

April 26, 2026  
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A shepherd in a white robe with a long staff stands in a field of sheep at sunset. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a soft glow over the entire scene. The shepherd is the central figure, looking down at the sheep. The sheep are densely packed, filling the foreground and middle ground. The background shows a vast, open landscape under a hazy sky.

**THEY RECOGNIZE  
HIS VOICE**

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

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

**PARISH OFFICE**

126 East St., PO Box 37  
Pewamo, MI 48873  
989-593-3440

**Office Hours**

Tuesday 2:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Closed: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun  
parishoffice@stjosephpewamo.org  
www.stjosephpewamo.org

**PARISH LIBRARY**

Open during all scheduled  
Parish Office Hours.

**SCHOOL OFFICE**

160 East St., PO Box 38  
Pewamo, MI 48873  
989-593-3400  
School Hours: 7:30 am—3:00 pm

**STAFF DIRECTORY**

Contact the Parish Office  
989-593-3440  
parishoffice@stjosephpewamo.org  
For Facilities, please contact the Parish Office

Rev. Darrel Kempf, Pastor  
989-593-3440 Call  
fatherdarrel@stjosephpewamo.org

Dcn. Wade Yott, Permanent Deacon  
& St. Joseph Cemetery  
w.yott@stjosephpewamo.org

Ryan Weber, School Principal  
989-593-3400 Call  
rweber@stjosephpewamo.org

Nickie Wentworth, Executive Admin. Assistant  
616-318-0055 Call/Text  
stewardship@stjosephpewamo.org

**GET CONNECTED**



myParish



Parish-wide  
Emailed  
Newsletter



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

**Please send to [stewardship@stjosephpewamo.org](mailto:stewardship@stjosephpewamo.org)**

**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

**MONDAY, April 27– Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter**

11:30 am: Rosary  
12:00 pm: **MASS**– Beverly J Simon & Living &  
Deceased Family Members

**TUESDAY, April 28– Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter**

6:00 am–6:00 pm: Adoration  
5:00 pm: Confessions  
6:30 pm: **MASS**– Rose & Bill Capen & Living &  
Deceased Family Members  
7:15 pm: Baptism  
7:15 pm: Good Samaritan New Volunteer Training

**WEDNESDAY, April 29– Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and  
Doctor of the Church**

8:00 am: **MASS**– Brian Cook & Family  
8:45 am: Confessions

**THURSDAY, April 30– Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter**

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

**FRIDAY, May 1– Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter**

**\*\* FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH\*\***  
**\*\* Feast of St. Joseph the Worker\*\***

12am-12pm: First Friday of Adoration  
6:00 am: Confessions  
11:30 Rosary  
12:00 pm: **MASS**– Parish Family

**SATURDAY, May 2– Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church**

3:30 pm: Confessions  
4:30 pm: **MASS**– Dave & Judy Bierstetel & Living &  
Deceased Family Members

**SUNDAY, May 3– Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am: **MASS**– Joseph and Eleanor Klein  
10:00 am: **MASS**– Parish Family  
11:00 am: Baptism  
11:30 am: Rosary for the Infinite Dignity of Life

## Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure



### 2025-2026 School Raffle

(4/14) Stephanie & Adam Schnieder Kids (#51)



### Sanctuary Candle sponsored

in Honor of:

Dave & Catherine Weber & Family

### FLOWER FUND

Please consider donating to the St. Joseph Church Flower Fund. This fund will be used by the Art and Environment committee to purchase and care for the flowers, plants, and décor items utilized in heightening the beauty of the Mass throughout the liturgical season. Flower Fund envelopes will be included with your envelope packets in July. Those who wish to contribute before July, or do not utilize parish envelopes, may label their donation "Flower Fund" and place it in the offertory. Thank you in advance for your contributions to this ministry!

### 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 student's hard work.

### ATTENTION TEENAGERS: REGISTRATION FOR THIS SUMMERS STEUBENVILLE RETREAT IS NOW OPEN

Unloved ... unappreciated ... forgotten. This is how the stupid coward, Satan, wants us to live. As beloved children of God, though, we are... WORTHY. No matter what. "Worthy" is the theme of this summer's Steubenville youth retreat. Allow your life to be changed forever. Registration is now open. If you are a P-W student currently in 8th-12th grade, join us from July 17-19 for a weekend you'll never forget. You can sign up here <https://sites.google.com/stmarychurch.net/smpym/steubenville> or email Austin Fox at [afox@stmarychurch.net](mailto:afox@stmarychurch.net)

Parish Support	April 12, 2026	Envelopes Used
General Collection	\$2,500.00	31
Online Giving	\$2,567.88	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,067.88</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>	

### 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](mailto: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.



### WE ARE HIRING

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.



### IS GOD CALLING YOU TO CONSIDER THE PERMANENT DIACONTE

Has the Vocations Prayer stirred your heart and led you to wonder 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. Sessions will be held on Monday, May 4 and 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 will begin formation in early January 2027. To RSVP or learn more, please contact Deacon Jerry Roersma, Director of Deacon Formation, at [jroersma@grdiocese.org](mailto:jroersma@grdiocese.org).



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](mailto: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.

### WYD 2027 SNEAK PEAK

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry invites all young adults (ages 18–35) to join the Diocese of Grand Rapids for a special preview session on World Youth Day. This event is a great opportunity to meet Verso Ministries, explore the pilgrimage itinerary, get your questions answered, and connect with other young adults. The session will take place on April 30 at 6 pm, with options to attend either in person at the Catholic Information Center or virtually. Be sure to scan the QR code to register. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness the global Church firsthand and experience the rich and vibrant story of Catholicism in Korea!



### WEDDING BANNS I

Evan Thelen &  
Emily Kramer

*The canonical requirement of banns is to enable anyone  
to raise any canonical impediment to marriage.*

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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 27, 12:00 pm	Jill Thelen	<b>Matthew's Ministry</b> <b>Wednesday, April 29</b> Julie Heckman Karen Thelen Barb Wesley		
Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 pm	Kevin Schulte			
Wednesday, April 29, 8:00 am	Dave Antes			
Thursday, April 30, 6:15 am	Thomas Thelen			
Friday, June 1, 12:00 pm	Dave Antes	EMHC	Altar Server	Usher/Greeters
Saturday, June 2, 4:30 pm	Jeremy Piggott	NEED	Isla Piggott Rowan Piggott	Doug Fox Judy Fox Roger Fox Steve Martin
Sunday, June 3, 8:00 am	Wanda Zenk	Todd Henning Michele Klein Jackie Simon	Ace Henning Duke Henning Olive Henning	Todd (Chris) Smith Ben Kramer Ben McCrumb Todd (Brandy) Smith
Sunday, June 3, 10:00 am	Bruce Jandernoa	Sarah Jandernoa Kevin Schafer Kevin Schulte	Scarlett Simon Annabell Simon Jude Simon	Kaine Simon Andy Hengesbach Sam Thelen 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](http://stjosephpewamo.org)) or contact the parish office at 989-593-3440.

