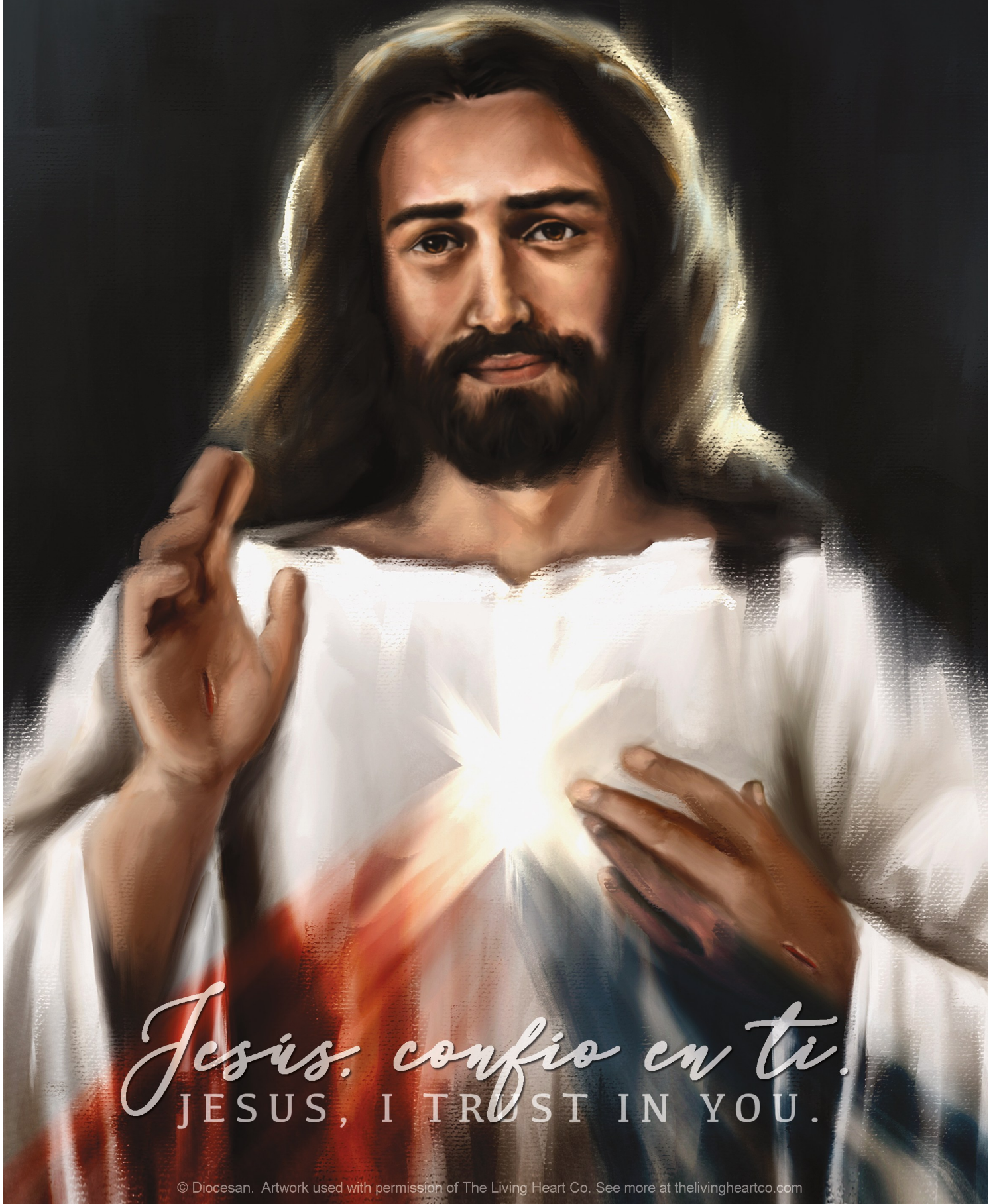


April 12, 2026

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Jesus. confio en ti.
JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.

