
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 20, 2026
THE Last WILL BE First, AND THE FIRST WILL BE LAST.
MATTHEW 20:16
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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Bulletin deadline is 2 weeks before the bulletin date desired.
Please send to stewardship@stjosephpewamo.org

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, September 19– Saturday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ord. Time

7:30 pm: SHE Shall be Called Women
3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS–** Parish Family
5:15 pm: Prayer Teams after Mass

SUNDAY, September 20– Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS–** Roy & Alice Spitzley & Living & Deceased Family Members
9:00 am: Prayer Teams after Mass
10:00 am: **MASS–** Anita Freund, Erwin and Eleanor Freund
11:00 am: Prayer Teams after Mass

MONDAY, September 21– Feast of Saint Matthew,Apostle and evangelist

11:30 am: Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS–** For the protection of the sanctity of life
7:15 pm: Middle and High School Faith Formation

TUESDAY, September 22– Tuesday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ord. Time

6:00 am–6:00 pm: Adoration
5:00 pm: NO CONFESSION
6:30 pm: NO MASS
7:15 pm: Good Samaritan Training

WEDNESDAY, September 23– Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00 am: NO MASS
8:45 am: NO CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY, September 24– Thursday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ord. Time

12:00 pm: MASS– Teresa Pung on 1 year anniversary of passing

FRIDAY, September 25– Friday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ord. Time

6:00 am: NO CONFESSIONS
11:30 Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS–** Thomas Fedewa

SATURDAY, September 26– Saturday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ord. Time

7:30 pm: SHE Shall be Called Women
3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS–** Gary Hendee & Living & Deceased Family Members

SUNDAY, September 27– Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS–** Alma Smith
10:00 am: **MASS–** Parish Family
10:00 am: Youth Choir Mass

Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure



2026-2027 School Raffle

(9/8) Doug & Jenny George (#160)



Sanctuary Candle sponsored in Honor of:

Soul of Esmeralda Nava-Gozalez

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

Parish Support	9/06/26	Envelopes Used
General Collection	$3,838.00	34
Online Giving	$3,696.40	56
Total	$7,534.40	90
Needed Weekly	$9,000.00	

WESTPHALIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Westphalia Historical Society Cemetery Walk will be Sunday, Sept. 20th at 2:00 pm at St. Mary's Cemetery. Rain date is Sept. 27th. Come hear about; Private Leo Theis, Dora Pohl, Joseph Platte and Stanley Wieber. Cider and cookies will be provided for this free event. Donations to the WHS will be accepted.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/CONFIRMATION RETREAT

There will be a retreat for Middle School/ Confirmation candidates on Sunday, October 11th at 11:30 am.



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

ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS AND PARISHIONERS

The Altar Society annual chicken and biscuits fundraiser will be held after all Masses the weekend of September 19th. We are looking for Altar Society members or parishioners to assist with some preparation of the chicken an biscuits on Thursday, September 17th beginning at 3:00 pm. Please consider prayerfully volunteering your time. Please contact Barb Wesley at (616) 481-1799 or Therese Simon at (517) 927-7248 to volunteer or if you have any questions.

ALTAR SOCIETY FALL FUNDRAISER

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, September 19, and Sunday, September 20, after all of the Masses for the Annual Altar Society Fall Fundraiser – Chicken & Biscuit and Baked Goods Takeout. Tickets and worker's lists may be picked up in the back of church. The tickets may be returned through the collection or to the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Committee Members Michele Klein (517-582-0201), Becky Droste (517-526-2415), or Mary Jo Baker (989-640-7787).

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

ENDED BEGINNING

Many of those who have lost a child, including a child in utero, want to remember the child rightly, honor his/her life, and give thanks to God for the life He gave. For some, this means offering an intentional time together with God and offering support to one another . Please join us for a Prayer Service on October 14 at 6:30 pm, to honor the lives of those who were taken home at such a young age; whether through miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, or infant death after birth.

HOLY FAMILY RADIO

Join us Monday, September 21–Friday, September 25, for Holy Family Radio's on-air appeal featuring local guests and Catholic organizations. Show your support with a donation as we work toward our $200,000 goal. Donate at www.holyfamilyradio.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Pewamo Knights of Columbus will be holding a Sausage and Pancake Breakfast on October 25th from 8:30 am to noon at St. Joseph's Activity Center. The proceeds will be used to fund Coats for Kids and other various local charities. The cost is $10.00 for adults, $5.00 for children ages 6-12, and free for children five & under.

KNIGHTS CORNER COUNCIL # 8071

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Please use agent codeMTHELEN

Thanks to all who participated in the annual MI drive to help physical and intellectual challenged children. Money that was collected at this years Tootsie Roll sale was distributed to the following: $600 Twin Rivers School in Muir, $600 Ionia County ISD in Ionia , $515 Pewamo Elementary .Pewamo KofC also donated $500 to Pregnancy Services of Ionia County.

Meetings are second Thursday of the month next meeting October 8, rosary at 7:10 pm meeting at 7:30 all members welcome.



JOIN US FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

The Diocese of Grand Rapids Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry invites young adults, ages 18–35, to join us on pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea, for World Youth Day 2027! The pilgrimage is July 30-Aug. 10, 2027.

World Youth Day is more than a trip—it is a life-changing pilgrimage that can deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ, strengthen your connection to the Church, and create friendships that last a lifetime. Along the way, pilgrims will also have the opportunity to experience the rich culture, history, and Catholic heritage of Korea.

As an added incentive, the first 20 pilgrims who register and submit their deposit by Sept. 29 for the full package (including the group flight and 2-day extension) will receive a complimentary pilgrim t-shirt and a Korean plug adapter. Need more information or ready to register, visit: https://versoministries.com/departures/wyd-seoul-2027-diocese-of-grand-rapids/

Stewardship of Time (Prayer)

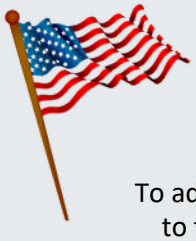
PARISHIONER PRAYER REQUESTS

Rob Davarn
Roger Freund
Cade Hamilton
Linda Klein
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.***

Howtosubmitaprayer request: (1) Call the Parish Office or (2) enter a prayer request on the My Parish App.

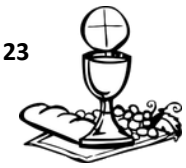
PRAY FOROURMILITARY



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			
Monday, September 21, 12:00 pm	Dave Antes	**Matthew's Ministry** **Wednesday, September 23** Kenneth Kramer Alice Kramer Karen Thelen 		
Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 pm	**NO MASS**			
Wednesday, September 23, 8:00 am	**NO MASS**			
Thursday, September 24, **12:00 pm**	Thomas Thelen			
Friday, September 25, 12:00 pm	Ryan Weber	**EMHC**	**Altar Server**	**Usher/Greeters**
Saturday, September 26, 4:30 pm	Becky Yerge	Mark Schneider	Lincoln Schneider Lane Smith	Roger Fox Judy Fox Corey Smith Brody Smith
Sunday, September 27, 8:00 am	Jim Schmitz	Dan Heckman Michele Klein Bev Schmitz	Camille Hoffman **NEED** Silas Williams	Susan Craft Ben McCrumb Holden Smith Todd (Brandy) Smith
Sunday,September 27, 10:00 am	Francis Thelen	Kevin Schafer Kathy Waldron Jerry Waldron	Eli Smith Abram Smith Hilary Smith	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.

