

PALM SUNDAY

of the Lord's Passion



March 29, 2026
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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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the bulletin date desired.**

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PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, March 28– Saturday of Fifth Week of Lent

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

SUNDAY, March 29– Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

8:00 am: **MASS**– Parish Family
9:50 am: Procession of Palms
10:00 am: **MASS**– Parish Family
6:00 pm: Walk through Holy Week Event

MONDAY, March 30– Monday of the Holy Week

11:30 am: Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**– Alma Smith

TUESDAY, March 31– Tuesday of the Holy Week

6:00 am–6:00 pm: Adoration
5:00 pm: NO CONESSIONS
6:30 pm: NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, April 1– Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00 am: **MASS**– Herman Hufnagel & Bernita Pohl &
Living & Deceased Family Members
8:45 am: Confessions

THURSDAY, April 2– Thursday of Holy Week

*** Holy Thursday***
6:15 am: MASS– NO MASS
8:15 am: Holy Thursday Adoration

FRIDAY, April 3– Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion

Good Friday
6:00 am: NO CONFESSIONS
12:00 pm: NO MASS
3:00 pm: Stations of the Cross
3:30 pm: Good Friday Service

**SATURDAY, April 4– Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil on
the Holy Night of Easter**

3:30 pm: NO CONFESSIONS
4:30 pm: **MASS**– Parish Family

SUNDAY, April 5– The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday
9:00 am: **MASS**– Parish Family
11:00 am: **MASS**– Parish Family
11:00 am: **NO ROSARY**

NO 10AM MASS ON APRIL 19

The 10:00am Mass on Sunday, April 19 has been moved to 2:00pm to celebrate Fr. Mason’s 75th birthday. Please join us in this joyous celebration with a reception following Mass in the Activity Center.

Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure

CONGRATULATIONS!
Winners!

2025-2026 School Raffle
(3/17) Ned & Morgan Mowatt (#146)

**Sacrificial Giving will be included in the
April 4/5 Bulletin.**

EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday, April 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm! The Hunt will take place at St. Joseph School for kids 3rd grade and younger (all children must be accompanied by an adult). Additional games and prizes will take place after the hunt. We hope you can come and join us for some fun! Thank you to the Pewamo Knights of Columbus and the St. Joseph School PTO for sponsoring this event.

CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY

Our Divine Mercy Celebration is April 12 at 3:00pm. The official recognition of Divine Mercy Sunday was authenticated by the Vatican in 2000. Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." Join us for a prayer service for God to grant upon the world his Divine Mercy in atonement for our sins.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet to implore God's mercy, as it was revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska by Jesus. The prayers are said to bring mercy to souls during their lives and especially at the hour of death, draw people closer to God, help convert sinners, and can be offered for any intention. As a community we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every day beginning on Good Friday (April 3) through Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12). Please join us daily at 3:00pm in the church.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Our Parish family is invited to attend the First Communion Mass on April 12 at 1:00 PM, where students will celebrate and receive the Eucharist for the first time.

SAVE THE DATE

Please Save the Date for St. Joseph Pewamo Parish Picnic Sunday, June 7th! A Parade at 11:30 am will kick off the event followed by games, great food, and more!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

March 30 – Holy Monday
Rosary: 11:30 AM
Mass: 12:00 PM

March 31 – Holy Tuesday
No Mass or Confessions at St. Joseph
Please join the Investreemed Chrism Mass
from the Cathedral of St. Andrew

April 1 – Holy Wednesday
Mass: 8:00 AM
Confessions: 8:45 AM
(Last opportunity before Easter)

April 2 – Holy Thursday
Mass: 7:00 PM
Adoration to follow

April 3 – Good Friday
Stations of the Cross: 2:15 PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 PM
Good Friday Service: 3:30 PM

April 4 – Holy Saturday
Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 PM
Easter Vigil Mass: 9:00 PM

April 5 – Easter Sunday
Mass: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 PM

April 5 – Easter Sunday
Mass: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 PM

EARBUDS FOUND

A set of Earbuds were found in the activity center. We are not certain which event these were left. If they are yours please contact the Parish Office and describe them to retrieve them.

Evangelization: Helping share in the future of our Church

INVITATION TO JOIN A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR FR. CHARLON MASON'S 75TH BIRTHDAY

We are gathering a "spiritual bouquet" to present to Fr. Charlon Mason in honor of his 75th Birthday which is April 20th. A spiritual bouquet is a collective gift of prayers, sacrifices, and devotional acts offered for a specific person's intentions.

