



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TAKE COURAGE,
IT IS I.

MATTHEW 14:27

August 9, 2026

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH LIBRARY

Open during all scheduled
Parish Office Hours.

SCHOOL OFFICE

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Newsletter



Bulletin deadline is 2 weeks before
the bulletin date desired.

Please send to stewardship@stjosephpewamo.org

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, August 8— Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**— Mark Simon & Living &
Deceased Family Members

SUNDAY, August 9— Nineteenth Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS**— Parish Family
10:00 am: **MASS**— Joe and Janice Kavanagh

MONDAY, August 10— Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

11:30 am: Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**— For caregivers

TUESDAY, August 11— Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

6:00 am—6:00 pm: Adoration
5:00 pm: Confessions
6:30 pm: **MASS**— Norm & Blanche Cook &
Christine Thelen

WEDNESDAY, August 12— Wednesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS**— John D. Fedewa
8:45 am: Confessions

THURSDAY, August 13— Thursday of the Nineteenth Week in Ord. Time

6:15 am: **MASS**— Phillip Stoddard
7:30 pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting
(Rosary starts at 7:10pm)

FRIDAY, August 14— Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

6:00 am: Confessions
11:30 Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**— Bill & Joan Savoie, Bill Jr. & Living &
Deceased Family Members
6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, August 15— Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**— For mothers who said yes in
difficult situations

SUNDAY, August 16— Twentieth Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS**— Maria Gonzalez and unborn child
10:00 am: **MASS**— Parish Family
11:30 am: Faith Formation Parent Meeting

Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure



2026-2027 School Raffle
(7/28) Tom & Stacy Miller (#186)



Sanctuary Candle sponsored
in Honor of:
Gary Hendee & Living & Deceased
Family Members

FAITH FORMATION PARENT MEETING

Faith Formation Parent Meeting is scheduled for August 20 at 6:30pm in the Activity Center. All parents of faith formation and sacramental preparation students are expected to attend. Come learn all of the exciting opportunities for your child(ren) this coming year.

RESTORE EVENT

Please join us in church for a RESTORE evening on August 19, 6:00pm. This RESTORE event will include adoration, confession, praise and worship music, and the St. Joseph Prayer Team will be available for those seeking prayers. Gather with us for a faith filled evening to encounter Jesus through the Holy Spirit.



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	July 26, 2026	Envelopes Used
General Collection	\$3,885.00	31
Online Giving	\$9,169.45	78
Total	\$13,054.45	109
Needed Weekly	\$ 9,000.00	

WITH GRATITUDE

Dear parishioners of St. Joe's in lieu of thank you notes we have made a donation to the building fund in honor of Rosemary. We would like to express our gratitude for all who were there for mom. Thanks again to a wonderful group of people!

~ The Family of Rosemary Davarn

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Currently the school board needs 3 members starting in August 2026 and running for a three-year term. There are typically 10 meetings per year for about 1 hour a piece. Due to the current composition of the board, we are looking for individuals who do not have a student attending St. Joseph Catholic School. Please prayerfully consider serving the school as a board member! Please contact Aaron Schneider at 517-331-4266 if you have any questions or would like to inquire.

~ St. Joseph School Board

ST. MARY 5K RUN/WALK, AND KIDS RUN

Registration is now open! Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Westphalia/StMaryFamilyFest>.

In addition, paper registration forms are available for download at this site. Please contact Darren & Becky Kramer at (517) 626-2098 or at stmaryrunwalk@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you in advance for your support. See you at the starting line!



Evangelization: Helping share in the future of our Church

SURVIVING DIVORCE SESSIONS

St. Mary's Parish is pleased to announce that we will be offering Surviving Divorce sessions which bring hope and healing to anyone who has experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Surviving Divorce will help you work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce, gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences.

The program will help you to navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help you to discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you, find answers to your questions, restore your hope, and begin authentic healing.

Surviving Divorce will be held every Monday starting September 14, 2026 to December 14, 2026 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Parish Library at St. Mary, Westphalia (No meeting on November 23rd for Thanksgiving). The program fee is \$20 to cover the cost of the Personal Guide. To register please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/kITjVnkMxEv0mtAI3> or contact St. Mary's Parish at 989-587-4211 by September 4, 2026.



MAKING PRAYER A PRIORITY

Isaac Riess, a member of Scouting America Troop 260 and St. Joseph Parish, is completing an Eagle Scout service project that will provide a lasting benefit to our parish community. His project involves creating a prayer garden behind the parish office, offering a peaceful space for prayer, reflection, and devotion. The garden will feature statues or displays honoring St. Joseph, St. Raphael, St. Gianna, St. Anthony, and St. Jude, as well as a large cross, landscaping, and beautiful plantings.

The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$30,000, and community support is needed to help bring this vision to life. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated and will directly contribute to the construction and enhancement of the prayer garden. This project will create a meaningful spiritual resource that can be enjoyed by parishioners and visitors for years to come. You can send monetary donations to Isaac Riess-Troop 260 and drop it in the collection basket or deliver it to the Parish Office.

HELP PREGNANCY AID ANNUAL FALL DINNER

Reservations are open for HELP Pregnancy's 2026 fall dinner on September 17. Keynote speaker Pam Tebow. Pam will share her story about her decision to choose life for Tim against a doctor's advice. The theme this year is team HELP FOR THE WIN; guests are encouraged to wear team HELP colors (cobalt blue and white)! Scan the QR code, visit SupportHelpPregnancy.org/705-happenings, or call Cherie at 616.459.9139 for more information and to make your reservation today.



SUMMER LIBRARY

Join us for our final Summer Library of the season on August 20 at 10 am, as we welcome a special guest reader! Past summers, we've enjoyed visits from some fun surprise guests, including an Old Lady who shared *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly* and even a dinosaur who stopped to read *Dinosaurs and Doughnuts*. We can't wait to see who will join us this year!

Until then, visit us every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am–12:00 pm to check out your next reading adventure. Be sure to stay for our special activities at 10:00 am on Tuesday for Story Time on and Games on Thursdays. We look forward to spending the rest of the summer reading, learning, and having fun with you!



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
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 12 Julie Heckman Kenneth Kramer Alice Kramer 		
Monday, August 10, 12:00 am	NEED			
Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 pm	Claire Jandernoa			
Wednesday, August 12, 8:00 am	Dave Antes			
Thursday, August 13, 6:15 am	Kevin Schulte			
Friday, August 14, 12:00 pm	Mike Thelen	EMHC	Altar Server	Usher/Greeters
Saturday, August 15, 4:30 pm	Kim Thelen	Marilyn Schneider	Alijah Harrington Christian Harrington	Thomas Fedewa Steve Martin Corey Smith Brody Smith
Sunday, August 16, 8:00 am	Jim Schmitz	Steve Miller Bev Schmitz Ron Simon	Ace Henning Luke Wittenbach Daniel Wittenbach	Susan Craft Roger Fox Judy Fox Ben Kramer
Sunday, August 16, 10:00 am	Amy Thelen	Mike Kramer Jerry Waldron Kathy Waldron	Josie George Abigail George Thomas Kramer	Nolan George Doug George Darrin Heckman Bill Kramer

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.

