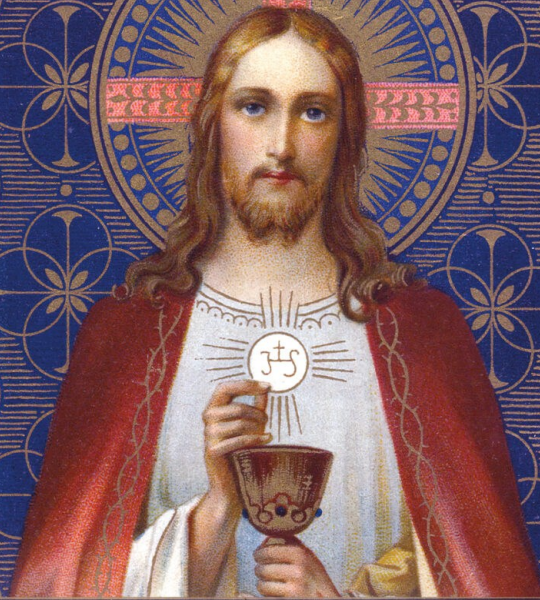


April 19, 2026

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God Bless our First Communicants

who received Jesus for the first time on
April 12, 2026

Genevieve	Arnesen
Caiden	Feldpausch
Carmen	Feldpausch
Lilly	Gurk
Berkeley	Henning
Christopher	Huhn
Reegan	Mowatt
William	Phillips
Branson	Piggott
Lillian	Pline
Louis	Pohl
Eleanor	Schneider
James	Schneider
Amelia	Spitzley
Briggs	Surbrook
Valerie	Weber
Willow	Werner
Lewis	Wieber



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Diocese of Grand Rapids

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Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Closed: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun
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PARISH LIBRARY

Open during all scheduled
Parish Office Hours.

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Parish-wide
Emailed
Newsletter



**Bulletin deadline is 2 weeks before
the bulletin date desired.**

Please send to stewardship@stjosephpewamo.org

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, April 18– Saturday in the Second Week of Easter

3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**– Bill Halfman

SUNDAY, April 19– Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am: **MASS**– Louis & Annabell Schafer &
Living & Deceased Family Members

10:00 am: NO MASS

2:00 pm: **MASS**– Parish Family
Following Mass: Fr. Mason’s 75th Birthday Celebration

MONDAY, April 20– Monday of the Third Week of Easter

11:30 am: Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**– Joe and Bernice Esch & Living &
Deceased Family Members

TUESDAY, April 21– Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter

6:00 am–6:00 pm: Adoration
8:00 am: Altar Server Training
5:00 pm: Confessions
6:30 pm: **MASS**– Ray & Terrie Kramer & Living &
Deceased Family Members

WEDNESDAY, April 22– Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter

8:00 am: **MASS**– Jerome Theis & Living &
Deceased Family Members
8:45 am: Confessions

THURSDAY, April 23 – Thursday of the Third Week of Easter

6:15 am: **MASS**– Phil & Donna Kramer & Family
6:00 pm: Holy Hour for Vocations
7:00 pm: Cursillo School of Leaders

FRIDAY, April 24– Friday of the Third Week of Easter

6:00 am: Confessions
11:30 Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**– Lucille and Gerald Fedewa

SATURDAY, April 25– Feast of Saint Mark evangelist

3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**– Parish Family

SUNDAY, April 26– Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am: **MASS**– Esmeralda Nava-Gonzales
10:00 am: **MASS**– Mike, Len & Bert Smith & Living &
Deceased Family Members
3:00 pm: Confirmation at Cathedral

Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure



2025-2026 School Raffle
(4/7) James & Michele Klein (#159)



Sanctuary Candle sponsored
in Honor of:
Fr. Mason's 75th Birthday

THANK YOU FROM ST. JOSEPH EASTER EGG HUNT COMMITTEE

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the Pewamo Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph PTO, Pewamo Fire Department, and our game volunteers for their time and generous monetary donations to support this year's Easter Egg Hunt at St. Joseph. It is because of your kindness and support, that we are able to bring joy and excitement to children and families in our community. Your contributions helped create a memorable and joy-filled celebration that truly captured the spirit of Easter. We are so grateful for your continued generosity and commitment to making events like these possible. Thank you for being such a vital part of our St. Joseph family.

With heartfelt appreciation, Ashley Klein, Bailey Klein, Monica Bennett, and Joanna Lawless

8th GRADE GRADUATION

St. Joseph will celebrate 8th Grade Graduation on May 20. Mass begins at 6:30pm followed by a light reception. Come show your support to the students hard work.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Please pick up your copy of the updated Eucharistic Adoration list for Tuesdays and First Fridays in the back of church. Included with the schedule is a list of substitute adorers to help fill your spot if you are unable to make it. If you have not participated in Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays or Fridays we strongly recommend that you try soon. There is no better feeling than sitting in adoration with the one and true God.

Parish Support	April 5, 2026	Envelopes Used
General Collection	\$6,833.00	44
Online Giving	\$3,468.05	51
Total	\$10,301.05	95
Needed Weekly	\$ 9,000.00	

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL - FIRST GRADE TEACHER OPENING

St. Joseph School is seeking a qualified candidate for a First Grade teaching position. Applicants must hold a current State of Michigan Elementary (All Subjects) Teaching Certificate.