How to Participate: Please choose one or more spiritual offerings to "add" to the bouquet between now and March 30th. Common offerings include: Mass Intentions: Attending or requesting a Mass for the person. Prayers: Reciting the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, or a specific novena. Adoration: Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament. Acts of Sacrifice: Fasting, abstinence, or performing an act of charity. Aspirations: Short, heartfelt prayers (e.g., "Jesus, I trust in You").

How to Submit Your Offering: Physical Option: Write your name and the number of times each offering will be performed on the provided slips of paper located on the table in the back of church. Digital Option: Submit your intended prayers to Jill Thelen by text 989-640-1025 or email jill.thelen72@gmail.com.

Presentation: All submitted offerings will be compiled into a beautifully designed card and presented to Fr. Mason on Sunday, April 19th at his birthday gathering at the St. Joseph School Activity Center following the 2pm Mass.

SUPPORT HANNAH'S HOUSE IN LANSING

Hannah's House is a Christian maternity shelter for women with an unexpected pregnancy. We are in need of ongoing funding to provide 24/7 support for up to 4 residents in need. Residents can stay until the baby is 6 months old. Hannah's House provides an opportunity to receive emotional, physical and spiritual formation while raising a newborn child. Over 70% of the women who come to us are not in touch with the father. 65% are unemployed and without financial assistance from their families. We encourage them to find work or take classes at the local Community College that will prepare them for future employment. Can you be the "family" that they don't have? Show your support through the link the link <https://givesendgo.com/hannahshouselansing>.



KNIGHTS CORNER COUNCIL # 8071

Meetings are held the
2nd Thursday of each
month in the KC
Room.

Rosary at 7:10 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

Dave Antes
Grand Knight



Please use
agent code
MTHELEN

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Intellectual Disability Campaign, known as the Tootsie Roll Drive, after Spring Break on April 24, 25 & 26. Please again consider donating to this very worthy cause! Thank you to those who have served us faithfully in the past. We now ask our fellow Knights to volunteer and/or encourage our newer Knights to join the mission. Contact Jim Klein at 989-640-2812 to learn more and to volunteer to help make a difference in the lives of those with intellectual disabilities. Volunteers schedule will be in the back of church the weekend of March 21, 22 & March 28, 29.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO CONSIDER THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Has the Vocations Prayer inspired you to consider whether God may be calling you to serve as a deacon? The Office of Diaconate Formation invites men who are interested or have questions about discernment and formation to attend a "Discerning the Diaconate" information session. These sessions will be held on Monday, May 4 or Monday, September 14, from 6:30–8:30 pm at Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S., Grand Rapids. The next class of deacon aspirants is scheduled to begin formation in early January 2027. To RSVP or learn more, please contact Deacon Jerry Roersma, Director of Deacon Formation, at 616-288-0913 or jroersma@grdiocese.org.

FIND HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION THROUGH A RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer a safe place to heal and for hearts broken by abortion to be redeemed. The retreat offers a confidential and supportive environment for men and women who have suffered the loss of a child through abortion. The next retreat will be held April 17-19. To sign up, go to <https://ccwestmi.org/project-rachel/>.

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	Bob Zenk
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



Matthew's Ministry Wednesday, April 1

Jill Thelen, Kenneth Kramer, Alice Kramer

	Lector	EMHC	Altar Server	Usher
Monday, March 30, 12:00 pm	NEED	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wednesday, April 1, 8:00 am	Dave Antes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Thursday April 2, 7:00 pm Holy Thursday	Diane Thelen	Mike Kramer Bruce Janderno Diane Pline	Thomas Kramer Daniel Wittenbach Luke Wittenbach NEED	Susan Craft NEED NEED NEED
Friday, April 3, 2:00 pm Good Friday Stations of the Cross	N/A	N/A	Thomas Kramer NEED NEED	N/A
Friday, April 3, 3:30 pm Good Friday Service	Jill Thelen	N/A	Thomas Kramer NEED NEED	Susan Craft NEED
Saturday, April 4, 9:00 pm Easter Vigil	Dave Antes Wanda Zenk Therese Simon	Dcn. Wade Yott Barb Wesley Todd Henning	Thomas Kramer Christian Harrington Alijah Harrington Ace Henning Due Henning	Doug Fox NEED NEED NEED
Sunday, April 5, 9:00 am Easter Sunday *NEW TIME*	Tom (Stacy) Miller	Dcn. Wade Yott Diane Pline Steve Miller	Daniel Wittenbach Luke Wittenbach NEED	Susan Craft NEED NEED NEED
Sunday, April 5, 11:00 am Easter Sunday *NEW TIME*	Kim Thelen	Mike Kramer NEED NEED	Thomas Kramer NEED NEED	NEED NEED NEED NEED