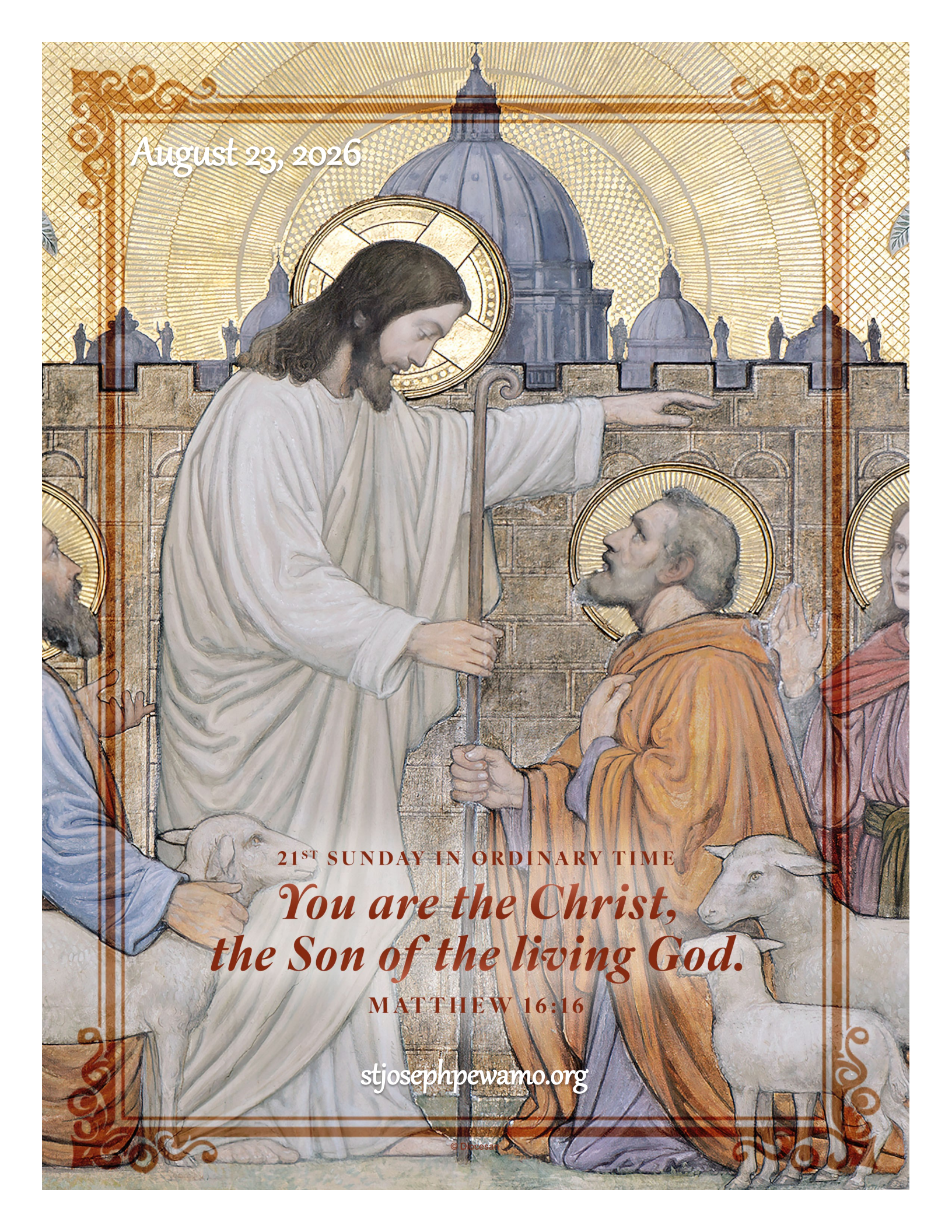




August 23, 2026

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God.*

MATTHEW 16:16

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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, August 22— Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**— Bill Thelen & Living &
Deceased Family Members

