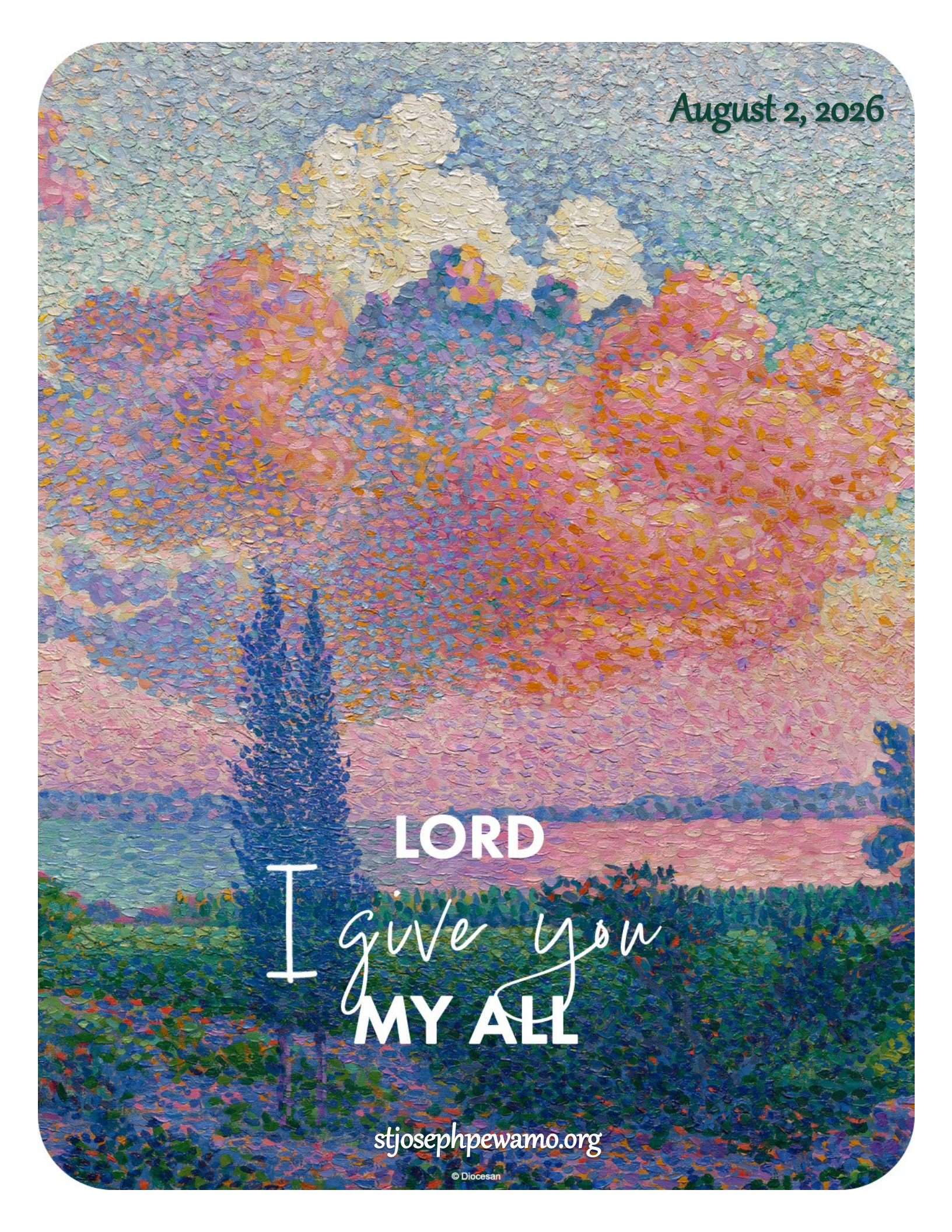


An impressionistic landscape painting with a textured, pointillist style. The sky is filled with soft, blended colors of blue, green, and yellow, suggesting a bright, hazy day. Below the sky, there are large, rounded shapes in shades of pink, purple, and orange, which could represent distant hills or a field of flowers. In the foreground, there's a dark, vertical shape that looks like a cypress tree, and a horizontal band of green and blue, possibly a body of water or a field. The overall effect is one of light and color, with a focus on texture and atmosphere.

August 2, 2026

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I give you
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Open during all scheduled
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the bulletin date desired.

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PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, August 1— Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am: Good Samaritan Yard Sale
3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**— Increase of faith for all parishioners

SUNDAY, August 2— Eighteenth Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS**— Parish Family
10:00 am: **MASS**— John Kowatch
11:30 am: Rosary for the Infinite Dignity of Life

MONDAY, August 3— Monday of the Eighteenth Week in Ord. Time

11:30 am: Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**— For the leaders of our country

TUESDAY, August 4— Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

6:00 am—6:00 pm: Adoration
5:00 pm: Confessions
6:30 pm: **MASS**— Marian, Roman & Bernice Hafner &
Living & Deceased Family Members

WEDNESDAY, August 5— Wednesday of the Eighteenth Week in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS**— Reynold & Irene Smith & Living &
Deceased Family Members
8:45 am: Confessions

THURSDAY, August 6— Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

6:15 am: Bob Horning

FRIDAY, August 7— Friday of the Eighteenth Week in Ord. Time

** FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**

12am-12pm: First Friday of Adoration
6:00 am: Confessions
11:30 Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**— Leon & Jim Stump & Living &
Deceased Family Members

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

Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure



2026-2027 School Raffle
(7/21) Wood Kids (#163)



Sanctuary Candle sponsored
in Honor of:
Mark Simon

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!



**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 : \$62,070.00 (77% of our assessment)
July 8, 2026

Parish Support	July 19, 2026	Envelopes Used
General Collection	\$6,099.00	47
Online Giving	\$1,909.90	35
Total	\$8,008.90	82
Needed Weekly	\$ 9,000.00	

SUMMER TIME TO TRAVEL, NOT NEGLECT

Reminder to the families that are out and about this Summer season. When you take the family to Mass while traveling, pick up a bulletin and have the whole family sign it and drop it in the collection basket. One lucky family will be drawn from the Bulletins we receive. If you need help finding a local or an international Mass use Masstimes.org.



KNIGHTS CORNER COUNCIL # 8071

Dave Antes, Grand Knight
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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

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

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Evangelization: Helping share in the future of our Church

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.



Dean Thomas & John Thomas IV

Parents:

John & Brooke Thomas

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.

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.



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 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
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*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 5 Carolle Gross Barb Wesley Pat Stump 		
Monday, August 3, 12:00 am	Diane Thelen			
Tuesday, August 4, 6:30 pm	Becky Thelen			
Wednesday, August 5, 8:00 am	Dave Antes			
Thursday, August 6, 6:15 am	Bruce Jandernoa			
		EMHC	Altar Server	Usher/Greeters
Friday, August 7, 12:00 pm	Diane Thelen			
Saturday, August 8, 4:30 pm	Jeremy Piggott	Mark Schneider	Catherine Stump Mary Agnes Stump	Judy Fox Andrew Kowatch Brody Smith Corey Smith
Sunday, August 9, 8:00 am	Jackie Simon	Dan Heckman Therese Simon Barb Wesley	Eli Klein Leo Klein Sam Klein	Thomas Fedewa Doug Fox Todd (Brandy) Smith Holden Smith
Sunday, August 9, 10:00 am	Jill Thelen	Sarah Jandernoa Mike Kramer Thomas Thelen	Camille Hoffman Will Weber Charlie Weber	NEED Bill Kramer Ben McCrumb Sam 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.

