

I SAY TO YOU
NOT SEVEN TIMES BUT
SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 13, 2026

stjosephpewamo.org

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Diocese of Grand Rapids

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Open during all scheduled
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Bulletin deadline is 2 weeks before
the bulletin date desired.

Please send to stewardship@stjosephpewamo.org

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, September 12— Saturday of the Twenty-third Week in Ord. Time

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

SUNDAY, September 13— Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS**— For Grandparents
10:00 am: **MASS**— For Grandparents

MONDAY, September 14— Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

11:30 am: Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**— For all Medical Personnel
7:15 pm: Middle and High School Faith Formation

TUESDAY, September 15— Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

6:00 am—6:00 pm: Adoration
5:00 pm: Confessions
6:30 pm: **MASS**— Poor Souls in Purgatory
7:15 pm: Pastoral Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 16— Memorial of Saints Cornelius Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00 am: **MASS**— Patricia Smith & Living &
Deceased Family Members
8:45 am: Confessions
6:30 pm: Finance Council Meeting

THURSDAY, September 17— Thursday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ord. Time

6:15 am: **MASS**— Rusty Fletcher & Sarah Fletcher & Living
& Deceased Family Members
6:00 pm: Holy Hour for Vocations at St. Joseph
7:00 pm: Cursillo School of Leaders

FRIDAY, September 18— Friday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ord. Time

6:00 am: Confessions
11:30 Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**— Louis, Louise, and Gary Klein & Living &
Deceased Family Members

SATURDAY, September 19— Saturday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ord. Time

7:30 pm: SHE Shall be Called Women
3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**— Parish Family
5:15 pm: Prayer Teams after Mass

SUNDAY, September 20— Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS**— Roy & Alice Spitzley & Living &
Deceased Family Members
9:00 am: Prayer Teams after Mass
10:00 am: **MASS**— Anita Freund, Erwin and
Eleanor Freund
11:00 am: Prayer Teams after Mass

Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure



2026-2027 School Raffle
(9/1) Brad & Beth Mowatt (#71)



Sanctuary Candle sponsored
in Honor of:

Anthony John Thelen

(Contact the Parish Office if interested in
sponsoring a Sanctuary Candle)

WESTPHALIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Westphalia Historical Society Cemetery Walk will be Sunday, Sept. 20th at 2:00 pm at St. Mary's Cemetery. Rain date is Sept. 27th. Come hear about; Private Leo Theis, Dora Pohl, Joseph Platte and Stanley Wieber. Cider and cookies will be provided for this free event. Donations to the WHS will be accepted.

SUMMER BULLETIN DRAWING WINNER

Congratulations to the Antes Family: Tony, Christie, Alli, Audrey, and Blake for being drawn as the Summer Bulletin Winner.



CSA UPDATE

Please help us fulfill our assessment this year. Any monies not received through pledges will be paid out of the parish operating budget. Any monies received in excess of our assessment are returned to the parish.

2026 CSA Assessment \$80,975.00

Shortfall \$18,906.00

Paid : \$64,385.00 (84% of our assessment)

July 31, 2026

Parish Support	August 30, 2026	Envelopes Used
General Collection	\$6,895.00	55
Online Giving	\$2,903.05	19
Total	\$9,798.05	74
Needed Weekly	\$ 9,000.00	

ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS AND PARISHIONERS

The Altar Society annual chicken and biscuits fundraiser will be held after all Masses the weekend of September 19th. We are looking for Altar Society members or parishioners to assist with some preparation of the chicken and biscuits on Thursday, September 17th beginning at 3:00 pm. Please consider prayerfully volunteering your time. Please contact Barb Wesley at (616) 481-1799 or Therese Simon at (517) 927-7248 to volunteer or if you have any questions.

ALTAR SOCIETY FALL FUNDRAISER

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, September 19, and Sunday, September 20, after all of the Masses for the Annual Altar Society Fall Fundraiser – Chicken & Biscuit and Baked Goods Takeout. Tickets and worker's lists may be picked up in the back of church. The tickets may be returned through the collection or to the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Committee Members Michele Klein (517-582-0201), Becky Droste (517-526-2415), or Mary Jo Baker (989-640-7787).