SUNDAY, August 23— Twenty-First Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS**— Parish Family
10:00 am: **MASS**— Dale Pennington & Walter and
Marie Hufnagel

MONDAY, August 24— Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

11:30 am: Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**— Clem & Thelma Rademacher & Living &
Deceased Family Members

TUESDAY, August 25— Tuesday of the Twenty-first Week in Ord. Time

6:00 am—6:00 pm: Adoration
5:00 pm: Confessions
6:30 pm: **MASS**— Marie Theis & Living &
Deceased Family Members

WEDNESDAY, August 26— Wednesday of the Twenty-first Week in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS**— Keith Schafer
8:45 am: Confessions
6:30 pm: Finance Council Meeting

THURSDAY, August 27— Memorial of Saint Monica

6:15 am: **MASS**— Hilda & Louie Thelen & Living &
Deceased Family Members

FRIDAY, August 28— Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:00 am: Confessions
11:30 Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**— Max Feldpausch & Living &
Deceased Family Members

SATURDAY, August 29— Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

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

SUNDAY, August 30— Twenty-second Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS**— Peter Simon & Living &
Deceased Family Members
10:00 am: **MASS**— Phillip Stoddard

Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure



2026-2027 School Raffle
(8/11) Wood Family (#158)



Sanctuary Candle sponsored
in Honor of:
Norm, Mary, and Jerry Miller

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

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION OPEN

Faith Formation registration is open. If you have not registered your child for Faith Formation yet, please do so ASAP so you do not miss any important announcements. Information about our K-12 programs is available in the back of church and on the parish website. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.



Vincent Derek Arens
Parents:
Derek & Kathleen Arens



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

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 9, 2026	Envelopes Used
General Collection	\$3,198.05	41
Online Giving	\$3,147.33	47
Total	\$6,345.38	88
Needed Weekly	\$ 9,000.00	

COMMUNITY BAND IS BACK

The Community band is back! Small Town Sound will meet on August 26, Sept 9, 16, and 30, Oct 14 and 28, Nov 11, and Dec 2 and 16. Rehearsals are located in the Pewamo-Westphalia High School band room from 7:00-8:30pm. We welcome all concert band instrumentalists, whether rusty or seasoned! Contact Randy Voisinet (voisinet@pwschools.org) or Kelsey Hengesbach (khengesbach721@gmail.com) for more details.

SAVE THE DATE-PEWAMO COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

Everyone is invited to the Pewamo Community Block Party on Saturday, September 12 from 5:00–9:00 PM in downtown Pewamo! This event is all about bringing our community together for an evening of fun for all ages. Enjoy live music, inflatables, games, a dunk tank, glow dance party, and more. Bring your family, invite your friends and neighbors, and come enjoy a night together in Pewamo!

The Block Party is hosted by the Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools Foundation, which is working to support and strengthen our schools and the communities they serve. Interested in volunteering? Contact Gina Huhn at (517) 290-6285. Everyone is welcome — we hope to see you there!

WESTPHALIA BOWLING LEAGUE

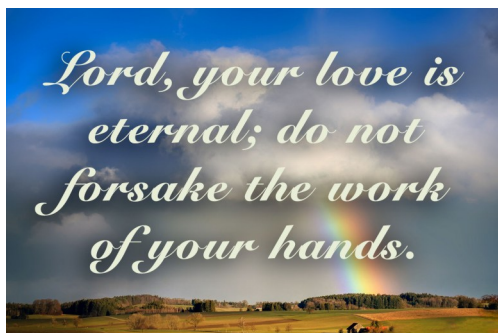
The Monday Night Women's bowling league is looking for two teams to join in the fun at the Westphalia Knights of Columbus Bowling Lanes.

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.