Interested candidates should submit an employment application (requested by emailing Ryan Weber), along with a cover letter, resume, copy of a valid teaching certificate, and two letters of recommendation. Materials should be emailed to Ryan Weber, Principal, at rweber@stjosephpewamo.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

JOIN US FOR THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL ART SHOW

Join us at the Cathedral Square Center, located at 360 Division Ave. S. in Grand Rapids, for a special celebration of student creativity! The event will take place on Friday, May 1, from 3:30-7:00 pm, and Saturday, May 2, from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. We invite you to view and celebrate the artistic talents of Catholic school students from across the Diocese of Grand Rapids, with artwork from 22 participating schools on display. This is a free, family-friendly event, and complimentary parking is available in the garage next to the building.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

The St. Joseph Parish Altar Society Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. (Please note the time change) Dinner and table service will be provided. You may bring your mothers/daughters from other parishes. We will be accepting donations for new baby items or cash donations for Pregnancy Services of Ionia. Please sign up on the sheets in the back of church or you can text or call Barb Wesley at 616-481-1799 or Therese Simon at 517-927-7248. Please either sign up in the back of church or text or call by Tuesday, May 5, 2026. Thank you.

Evangelization: Helping share in the future of our Church

FAMILY RETREAT DAY

What is work, and what does it mean to work together as a family? Spend a meaningful day with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist as you explore the deeper purpose of work through shared experiences. Families will have the opportunity to work side-by-side with the Sisters and with one another, reflecting on the value of collaboration and service. The day will include engaging discussions, hands-on work projects, lunch, and a prayer service. This is a free event taking place on May 2, 2026, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Franciscan Life Process Center. Scan the QR code to register.



MAY DAY OF HEALING

You look around and everyone else seems to know. They have the calling. The confidence. They wake up with direction while you wake up wondering if you missed the memo God sent to everyone else.

Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Did you catch that? God already prepared the works. Before you were born, He wrote the story.

Your job isn't to create your purpose—it's to discover what He's already designed. But here's where we get stuck: we wait for the big reveal. The dramatic calling. The burning bush. And while we're waiting for thunder, we miss the whisper. Sometimes it unfolds one faithful step at a time. Sometimes it's hidden in the small things—the way you love people, the burden that won't leave your heart, the gift you keep dismissing as 'not enough' Consider making a day of retreat with the inner healing team on May 3rd. If you would like to join us for the day of healing use the button below to register.

Or maybe you would prefer to make an appointment for an individual session. If you have questions call the Parish Office or Diane Pline at 989-640-1387.



STRENGTHENED IN CHRIST,
RESPONDING WITH JOY.
Catholic Services Appeal

2026 CSA Assessment \$80,975.00
Paid : \$46,135.00 (57% of our assessment)
April 14, 2026

KNIGHTS CORNER COUNCIL # 8071



Dave Antes, Grand Knight
antesdk@gmail.com



Please use agent
code MTHELEN

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month
in the KC Room. Rosary at 7:10 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

Founded by Blessed Michael McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus is the premier lay Catholic men's organization. Guided by the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, we build lifelong relationships with our members and families. We are multigenerational and international. We offer formation, mutual aid and financial security to members through our charity, products and outreach. We aspire to invite every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus and to extend our charitable reach as widely as possible.



WHY DOES GOD MATTER?

A Conversation Worth Having

📅 April 23rd

🕒 6:30 PM

📍 Clavers Companions

401 W Main St,
Ionia, MI 48846



Have you ever wondered why God would matter to your life?

Let's take some time to explore that question together.

If you've ever even slightly asked it, then it's worth understanding why.

Questions deserve answers.

Come and discover **what your answer might be.**

Join the conversation.

Bring your questions. **Invite a friend.**

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Stewardship of Time (Prayer)

PARISHIONER PRAYER REQUESTS

Rob Davarn	Nicole Schafer	Charles Trierweiler
Rosemary Davarn	Roman Schafer	Mary Louise Westbrook
Roger Freund	Louis Simon	Tony Wirth
Linda Klein	Pete Smith	(son of Mike & Donna)
Kendall Kramer	Jason Thelen	Douglas Werner
Fr. Charlon Mason	Philip Thelen	
Pat MacLachan	Tom Thelen	
Janice Schafer	Greg Tojong	

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Aidan Clute
Ethan George
Brandon Joseph
Kimberly Miller
Matthew Martin
Deegan Mason
Benjamin Robbins
Ryan Schafer



To add your family member
to this list, please contact
the Parish Office.

*If you would like to be included or know of someone who would like to be on the list, please contact the Prayer Network. **Please join the Group on the MyParishApp.** More information can be found at the parish website or by calling the Parish Office.*

How to submit a prayer request: (1) Call the Parish Office or (2) enter a prayer request on the My Parish App.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector			
Monday, April 20, 12:00 pm	Jill Thelen	Matthew's Ministry Wednesday, April 22 Kenneth Kramer Alice Kramer Robin Wirth		
Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 pm	Diane Thelen			
Wednesday, April 22, 8:00 am	Dave Antes			
Thursday, April 23, 6:15 am	Bruce Jandernoa			
Friday, April 24, 12:00 pm	Mike Thelen	EMHC	Altar Server	Usher/Greeters
Saturday, April 25, 4:30 pm	Stephanie Hengesbach	Marilyn Schneider	Nicholas Huhn Lane Smith	Andy Hengesbach Andrew Kowatch Steve Martin Corey Smith
Sunday, April 26, 8:00 am	Jim Schmitz	Steve Miller Bev Schmitz Therese Simon	Kendall Kramer Molly Kramer Matthias Smith	Ben Kramer Todd (Christ) Smith Todd (Brandy) Smith Holden Smith
Sunday, April 26, 10:00 am	Cameron Cook	Kevin Schulte Jerry Waldron Kathy Waldron	Scarlett Simon Annabell Simon Jude Simon	Doug George Nolan George Tim Nurenberg NEED



CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

To learn more about Celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation (Confession), First Communion, Confirmation, Holy Orders, Holy Matrimony (Marriage), and/or Anointing of the Sick, please visit the parish website (stjosephpewamo.org) or contact the parish office at 989-593-3440.