WESTPHALIA BOWLING LEAGUE

The Monday Night Women's bowling league is looking for two teams to join in the fun at the Westphalia Knights of Columbus Bowling Lanes.

The new season will begin approximately mid-September/ Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. and run for approximately 20 weeks. Teams can have up to ten but four bowl a night. Please call Amy Bearss for more information or to sign up a team 517-449-0182.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/CONFIRMATION RETREAT

There will be a retreat for Middle School/ Confirmation candidates on Sunday, October 11th at 11:30 am.

Evangelization: Helping share in the future of our Church

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STORE IN ST. JOHNS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy working with others and helping those in need? Volunteers assist with accepting donations, cleaning/testing, sorting/pricing, cashiering, moving merchandise, and recycling. Choose the area that interests you most! Volunteers typically commit to 3–4 hours per week. For more information, contact John Thelen at 989-292-7057.

ENDED BEGINNING

Many of those who have lost a child, including a child in utero, want to remember the child rightly, honor his/her life, and give thanks to God for the life He gave. For some, this means offering an intentional time together with God and offering support to one another. Please join us for a Prayer Service on October 14 at 6:30 pm, to honor the lives of those who were taken home at such a young age; whether through miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, or infant death after birth.

HOLY FAMILY RADIO

Join us Monday, September 21–Friday, September 25, for Holy Family Radio's on-air appeal featuring local guests and Catholic organizations. Show your support with a donation as we work toward our \$200,000 goal. Donate at www.holyfamilyradio.net.



SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMEN

Calendar Correction, Please note that the start time listed for SHE Shall Be Called Woman in the Fall Event Planning Guide is incorrect. The correct start time is 7:30 am at the Parish Activity Center.

SHE Shall Be Called Woman is a transformative journey designed to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. Our program is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved, as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. Through vibrant conversations, authentic speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, we equip you with the tools to embark on a profound spiritual journey. Join us for fellowship and faith Saturday mornings from September 19th – November 14th 7:30am-9:00am at the St. Joseph Parish Activity Center. All women of the parish high school age and older are invited. Attendance at each of the nine Saturdays is not necessary, but we hope you are able to join us.

Call Beth Thelen 989-640-4416, Aubrey George 989-292-2464, or Jill Thelen 989-640-1025 with any further questions.



KNIGHTS CORNER COUNCIL # 8071



Andy Hengesbach, Grand Knight
GK8071@mikofc.org



Please use agent
code MTHELEN

The Pewamo KofC awarded two \$500 scholarships this year. The winners were chosen from 2026 senior who were former St Joe's student, they had to submit a letter to the Pewamo KofC about their faith. The winners this year are Maria Klein and Ella Thelen congratulations and God bless.

Meetings are second Thursday of the month next meeting Sept. 10 rosary at 7:10 pm meeting at 7:30 all members welcome.

Stewardship of Time (Prayer)

PARISHIONER PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



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.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Matthew's Ministry Wednesday, September 16 Julie Heckman Sandy Koenigsnecht Barb Wesley 		
Monday, September 14, 12:00 pm	Dave Antes			
Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 pm	Becky Thelen			
Wednesday, September 16, 8:00 am	Ryan Weber			
Thursday, September 17, 6:15 am	Bruce Jandernoa			
Friday, September 18, 12:00 pm	Ryan Weber	EMHC	Altar Server	Usher/Greeters
Saturday, September 19, 4:30 pm	Alton Schneider	Marilyn Schneider	Josie George Abigail George	Andrew Kowatch Steve Martin Brody Smith Corey Smith
Sunday, September 20, 8:00 am	Tom (Stacy) Miller	Steve Miller Karen Reiger Ron Simon	Eli Klein Leo Klein Sam Klein	Ben Kramer Todd (Chris) Smith Todd (Brandy) Smith Holden Smith
Sunday, September 20, 10:00 am	Amy Thelen	Mike Kramer Kevin Schulte Kathy Waldron	Corbin Arens Thomas Kramer Emeric Thelen	Thomas Fedewa Doug Fox Kaine Simon Ty Thelen

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.

