

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

JESUS *Wept.*

JOHN 11:35



March 22, 2026
stjosephpewamo.org

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Diocese of Grand Rapids

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Newsletter



Bulletin deadline is 2 weeks before
the bulletin date desired.

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PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, March 21– Saturday of Fourth Week of Lent

7:30 am: SHE Women’s Program
3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**– Raymond & Anna Huhn & Living &
Deceased Family Members
5:30 pm: Knights of Columbus Pie Sale after Mass
5:30 pm: Prayer Teams after Mass

SUNDAY, March 22– Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am: **MASS**– Keith Schafer
9:00 am: Prayer Teams after Mass
9:00 am: Knights of Columbus Pie Sale after Mass
10:00 am: **MASS**– Parish Family
11:00 am: Prayer Teams after Mass
11:00 am: Knights of Columbus Pie Sale after Mass

MONDAY, March 23– Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent

11:30 am: Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**– Poor Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, March 24– Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

6:00 am–6:00 pm: Adoration
5:00 pm: Confessions
6:30 pm: **MASS**– David Panwas & Family

WEDNESDAY, March 25– Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 am: **MASS**– Joe Reihl & Living & Deceased Family Members
8:45 am: Confessions

THURSDAY, March 26– Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent

6:15 am: **MASS**– Ray & Armela Feldpausch & Living &
Deceased Family Members

FRIDAY, March 27– Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent

6:00 am: Confessions
12:00 pm: **MASS**– John Damien Fedewa
6:00 pm: Stations & Supper

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

WELCOME NEW CANDIDATE

We are excited to announce that Larry Farmer has entered into the candidate stage of his journey into the Catholic Church. Please join us in praying for Larry while he makes his final preparation to enter into full communion at Easter Vigil, April 4.

Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure

CONGRATULATIONS!
Winners!

2025-2026 School Raffle
(3/10) Doreen Schafer (#78)

Parish Support	March 1, 2026	Envelopes Used
General Collection	\$6,496.00	43
Online Giving	\$2,875.95	37
Total	\$9,371.95	80
Needed Weekly	\$ 9,000.00	

STATIONS AND SUPPER

This event is held on every Friday during Lent. Join us for the Stations of the Cross followed by dinner which has been prepared by one of the councils, board or groups within our parish. Join us in prayer and communion as we travel through Lent together as a community. Join us for our last one on March 27.

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

Palm Sunday, March 29, all parishioners are invited to join us for a Procession of Palms beginning at 9:50am in the Parish Center. We will process from the Activity Center into the church.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, Jesus arrived in Jerusalem prior to his arrest. He was greeted by a cheering crowd, all shouting 'Hosanna!' and laying palm leaves at his feet. We remember this by joining together at 9:50 am to process blessed palms as we enter Mass.

JOSEPHS BUILDERS YOUNG ADULT MISSION WEEK 2026

Mission Week 2026 will be in Twin Lake, MI this year from July 5-12. "Mission Week" is an opportunity for Young Adults 18-35 to grow in their Catholic Faith through dedicated work serving the poor, opportunities to deepen one's prayer life and form meaningful friendships in Christ. "Mission Week" allows each participant to experience beauty and joy through the gift of sacrifice as they engage in an expansive home improvement project in the community. Besides work, participants live in common all week, experience daily Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and evangelical talks that focus on deepening one's relationship with Christ. "Mission Week" is truly a transformative experience.

Recently Bishop Walkowiak wrote a beautiful letter regarding the work of Joseph's Builders. If you would like to read it please go to: www.josephsbuilders.com

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

March 28 – Palm Sunday
Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM

March 29 – Palm Sunday
Mass: 8:00 AM
Procession of Palms: 9:50 AM
Mass: 10:00 AM

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 livestreamed Chrim 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

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!

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 <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
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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.

WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you all for the outpouring of support in the time before, during and at the time of Phil's passing. We have been overwhelmed by so many friends and family who came to Green Acres. the visitation, funeral and our homes in the past days, weeks and months. We felt loved and comforted by all of you. We also received so many heartfelt cards, messages, flowers and memorials that touched our hearts. We are grateful to Father Darrel for the most perfect homily at the funeral Mass.

To Father Mason and Deacon Yott, your presence mattered and we thank you for helping us celebrate Phil's life. We are also grateful to Nancy Woodcock for helping us get organized and ensuring every detail was taken care of. The music was just beautiful. Thank you Kelsey Hengesbach and Aubrey Feldpausch for adding so much to the mass.

A special thank you to St Joseph parish members for providing the desserts at the luncheon. To our parish families of St Joseph, Pewamo and St John the Baptist, Hubbardston we are grateful for the love and prayers we have received for many years. May God Bless all of you!

The Family of Phillip Stoddard

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

	Lector	Matthew's Ministry Wednesday, March 25 Julie Heckman Kim Klein Robin Wirth		
Monday, March 23, 12:00 pm	Dave Antes	HOLY WEEK MINISTERS NEEDED Holy Week – 4/2, 7:00 pm: 1 Altar Server, 4 Greeters Good Friday – 4/3, 2:00 pm (Stations): 2 Altar Servers Good Friday – 4/3, 3:30 pm (Service): 2 Altar Servers, 2 Greeters Easter Vigil – 4/4, 9:00 am: 3 Greeters Easter Sunday – 9:00 am: 1 Altar Server, 4 Greeters Easter Sunday – 11:00 am: 2 EMHC, 2 Altar Servers, 4 Greeters		
Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 pm	Bruce Jandernoa			
Wednesday, March 25, 8:00 am	Ryan Weber			
Thursday, March 26, 6:15 am	Thomas Thelen			
Friday, March 27, 12:00 pm	Mike Thelen	EMHC	Altar Server	Usher/Greeters
Saturday, March 28, 4:30 pm	Stephanie Hengesbach	Marliyn Schneider	Ainsley Cook Chase Cook	Andy Hengesbach Andrew Kowatch Steve Martin Corey Smith
Sunday, March 29, 8:00 am Palm Sunday	Todd Henning	Michele Klein Todd Thelen Barb Wesley	Duke Henning Ace Henning Olive Henning Will Thelen	Roger Fox Judy Fox Ben Kramer Jeff Thelen
Sunday, March 29, 10:00 am Palm Sunday	Francis Thelen	Kevin Schulte Jerry Waldron Kathy Waldron	Eli Smith Abram Smith Hilary Smith Sam Thelen	NEED Nolan George Darrin Heckman Tim Nurenberg