



# St. Jerome Catholic Church

## Weekly Newsletter

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**Contents:** Fr. George, Religious Education, Parish Updates, Reflection, Mass Intentions, Job Opportunity

**Note:** The parish office will be closed August 4th through 8th with no Daily Masses during that time. The following week the office will be open Monday through Thursday, 9a through Noon with Daily Masses as usual.

### A Message from Fr. George

Pictured: Fr. George with our parish food pantry volunteers





### ***You Are Always in HIS Heart***

*"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;  
seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you.*

*For everyone who asks, receives;  
and the one who seeks, finds;  
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."*

There was once a little girl who asked her grandmother while praying at Church: "Grandma does God get confused?" "Why did you ask?" she replied. "Because of the many people praying now, God must be confused whose prayer shall he answer first." The grandmother

replied: “ I don’t think so, before You ask God He already knows what you want and what will be best for you - because He loves you! We pray to Him because we also recognize the fact that God is powerful, and can give everything we wanted but we must also pray that we may know what will be best for us.”

The gospel of the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time leads us to discern God’s loving providence. As we rely on God’s generosity, we are also expected to reflect regarding what we request. We think that what we ask God is already the most ideal gift we can ask for ourselves - God’s mind would probably be different as to what He wanted to grant us. Yes, let us pray on the manner how we ask God so that our hearts would be aligned to His will.

May you have a blessed Sunday and my continued prayers to all.

One with you,  
Father George

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## Religious Education Updates

# Religious Education Schedule Survey

**What time  
can you  
make it?**

**Proposed Times:**  
**Saturday 6:00 PM through 7:30 PM (With Dinner)**  
**Sunday 9:00 AM through 10:45 AM**



## **We Need Your Help!**

Our parish is getting ready for the new year of faith formation, and we're trying to find the best time to hold classes so more families can come and take part. Last year, classes were held on Sunday mornings between the two Masses. Some people came, but it wasn't always consistent. At a recent Catechist meeting, we talked about a new idea: **having classes on Saturday evenings after the 5:00 PM Mass**. We would **start with dinner together**, then have some fun and meaningful learning time.

We'd love to know what works best for you and your family! Can you join us on **Sundays between Masses**, or on **Saturday nights after Mass**?

Maybe either time works for you — that's even better!

Please take a moment to fill out this short online survey and let us know what works best for you. Your answers will really help us make the right choice.

👉 [Fill out the form here](#)

Thank you for being part of our parish family! We can't wait to grow in faith together.

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# HELP BUILD THE KINGDOM

Monday, July 28th at 5:30 PM

Faith and Life Classroom Building

Lego fun and potluck dinner for the whole family

All families are reminded to join the Lego Night "Building the Kingdom" on **July 28 at 5:30 in the Faith and Life Center**. This is a potluck dinner with dessert provided. Please bring Legos for your family if you are able.

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July 27 and August 17

6:30 PM

Potluck Dinner

Faith and Life Center

## August Book Club

*"A Simple Life Changing Prayer"*

by Jim Manney

All book club participants are invited to attend Sunday night, **July 27**. We are beginning the book "A simple life changing prayer" by Jim Manney. Potluck dinner in the faith and life center at 6:30.



Weekly Retreat

Sundays at 6:30 PM

Starts Aug. 3rd

Faith and Life Center

**Young Adult Book Study**  
with  
Seminarian  
Charlie  
Tamayo

Young Adult Book Study is starting on **August 3 at 6:30** in the Faith and Life Center. All 18-year-olds and above are invited to attend. This will be led by Seminarian Charlie and dinner will be provided.



Weekly Retreat  
Begins  
Aug 6th or 7th  
Faith and Life Center

**"33 Days  
to Morning  
Glory"**  
Wednesdays  
at 6:30 PM  
OR  
Thursdays at  
10:00 AM

33 Days to Morning Glory will start on **August 6 at 6:30 pm** or **August 7 at 10am** in the Faith and Life Center. All are invited!

