

August 16, 2026

LA ASUNCIÓN DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA

The Assumption

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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PARISH LIBRARY

Open during all scheduled
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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 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

MONDAY, August 17— Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ord. Time

11:30 am: Rosary

12:00 pm: **MASS**— For a successful building project

5:00 pm: Baptism

TUESDAY, August 18— Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ord. Time

6:00 am—6:00 pm: Adoration

5:00 pm: Confessions

6:30 pm: **MASS**— Norbert & Bertha Simon

7:30 pm: Finance Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, August 19— Wednesday of the Twentieth Week in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS**— Bob Wolniakowski

8:45 am: Confessions

6:00 pm: RESTORE Event

THURSDAY, August 20— Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

6:15 am: **MASS**— Phillip Stoddard

6:00 pm: Holy Hour for Vocations at St. John the Baptist

6:30 pm: Faith Formation Parent Meeting

7:00 pm: Cursillo School of Leaders

FRIDAY, August 21— Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

6:00 am: Confessions

11:30 Rosary

12:00 pm: **MASS**— Thomas Fedewa

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

Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure



2026-2027 School Raffle
(8/4) Lawless Family (#60)



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

FAITH FORMATION PARENT MEETING

Faith Formation Parent Meetings are scheduled for August 16 at 11:30am and 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.



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 2, 2026	Envelopes Used
General Collection	\$5,206.25	45
Online Giving	\$2,975.75	45
Total	\$8,181.25	90
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

THANK YOU!

I would like to extend my thanks to all who donated, volunteered and shopped at the Good Samaritan Rummage Sale. We successfully raised \$2,424.00 which will cover the cost of three trucks through Feeding America West Michigan! Special thanks to Kathy & Terry Evans, Pat Stump, Steve & Rhonda Meyers, Carolle Gross, Lisa Simon, Kim Klein, Therese Fedewa, Brian Werner, Ann Simon and Randy Zenk for the hours put in to make the sale a success. Also, many thanks to Fr. Darrel, Nickie, Andrew, Diane, Kelly, Steve and Jim. You were all a great help in so many ways. Finally, I would like to thank our St. Joseph Parish family for the generous donations and participation. If you were unable to support Good Samaritan Ministry during our sale, you can make a financial donation by cash or check (made out St. Joseph Parish). Put it in an envelope marked Good Samaritan Ministry, drop it at the parish office or in the collection basket at Mass.

~Thank you and God Bless, Wanda Zenk

COMMUNITY BAND

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.

Evangelization: Helping share in the future of our Church

PRAYER PILGRIMAGE VIDEO

Thank you to all of you who joined me on my Prayer Pilgrimage in May and June. This opportunity greatly impacted my faith and I hope, through my prayers for you and your intentions, has brought you grace and peace in your own life.

I was asked to record my presentation for those who were unable to join us. I encourage you to watch the video and see how this trip played out and what wonderful graces the Lord placed upon me and our group.

Thank you again so much for your prayers! Know that I continue to pray for each and every one of you. Blessings, Nickie Wentworth

Link: <https://shorturl.at/hgLOM>

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@rdiocese.org.

WITH GRATITUDE

The family of Michael Droste would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for supporting Dad and us during his illness. We are deeply grateful for your prayers and countless acts of kindness. Your love and support have brought us great comfort.

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!



JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Michael Catholic School in Grand Ledge, MI is seeking a full-time principal. The Principal will develop relationships of sincere care, trust, and leadership, supporting staff, parents, families, and students. The Principal will demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in teaching, serving, and living a sacramental life. The principal will exhibit administrative competence and efficiency. The principal will carry out the mission of the school: to shape each individual to be in union with Jesus Christ by creating a learning community built upon a foundation of Catholic faith. For a full description and to apply for this position visit <https://tinyurl.com/32558ytw>



KNIGHTS CORNER COUNCIL # 8071



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Pewamo Council #8071 Roster 2026-2027

Grand Knight— Andy Hengesbach	Warden— Ron Simon
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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 19 Carolle Gross Kim Klein Robin Wirth 		
Monday, August 17, 12:00 pm	Diane Thelen			
Tuesday, August 18, 6:30 pm	Becky Thelen			
Wednesday, August 19, 8:00 am	Jill Thelen			
Thursday, August 20, 6:15 am	Bruce Jandernoa			
		EMHC	Altar Server	Usher/Greeters
Friday, August 21, 12:00 pm	Dave Antes			
Saturday, August 22, 4:30 pm	Alton Schneider	NEED	Trey Schneider Lane Schneider	Roger Fox Andrew Kowatch Brody Smith Corey Smith
Sunday, August 23, 8:00 am	Todd Henning	Diane Pline Karen Reiger Todd Thelen	Berkeley Henning Duke Henning Olive Henning	Susan Craft Doug Fox Ben Kramer Jeff Thelen
Sunday, August 23, 10:00 am	Thomas Thelen	Sarah Jandernoa Mike Kramer Kevin Schulte	Simeon Arens Hilary Smith Abram Smith	Thomas Fedewa Darrin Heckman 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) or contact the parish office at 989-593-3440.

