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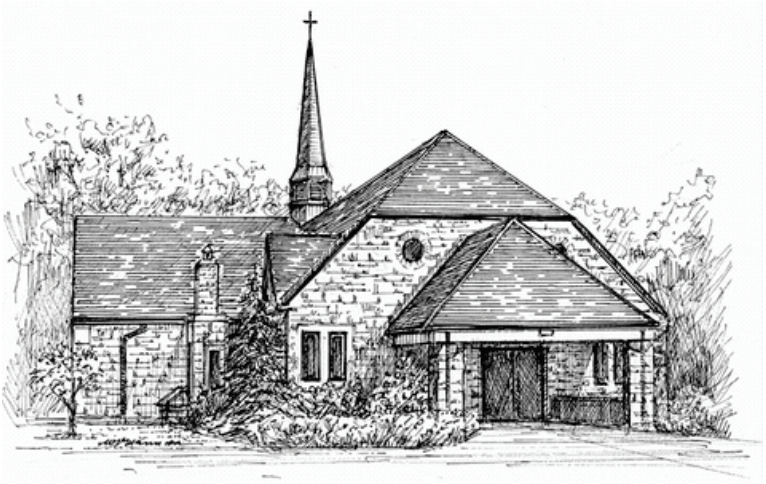
St. Jerome



November 29, 2026

1st Sunday of Advent



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
Sacraments
Eucharistic Adoration ..... Monday 9:00 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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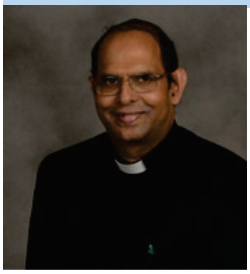
1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 first Sunday of advent season. The first reading, from the part of third Isaiah, which is written at time when Jerusalem was still in ruins and God seemed to be at a distance. At this point the community looks back nostalgically on the miracles of the past and frankly admits that they can never occur again. Israel admits that her sinfulness provoked God's wrath.

The psalm addresses Yahweh as ruler and ask God not to forget Israel.The psalm concludes with a request for new life.

St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians greeting with grace and peace indicating the God's covenant with people and their allegiance to God.

St. Mark, insists on vigilance in the time prior to the second coming of Jesus. According to Mark, to have authority is to serve, not to be served. Fidelity is the key requirement for the returning of the master. To welcome returning Lord, one must welcome the sisters and brothers of the same lord.

The holy Eucharist offers the example of Jesus as model for the community. Eucharist urges the community to reflect that stance in meeting mutual needs.

Fr. Biju

EAGAN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS ENCORE! 2026



Tickets On Sale November 9th at 8am

Senior Citizen Preview:
Wednesday, December 2, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Play
Friday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Our faithful server Simon Anyanwu is in this play.

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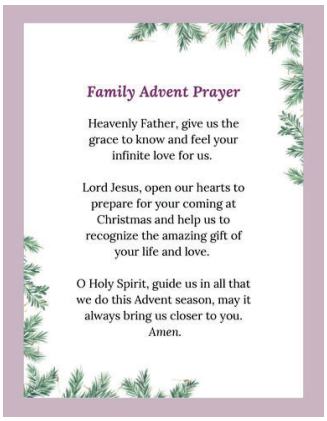
PRINCIPAL's CORNER—Mrs. Gattman
Roaring Good News from St. Jerome School!

Thank you for your prayers and support for St. Jerome School's Give Day 2026! We surpassed our goal of $75,000 and were able to unlock the match of $75,000. All money raised through the school's fundraising efforts goes toward operating the school and being able to provide a Catholic education for families of all economic means. We look forward to what the next 75 years hold for St. Jerome School.

Advent is a beautiful season made all the better when celebrated among children. The school will be working to ready Jesus's crib by offering acts of service, prayers and sacrifices during the upcoming Advent weeks. We'll also be gathering for Advent Prayer on Mondays at 8:30 in the connecting hallway. Please feel welcome to join us.



Next Saturday, December 5, 2026 we hope you'll join us at 4:30 Mass and for the Christmas Tree Lighting after Mass. Hot cocoa, cookies, a visit and photo opportunity with Santa, and singing!







CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY
December 6 - 10:45am

A full afternoon tea service, which includes finger sandwiches, scones, and a selection of cakes and cookies will be provided with your choice of tea.

$20 Adults, $10 Students. Reserve your spot on the parish website or call the parish office.

QUILTERS FOR A CAUSE
December 4

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.

We will meet Friday, December 4, 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.



LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Families are welcome to help with lighting the candles on the Advent Wreath at the weekend liturgies during Advent, If you are interested, please sign up on the board at the entrance of the church. We need one family or person for each of the weekend masses.

This weekend marks the first week of Advent and the start of a new liturgical year for the Catholic Church. As the new year begins, the Church continues its 3-year rotation cycle of scripture readings. We transition from cycle A to cycle B readings this Advent, and we move into Gospel readings drawn mainly from the Gospels of Saint Mark and Saint John.

Like the Israelites longing for a Savior and languishing in the darkness of an evil world, the Church of Saint Jerome begins each weekend Mass in the Advent season with a darkened church. All the lights are turned off at the start of Mass as we are called to solemn worship. The first glimmer of hope of that long-expected Messiah comes with the lighting of the first candle on the Advent wreath, which represents the light of Christ coming into a world of darkness. This candle is purple in color and is known as the Prophet's Candle, or the Candle of Hope. It symbolizes the hope for the coming of a Savior who would redeem the people of God - a Savior foretold by the prophets. The candles on the Advent wreath at St. Jerome's are lit by parishioners and visitors selected before each Mass or who volunteer for this important work. Volunteers will participate in the procession at the beginning of Mass. Once the wreath has been lit, the light in the church will return.

The Gospel reading this weekend relates the warning that Jesus gives his disciples to "watch and be alert" for the master's return - an admonition to us all to be prepared, to be ready, and to eagerly anticipate the coming of Christ. With hope in our hearts, we wait-- for the resurrected Lord who was first the babe in the manger.

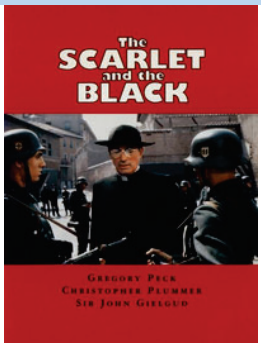
SCRIP CARD SALE
due Dec. 14



The final physical sale of the year is here for Scrip. I hope you will purchase Scrip for gift giving and all your Christmas cooking and baking needs. Let us make some good money for the church with our sale. It doesn't cost you anything extra and with each purchase you make, you are earning money for the church. Don't forget to purchase gift cards in smaller amounts for your hairdresser, your neighbor who shovels or cuts your grass and anyone else you would like to remember this time of year. **Your order is due in the office by noon on 12/14 or drop in the church basket no later than Sunday, December 13th.** Thank you! Anita Kennedy



Join us for movie and popcorn night!
Thursday, December 3rd @ 6 pm
All ages are welcome



This is the riveting story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, an Irish Catholic priest stationed in the Vatican in WWII. The Monsignor risks his life to establish a network that saves thousands of POWs and Jews from Nazi occupied Rome. Watch him outwit and defy the Gestapo. Based on the book The Scarlet Pimpernel of the Vatican.

DECEMBER GIVING TREE



Our parish is sponsoring families from the Ramsey County Family Sponsorship program.
Each family receives:
•1 clothing item per child *1 parent gift
•1 toy item per child *1 grocery gift certificate
We are doing a virtual giving tree. Please donate the money to pay for a gift or two. We have already bought the gifts and are wrapping them Sunday afternoon at noon.
Please place your donation in the basket in the back of the church or send to the parish office marked "giving tree".
We have been given 2 families—10 people total.

SING AT CHRISTMAS

The Advent and Christmas seasons are fast approaching. If you are musically inclined, there are many ways to get involved in our music program at St. Jerome's. Whether you play an instrument (guitar, flute, cello, drums, etc.) or love to sing, I invite you to share your talents during Mass!



- Singers: No audition required.
- Instrumentalists: Please email me directly to chat about your experience.

Rehearsal Schedules for Christmas



Sat December 12, 2-3pm
Sun December 13, 11-12pm
Sat December 19, 2-3pm
Sun December 20, 11-12pm

If you are interested, please email me at music@stjerome-church.org or speak with me after Mass.