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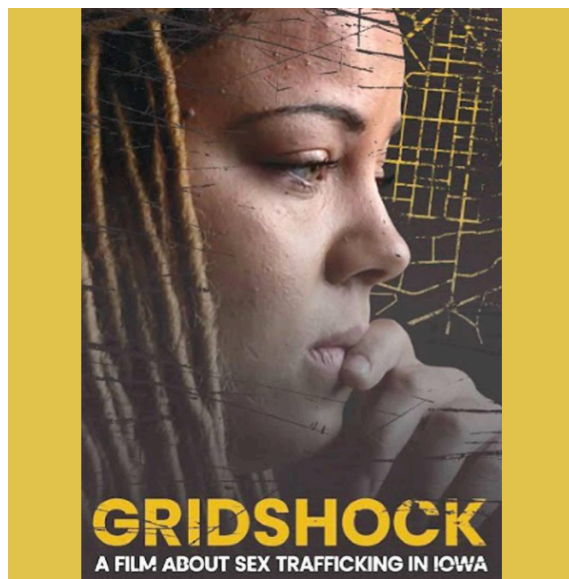




Plans are underway for the upcoming Sunday school year. Catechists are needed for our programs! Please pray about sharing your love for Jesus with our children next year. Contact Margie in the office for more information or attend our upcoming meeting THIS Sunday, the 20th, at 9:15 in the Faith and Life Classroom Building.

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## Parish Updates



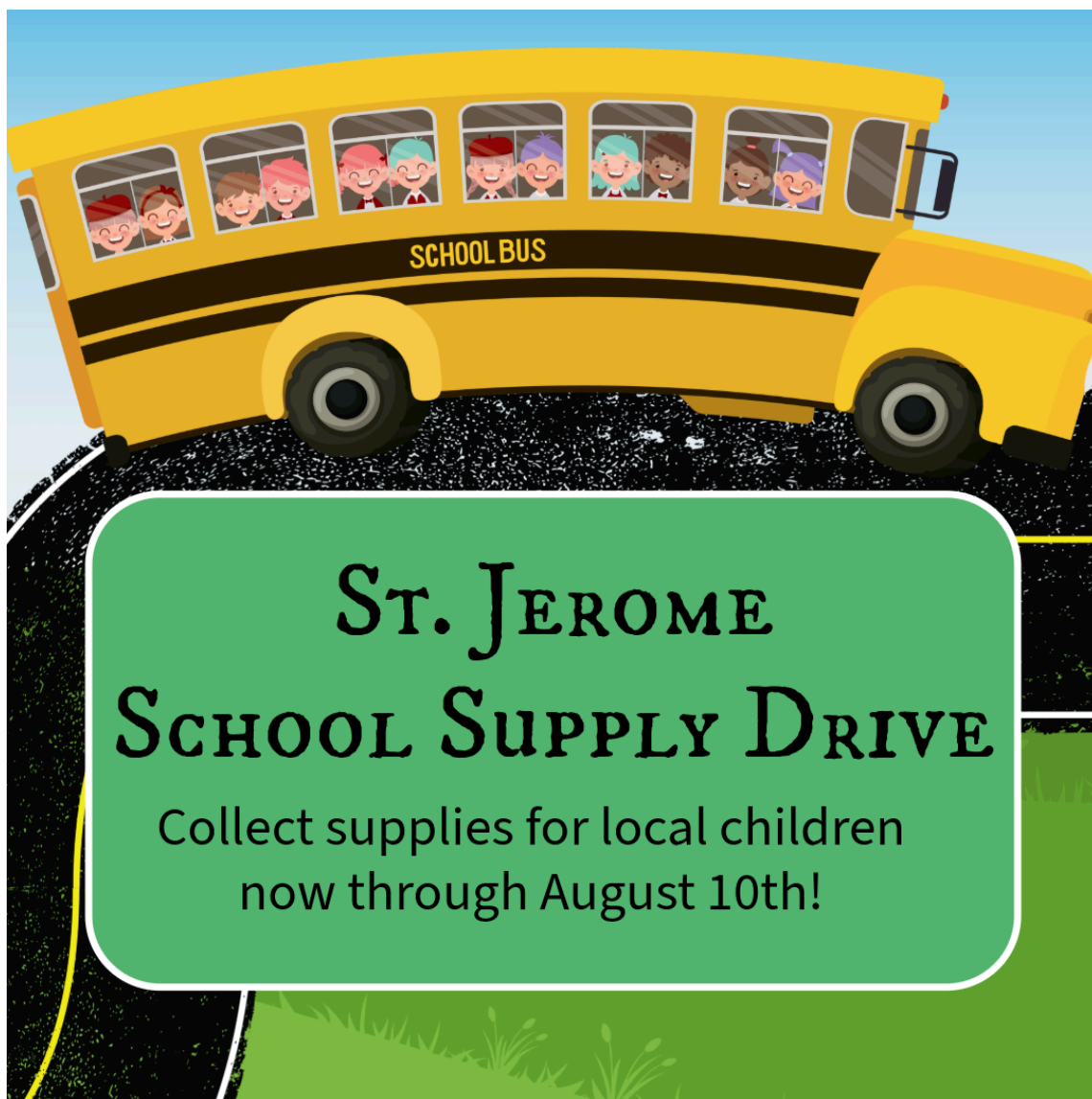
### Upcoming Film Screening: *Gridshock*

