



May 24, 2026

MEMORIAL DAY

★ IN MEMORY OF OUR HEROES ★

stjosephpewamo.org

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

126 East St., PO Box 37
Pewamo, MI 48873
Diocese of Grand Rapids

PARISH OFFICE

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Office Hours

Tuesday 2:00 pm - 7:30 pm
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PARISH LIBRARY

Open during all scheduled
Parish Office Hours.

SCHOOL OFFICE

160 East St., PO Box 38
Pewamo, MI 48873
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School Hours: 7:30 am—3:00 pm

STAFF DIRECTORY

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989-593-3440
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Newsletter



Bulletin deadline is 2 weeks before
the bulletin date desired.

Please send to stewardship@stjosephpewamo.org

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, May 23— Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter

3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**— Gary Hendee

SUNDAY, May 24— Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am: **MASS**— Parish Family (Pentecost)
10:00 am: **MASS**— Parish Family (Pentecost)

MONDAY, May 25— Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Memorial Day

9:00 am: Rosary
9:30 am: **MASS**— For those who paid the ultimate price while
protecting the rights of others (at St. Joseph/
Mt. Calvary Cemetery)

TUESDAY, May 26— Memorial of Saint Philip Neir, Priest

6:00 am—6:00 pm: Adoration
5:00 pm: Confessions
6:30 pm: **MASS**— Norbert & Bertha Simon
7:30 pm: Finance Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, May 27— Wednesday of the Eight Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 am: **MASS**— Roy & Alice Spitzley & Living &
Deceased Family Members
8:45 am: Confessions

THURSDAY, May 28— Thursday of the Eight Week in Ordinary Time

6:15 am: **MASS**— Poor Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, May 29— Friday of the Eight Week in Ordinary Time

6:00 am: Confessions
11:30 Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**— Fr. Paul Kersjes

SATURDAY, May 30— Saturday of the Eight Week in Ordinary Time

3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**— Don & Alice Schnieder & Living &
Deceased Family Members

SUNDAY, May 31— The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

8:00 am: **MASS**— Parish Family
10:00 am: **MASS**— Leon & Jo Pline, Terry Harrison & Living
& Deceased Family Members

Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure



2025-2026 School Raffle
(5/12) Larry & Mary Smith (#46)



Sanctuary Candle sponsored
in Honor of:
Philip & Bertha Kramer Family

PARISH PICNIC

Please join us for the St. Joseph Parish Summer Festival on June 6-7. On Saturday there will be a family movie night at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Sunday will include a parade at 11:30 am followed by an outdoor food stand, George's Concessions, pony rides, inflatables, kids games, live music and more.

We are looking for volunteers to help work at the St. Joseph Parish Festival on Sunday, June 7. If you're interested in volunteering, sign up sheets are available in the back of the church or you can contact Amanda Blyth at (989) 640-9920 to sign up.

Calling all bakers, the lunch stand will once again sell baked goods during the Parish Festival. If you are willing to donate baked goods, please bring them directly to the lunch stand on Sunday, June 8. It would be greatly appreciated if the baked goods were individually wrapped, the Festival team can plate/wrap any pies.

Raffle tickets will be sold after all masses on May 16-17 and May 30-31. Prizes include \$1000, \$500, \$500, and five-\$100 gift cards to local businesses. Cost is \$20 for one ticket or \$50 for three tickets.

PARISH FESTIVAL PARADE

St. Joseph Parish Festival Parade: Join us for our parish festival parade on June 7! The parade kicks off at 11:30 AM, with lineup beginning at 10:30 AM near the P-W Elementary School. Individuals, families, and businesses are all welcome to join! You can simply show up the morning of the parade or reach out ahead of time to Nicole Weber at (517) 743-1124 or Erin Kowatch at (517) 749-1559. We hope to see you there for a fun and festive day!

Parish Support	May 10, 2026	Envelopes Used
General Collection	\$4,598.00	34
Online Giving	\$2,129.44	27
Total	\$6,727.44	61
Needed Weekly	\$ 9,000.00	

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL - FIRST GRADE & FOURTH/FIFTH GRADE TEACHER OPENING

St. Joseph School is seeking a qualified candidate for a First Grade & Fourth/Fifth 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.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH - WE ARE HIRING - FACILITIES MANAGER

St. Joseph Parish is hiring for a Facilities Manager. This position is responsible for the care and upkeep of our parish grounds and buildings. This position is full-time plus and will require some evening, weekend and holiday work. St. Joseph Parish offers a robust benefits program. Pay rate is determined by experience. Please contact the Parish Office or scan the QR code to apply.



WESTPHALIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This summer's exhibit represents the third installment in the "Our Farming Heritage" series, with a special focus on "The Farm Homes of Yesteryear," highlighting how each member of the family contributed to the success of farm life. In preparation, the Westphalia Historical Society is seeking physical items, photographs, and personal stories that reflect this theme. For physical items contact Bernie Thelen at 517-582-0901, to share photos contact Judy Thelen at 517-927-5161.

Evangelization: Helping share in the future of our Church

PARISH CAMPOUT

Reminder about the Grand Campout in September. Dates are September 13, 14, and 15, at Leisure Lake campground, phone number is 989-875-4689. If you have questions, call Mary Werner at 989-593-2532. Hope to see you there.

ROSARY FOR THE INFINITE DIGNITY OF LIFE

St. Joseph offers a Rosary for the infinite dignity of life the first Sunday of every month at 11:30 am. Please join us in praying for life at all stages, from womb to tomb.

WITH GRATITUDE

We would like to thank Fr. Darrel Kempf, Fr. John Fain, Dcn. Wade Yott, Nickie Wentworth, Pat Stump, Deb Smith, and all those who showed their support and prayed for our family for the passing of our brother, John Fedewa. Your support, guidance and love brought comfort to our family.

Gerard & Liduina Fedewa

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our last CLOW for this quarter was on Sunday, May 17. We will be off during the summer and return in late August.

PARISH BONFIRE

Your Invited to join us on Sunday, June 28 at 6:30 pm for a special evening of fellowship and prayer. The event will include hotdogs, s'mores, the proper disposal of blessed items, and a campus blessing. If you are unable to attend, you may still bring your blessed items for disposal by placing them in the tote located at the back of the church or bring them to the Parish Office. To help us plan for food, an RSVP is strongly encouraged. Please sign up in the back of the church beginning June 1.

WITH GRATITUDE

Friends of Carol Simon who prepared the meal for the Mother/Daughter banquet would like to extend a sincere thank you to Dan Heckman and Tim Nurenberg with the Knights of Columbus for their generous assistance with serving the dinner and helping in the kitchen. Your help, kindness and willingness to serve were greatly appreciated and helped make the evening a wonderful success.



KNIGHTS CORNER COUNCIL # 8071

Dave Antes, Grand Knight
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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.

PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER

Reminder, while Nickie is in Rome with CHARIS and visiting holy sites, she will be praying for our intentions. You can submit intentions on one sheet, seal it in an envelope, and put your name on the outside. Place it in the basket at the back of church by the 6:30 PM Mass on Tuesday, May 12. Join in prayer on May 16–24: Novena for evangelization and May 25–June 2 for Novena to the Holy Spirit (for CHARIS and Pope Leo XIV) (Copies available in the back of church.) Presentation will be Sunday, June 28 at 12:30pm for CHARIS mission and trip recap.



**STRENGTHENED IN CHRIST,
RESPONDING WITH JOY.**
Catholic Services Appeal

2026 CSA Assessment \$80,975.00
Paid : \$53,170.00 (66% of our assessment)
April 30, 2026

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Stewardship of Time (Prayer)

PARISHIONER PRAYER REQUESTS

Rob Davarn
Rosemary Davarn
Roger Freund
Cade Hamilton
Linda Klein
Kendall Kramer
Fr. Charlon Mason
Pat MacLachan

Nicole Schafer
Roman Schafer
Louis Simon
Pete Smith
Jason Thelen
Philip Thelen
Tom Thelen
Greg Tojong

Charles Trierweiler
Mary Louise Westbrook
Tony Wirth
(son of Mike & Donna)
Douglas Werner

*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



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.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Matthew's Ministry Wednesday, May 27 Pat Stump Barb Wesley Robin Wirth 		
Monday, May 25, 9:30 am	Diane Thelen			
Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 pm	Kevin Schulte			
Wednesday, May 27, 8:00 am	Ryan Weber			
Thursday, May 28, 6:15 am	Thomas Thelen			
Friday, May 29, 12:00 pm	Ryan Weber	EMHC	Altar Server	Usher/Greeters
Saturday, May 30, 4:30 pm	Kim Thelen	Cami Huhn	Josie George Lincoln Schneider	Roger Fox Judy Fox Andrew Kowatch
Sunday, May 31, 8:00 am	Alyssa Witgen	Diane Pline Bev Schmitz Ron Simon	Maria Klein Matthias Smith Luke Wittenbach	Susan Craft Thomas Fedewa Ben Kramer Todd (Chris) Smith
Sunday, May 31, 10:00 am	Mike Thelen	Kevin Schafer Jerry Waldron Kathy Waldron	Hilary Smith Abram Smith Emeric Thelen	Nolan George Doug George Darrin Heckman Sam 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.