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, April 11– Saturday in the Octave of Easter

3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**– Marian, Roman & Bernice Hafner & Living & Deceased Family Members

SUNDAY, April 12– Second Sunday of Easter

****DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY****

8:00 am: **MASS**– Altar Society Members & Living & Deceased Family Members
10:00 am: **MASS**– Parish Family
1:00 pm: First Eucharist Mass
3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Celebration

MONDAY, April 13– Monday in the Second Week of Easter

11:30 am: Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**– Marguerite Trierweiler & Jane Scollon

TUESDAY, April 14– Tuesday in the Second Week of Easter

6:00 am–6:00 pm: Adoration
5:00 pm: Confessions
6:30 pm: **MASS**– Esmeralda Nava-Gonzalez

WEDNESDAY, April 15– Wednesday in the Second Week of Easter

8:00 am: **MASS**– Poor Souls in Purgatory
8:45 am: Confessions

THURSDAY, April 16 – Thursday in the Second Week of Easter

6:15 am: **MASS**– Poor Souls in Purgatory
6:00 pm: Holy Hour for Vocations
7:00 pm: Cursillo School of Leaders

FRIDAY, April 17– Friday in the Second Week of Easter

6:00 am: Confessions
11:30 Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**– Fr. Joseph Henige

SATURDAY, April 18– Saturday in the Second Week of Easter

3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**– Bill Halfman

SUNDAY, April 19– Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am: **MASS**– Louis & Annabell Schafer & Living & Deceased Family Members

10:00 am: **NO MASS**

2:00 pm: **MASS**– Parish Family

Following Mass: Fr. Mason’s 75th Birthday Celebration

2026 marks the 95th anniversary of the initial appearance of the Divine Mercy Image, which occurred on February 22, 1931, when Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina Kowalska in Płock. During that sacred moment, our Merciful Savior requested that His image be painted with the words: “Jesus, I trust in You,” and from His Heart emerged two rays—red and pale—symbolizing the Blood and Water poured out for our salvation. For nearly a century, this image has served as a profound reminder that Divine Mercy surpasses all sin, weakness, and fear. Through this divine revelation, Jesus extended an invitation to the entire world to trust in His infinite mercy and to become apostles of compassion. Let us offer prayers of thanksgiving for the mercy Christ has provided us.

Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure



2025-2026 School Raffle
(3/31) Bruce & Diane George (#24)

CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY

Our Divine Mercy Celebration is April 12 at 3:00pm. The official recognition of Divine Mercy Sunday was authenticated by the Vatican in 2000. Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." Join us for a prayer service for God to grant upon the world his Divine Mercy in atonement for our sins.

GRAVE CLEAN-UP

Please help us make Mt. Calvary/St. Joseph Cemetery beautiful for the upcoming Easter season. If you care for the grave of a loved one at our cemetery, please remove any grave blankets and old decorations by April 10. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

EARBUDS & JACKET FOUND

A set of Earbuds and a jacket were found in the activity center. We are not certain at which events these were left. If they are yours please contact the Parish Office and describe them to retrieve them.

NO 10AM SUNDAY MASS ON APRIL 19

The 10:00am Mass on Sunday, April 19 has been moved to 2:00pm to celebrate Fr. Mason's 75th birthday. Please join us in this joyous celebration with a reception following Mass in the Activity Center.

CONFIRMATION

Our students who have been preparing for Confirmation will celebrate this Sacrament on April 26 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. If you are interested in supporting our candidates and would like to serve as a minister at this Mass, please reach out to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Confirmation students are expected to participate in one final retreat to complete their Confirmation journey on May 9, 4-9pm.

Parish Support	March 29, 2026	Envelopes Used
General Collection	\$4,069.00	37
Online Giving	\$3,048.00	39
Total	\$7,117.00	76
Needed Weekly	\$ 9,000.00	

MAY DAY OF HEALING

You look around and everyone else seems to know. They have the calling. The confidence. They wake up with direction while you wake up wondering if you missed the memo God sent to everyone else.

Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Did you catch that? God already prepared the works. Before you were born, He wrote the story.

Your job isn't to create your purpose—it's to discover what He's already designed. But here's where we get stuck: we wait for the big reveal. The dramatic calling. The burning bush. And while we're waiting for thunder, we miss the whisper. Sometimes it unfolds one faithful step at a time. Sometimes it's hidden in the small things—the way you love people, the burden that won't leave your heart, the gift you keep dismissing as 'not enough' Consider making a day of retreat with the inner healing team on May 3rd. If you would like to join us for the day of healing use the button below to register.

