group
	6:30pm	Liturgy meeting
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	10:30am	Confirmation
	1:30pm	Bible Study

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Jeff & Diane Hawkins (living)
Tuesday	7:15am	
Wednesday	7:15am	Ken Newton
	8:45am	No School
Thursday	7:15am	Al & Rose Spangenberg
Friday	7:15am	Patricia Schreier
Saturday	8:00am	Cathy Deiman (living)
	4:30pm	John Maldonado
Sunday	9:30am	Members of the Parish

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	Y. Clintsman

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	S. Maldonado
Sun. 9:30 am	D. Flasch

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	S. Anyanwu	Chi Anyanwu
Sun. 9:30 am	C. Zorobi	R. Odhiambo
	Z. Odhiambo	



Contributions for the week of Sept. 30– Oct. 6

Weekly Contribution: \$4,275
Weekly Budget: \$6,923
Yearly Budget: \$360,000

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Oct 17/18

Your contribution will go towards helping teachers and catechists to teach the faith in urban centers and remote villages. You will help to build churches and chapels in mission stations for people to worship, hear God's word and receive sacraments. Please be generous.

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 reflection and suggested action to help build a culture of life.

Get the daily prayers by email or text message.

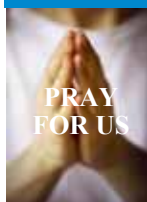
Visit:

Respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



Jack Butler
Grace (Wegleitner) Kelley
Eric Dickson
Jared Anderson



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, Mike & Sharon Ryan, Cynthia & David Schluender, John Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Don Schwantes, Denny Selby, Laurie Sherman, Gretchen Skinner, Mike Spangenberg, Walter Stadler, Lori Stolla, Joyce Theilhorn, Dave Thomalla, Don Tomsche, George Valento, Danica Weller, Jim Wendt, Beverly Wermus, Eric Witzel, Kevin Yackel