Blessings,
Deborah Berioli

DATES TO REMEMBER



December 2	**Movie Night**
December 5	**Tree Lighting - after 4:30 Mass**
December 6	**Christmas Tea - after 9:30 Mass**
December 8	**Immaculate Conception Mass at 7:15am, 8:45am, 5:30pm**
December 12	**Bake Sale**
December 13	**Pancake breakfast and bake sale**
December 13	**Advent Confessions 3-5pm**
December 13	**Simbang Gabi Mass - 5:30pm**
December 16	**Christmas Novena starts**
December 22	**School Christmas program - 6:00pm**
December 24	**Christmas Eve Mass 4 & 10pm**
December 25	**Christmas Day Mass 9:30am**
December 25	**Christmas Dinner - noon**
January 1	**New Year's Day Mass - 9:00am**

PARISH EVENT CALENDAR

November 30- December 6

MONDAY	9:30am Small Group
	9:30am Bible Study
	6:30pm Bible Study
TUESDAY	7:00pm Men's Club Meeting
WEDNESDAY	11:15am OCIA
THURSDAY	10:00am Mass at nursing home
	10:30am Small Group
	11:45am Fatima Prayer and Rosary
FRIDAY	9:00am Quilters for a Cause
SATURDAY	
SUNDAY	2nd Sunday of Advent
	10:30am Confirmation/Religious Ed.
	10:45am Christmas Tea

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	**7:15 am**	
TUESDAY	**7:15 am**	Emily Amenya
WEDNESDAY	**7:15 am**	April Becker
	8:45 am	Glenda Scow
THURSDAY	**7:15 am**	Mark Burns
FRIDAY	**7:15 am**	Patricia Schreier
SATURDAY	**8:00 am**	Joe Condon
	4:30 pm	Members of the Parish
SUNDAY	**9:30 am**	Dick Schreier

LITURGICAL ROLES

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Sat. 4:30 pm M. Montie
Sun. 9:30 am J. Lamb

LECTORS:
Sat. 4:30 pm J. Gattman
Sun. 9:30 am R. Klutzke

ALTAR SERVERS:
Sat. 4:30 pm I. Kennedy
Sun. 9:30 am Adult Servers



HOLIDAY BAKE SALE
Saturday/Sunday
Dec 12/13

BAKERS - WE NEED YOU!
We need special Christmas cookies for this event.
Please bring a variety
Drop off cookies at 2pm Saturday





PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday Dec. 13
9:00 to 11:30am
Free Will Offering
Dec 12/13

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

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5. Enter your email - and you're in!

SPIRITUAL WARFARE EXPLAINED:
Catholic Teaching on Satan & Demons

In this spisode of What Catholics Believe, Fr. Ken Geraci of the Fathers of Mercy walks through the biblical foundations of spiritual warfare. This is essential viewling for anyone seeking to understand spiritual warfare from an authentic Cathlic perspecitive.

ADORATION



The Chapel is open
Monday at 9am to Thursday at 6pm.

A permanent adorer is needed for Thursdays at 11 am.Thank you to all the long term substitutes who have been helping with this hour. We also need more people on our substitute list to fill in for adorers who are sick or out of town. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to help with either of these needs.
If you have questions,or can commit to an hour Please call Monica at 651-442-1673 or Lorraine at 651-772-2997.



PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Jack Butler
Grace (Wegleitner) Kelley
Erick Dickson
Jaren Anderson
Miguel Revering

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, Mary Heller, 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 McLe Brian Michalitsch, Nancy Miller, Nolan Mullaney, Greg N Alida Peltier, Paul Peltier, Christine Pirri, Enrico Pirri, Sh Presler, Patrick Roth, Theresa Richardson, Mary Rineha Sharon Ryan, Cynthia & David Schluender, John Schlue Michelle Schoenecker, Don Schwantes, Gretchen Skinn Spangenberg, Lori Storla, Joyce Theilhorn, Don Tomsche, George Valento, Danica Weller, Jim Wendt, Beverly Wermus, Eric Witzel, Kevin Yackel



FR. LUDESCHER LAMP

will burn this week for
Dick Schreier



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.