Evangelization: Helping share in the future of our Church

HOW TO PRAY

Who has ever had the experience of wondering what it means to rely on a higher power? Think of the challenges that this can bring to your life. Join Fr. Darrel for an open and honest conversation about prayer, faith, and our connection to a higher power on August 27, 6:30pm. Hosted by Clavers Companions Inc, 401 W. Main St. Ionia ClaversCompanions.org



ALPHA FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Curious about faith? Meet new people and explore life, faith, and purpose through Alpha—a welcoming space for conversation, questions, and connection. No judgment, no pressure!

Young Adults ages 18–39 on Thursdays, Sept. 10–Nov. 19 | 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S., Grand Rapids FREE to attend! To register, email Jesus Sanchez-Parada at jsanchez@grdiocese.org.

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Heart of Feminine Holiness

The Church gives thanks for all the manifestations of the feminine 'genius' which have appeared in the course of history... and all the fruits of feminine holiness.

Mulieris Dignitatus #31

OCTOBER 10
9am-5pm

LANSING CENTER, LANSING, MI

BOOK LAUNCH & SIGNING WITH SISTER DAMIEN MARIE SAVINO

Join Sister Damien Marie Savino, FSE, Ph.D., and the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist on Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 PM at 11650 Downs St. NE in Lowell for a special Book Launch & Signing. Enjoy an evening of reflection on caring for creation through a Franciscan lens as Sister Damien shares her vision for realizing the promise of integral ecology, inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. This is a free event, and signed books will be available for purchase for \$20. Please call 616-897-7842 to RSVP.

MASS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The Diocese of Grand Rapids warmly invites you to join Bishop Walkowiak for the celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday, Sept. 20. The celebration will begin with Mass at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, followed by a reception.

This annual celebration reminds us that every migrant and refugee is our brother or sister in Christ. As we gather in prayer, we give thanks for the many gifts they bring to our communities



KNIGHTS CORNER COUNCIL # 8071

Andy Hengesbach, Grand Knight
GK8071@mikofc.org



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Pewamo Council #8071 Roster 2026-2027

Grand Knight— Andy Hengesbach	Warden— Ron Simon
Financial Secretary— Carl Hafner	Inside Guard— Bill Heckman
Deputy Grand Knight— Steve Martin	Outside Guard— Todd Thelen
Chancellor— Fran Thelen	1st Year Trustee— Tony Thelen Jr.
Recorder— Tom Fedewa	2nd Year Trustee— Tom Thelen
Treasurer— Devon Williams	3rd Year Trustee— Dave Antes
Advocate— Cole Miller	Chaplain— Fr. Darrel Kempf
	Lecturer— Jim Schmitz

Stewardship of Time (Prayer)

PARISHIONER PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Nicole Schafer
Roman Schafer
Louis Simon
Pete Smith
Els Steenblik
Jason Thelen
Philip Thelen
Tom Thelen

Greg Tojong
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, August 26 Bruce Frechen Pat Stump Karen Thelen 		
Monday, August 24, 12:00 pm	Dave Antes			
Tuesday, August 25, 6:30 pm	Diane Thelen			
Wednesday, August 26, 8:00 am	Ryan Weber			
Thursday, August 27, 6:15 am	Claire Jandernoa			
Friday, August 28, 12:00 pm	Ryan Weber	EMHC	Altar Server	Usher/Greeters
Saturday, August 29, 4:30 pm	Jeremy Piggott	Mark Schneider	Isla Piggott Rowan Piggott	Roger Fox Judy Fox Doug Fox Steve Martin
Sunday, August 30, 8:00 am	Tom (Stacy) Miller	Dan Heckman Cami Huhn Diane Pline	Kendall Kramer Molly Kramer Matthias Smith	Susan Craft Ben Kramer Todd (Chris) Smith Jeff Thelen
Sunday, August 30, 10:00 am	Jill Thelen	Mike Kramer Kevin Schulte Thomas Thelen	Annabell Simon Scarlett Simon Jude Simon	Doug George Bill Kramer Ben McCrumb Kaine Simon

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.