Wednesday, August 7 at 6:00 PM in the Faith and Life Center

Join us for a special showing of *Gridshock*, a powerful and eye-opening documentary about human trafficking. This film raises awareness about the reality of trafficking and its impact on communities everywhere—not just far away, but close to home.

This event is recommended for **adults and older teens (upper high school and up)**. Parents are encouraged to bring mature high schoolers for an important opportunity to learn and talk about these serious real-world issues. Please note: **this film is not suitable for younger children.**

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The drive to provide school supplies to needy children attending local public schools drive begins this weekend. There is a school bus display in the commons area covered with index cards showing supplies needed. Please take one (or more) card(s), purchase the items on the card(s), and return the items to the drop off area at the bus display by the end of the 11:00 Sunday mass on August 10. St. Jerome also has an online Amazon shopping list that you can use to purchase supplies that will be delivered directly to St. Jerome. The link to this site is

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/NWW14KZ2Y0QM/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_2](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/NWW14KZ2Y0QM/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2)

Supplies we are requesting this year are:

- Tissues (100 count or larger)
- Hand sanitizer (8-10 oz. each)
- Pencil boxes
- #2 pencils (10-12 per package)
- Large erasers (1-2 per package)
- Crayons (24 count per box)
- Foot-long rulers
- Glue stick (1-2 per package)
- Colored dry erase markers (2-4 per package)

- Two-pocket folders
  - Composition books
  - Spiral notebooks
  - Small scissors
  - Pencil sharpeners
  - Loose-leaf binders
  - Loose-leaf paper (100-150 sheets per pack)
  - Notebook dividers or tabs (5-10 per pack)
  - Ball-point pens (4-10 per pack)
  - Highlighters (2-4 per pack)
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### **Funeral Mass for Richard L. Mansfield**

Friday, August 1st at 1:00 PM

Reception Follows

In Person and Livestreamed

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## **Reflection**

(Video)





### **Fr. Mike's Tips for Praying as a Busy Person**

How do I fit in prayer with my busy schedule?

Fr. Mike shares some practical advice for fitting in prayer when you feel you don't have time. He also explains the importance of having a plan by sharing these three questions: Where am I going to pray? When am I going to pray? How am I going to pray?

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## **Mass Intentions**

## Mass Intentions 07/29/2025 through 08/03/2025

- Tuesday 8:00 AM
    - The Souls of Catalina and Dominico
  - Wednesday 6:30 AM
    - Clifford Davis
  - Thursday 8:00 AM
    - Charles Donaldson
  - Friday 8:00 AM
    - Sue Ann Kincaid and Family
  - Saturday 5:00 PM
    - Mary Donaldson
  - Sunday 8:00 AM
    - Tina Stone
  - Sunday 11:00 AM
    - John DuRocher
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## Job Opportunity

### Music Coordinator

St. Jerome Catholic Church in Newport News is seeking a Full-Time Music Coordinator to lead and direct our vibrant music program. This role involves planning and coordinating music for Masses, Holy Days, weddings, and funerals, managing choirs and musical groups, and maintaining a well-organized music library. The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's Degree in Music or equivalent experience, proficiency in accompanying instruments, and a strong understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy. Flexibility for special events is required.

### Key Responsibilities:

- Lead music for weekend Masses and special liturgies.
- Manage and train choirs and cantors.
- Oversee music library and purchase materials.
- Plan music for Sacramental Preparation events and religious services.

### Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Music or equivalent experience (1-3 years).
- Proficiency in accompanying instruments and vocal techniques.
- Strong knowledge of Roman Catholic liturgy.
- VIRTUS training and background check required.

**Application Process:**

Submit a cover letter and the diocesan application, available [here](#), to [stjerome@stjeromennva.org](mailto:stjerome@stjeromennva.org).

*The position is exempt, with compensation per Diocesan guidelines. St. Jerome Catholic Church is committed to a safe environment, and the selected candidate will undergo a background check.*

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