Or maybe you would prefer to make an appointment for an individual session. If you have questions call the Parish Office or Diane Pline at 989-640-1387.

8th GRADE GRADUATION

St. Joseph will celebrate 8th Grade Graduation on May 20. Mass begins at 6:30pm followed by a light reception. Come show your support to the students hard work.



Blaire Lynn Ballinger

Parents:

Jared & Hannah Ballinger

Elijah Michael Smith

Parents:

Gabriel & Carrie Smith

Evangelization: Helping share in the future of our Church

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 the link <https://givesendgo.com/hannahshouselansing>.

FIND HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION THROUGH A RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer a safe place to heal and for hearts broken by abortion to be redeemed. The retreat offers a confidential and supportive environment for men and women who have suffered the loss of a child through abortion. The next retreat will be held April 17-19. To sign up, go to <https://ccwestmi.org/project-rachel/>.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

The St. Joseph Parish Altar Society Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. (Please note the time change) Dinner and table service will be provided. You may bring your mothers/daughters from other parishes. We will be accepting donations for new baby items or cash donations for Pregnancy Services of Ionia. Please sign up on the sheets in the back of church or you can text or call Barb Wesley at 616-481-1799 or Therese Simon at 517-927-7248. Please either sign up in the back of church or text or call by Tuesday, May 5, 2026. Thank you.



2026 CSA Assessment \$80,975.00
Paid : \$43,385.00 (54% of our assessment)
April 2, 2026

KNIGHTS CORNER COUNCIL # 8071



Dave Antes, Grand Knight
antesdk@gmail.com



Please use agent
code MTHELEN

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month
in the KC Room. Rosary at 7:10 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

Founded by Blessed Michael McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus is the premier lay Catholic men's organization. Guided by the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, we build lifelong relationships with our members and families. We are multigenerational and international. We offer formation, mutual aid and financial security to members through our charity, products and outreach. We aspire to invite every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus and to extend our charitable reach as widely as possible.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Please pick up your copy of the updated Eucharistic Adoration list for Tuesdays and First Fridays in the back of church. Included with the schedule is a list of substitute adorers to help fill your spot if you are unable to make it. If you have not participated in Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays or Fridays we strongly recommend that you try soon. There is no better feeling than sitting in adoration with the one and true God.

DON'T STOP THE EASTER CELEBRATION YET!

The Easter Season (also known as Eastertide) begins on Easter Sunday and continues until Pentecost. During these 50 days we are called to continue the celebration of Christ's resurrection. This joyous season is the perfect opportunity to reach out to those who have stepped back from their faith or who could use a "little bit more Jesus" in their life. Please consider reaching out to someone or many people to encourage them to join you at Mass.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining the Catholic Church please contact the Parish Office. We are looking to start a new preparation program soon.

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			
Monday, April 13, 12:00 pm	Jill Thelen	Matthew's Ministry Wednesday, April 15 Jill Thelen Barb Wesley Pat Stump		
Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 pm	Kevin Schulte			
Wednesday, April 15, 8:00 am	Diane Thelen			
Thursday, April 16, 6:15 am	Mike Thelen			
Friday, April 17, 12:00 pm	Dave Antes	EMHC	Altar Server	Usher/Greeters
Saturday, April 18, 4:30 pm	Kim Thelen	Cami Huhn	Charlie Weber Will Weber	Doug Fox Andrew Kowatch Steve Martin Corey Smith
Sunday, April 19, 8:00 am	Tom (Stacy) Miller	Dan Heckman Karen Reiger Ron Simon	Loren Thelen Camden Thelen Claire Thelen	Susan Craft Jeff Thelen Judy Fox NEED
Sunday, April 19, 2:00 pm **Special Time**	Thomas Thelen	Dcn. Wade Yott Therese Simon	Daniel Wittenbach Luke Wittenbach Avery Piggott	Andy Hengesbach NEED NEED NEED

Men of the Eucharist
STRENGTHENED IN
CHRIST
 RESPONDING WITH JOY

Heavenly Father, We give you thanks and praise for your son Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. Lord, we pray for our seminarians. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for
 Vocations