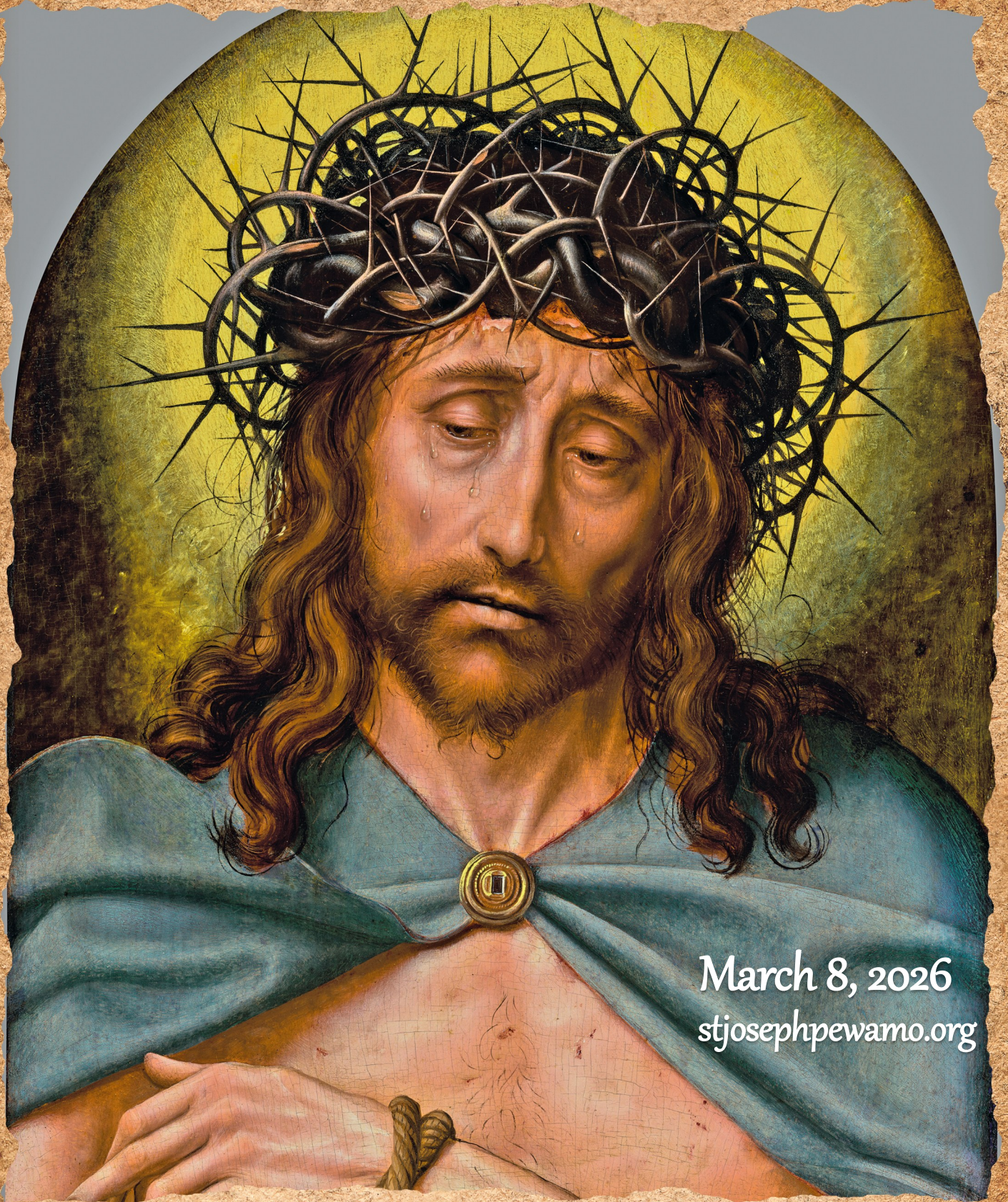


THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY



March 8, 2026
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The Crowning with Thorns

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Diocese of Grand Rapids

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PARISH LIBRARY

Open during all scheduled
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**Bulletin deadline is 2 weeks before
the bulletin date desired.**

Please send to stewardship@stjosephpewamo.org

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, March 7– Saturday of the Second Week of Lent

7:30 am: SHE Women’s Program
9:00 am: Pre-cana Retreat
3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**– Urban & Marie Weber & Living &
Deceased Family Members

SUNDAY, March 8– Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am: **MASS**– Carol Simon & Living &
Deceased Family Members
9:00 am: Coffee & Donuts
10:00 am: **MASS**– Parish Family
11:00 am: Coffee & Donuts
12:00 pm: Middle School “I Surrender Retreat”

MONDAY, March 9– Monday of the Third Week of Lent

11:30 am: Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**– Herm Klein & Living &
Deceased Family Members

TUESDAY, March 10– Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent

6:00 am–6:00 pm: Adoration
5:00 pm: Confessions
6:30 pm: **MASS**– Sister Rita Schafer & Living &
Deceased Family Members
7:15 pm: Baptism

WEDNESDAY, March 11– Wednesday of the Third Week in Lent

8:00 am: **MASS**– Stan Baird & Living &
Deceased Family Members
8:45 am: Confessions
9:00 am: Library Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, March 12– Thursday of the Third Week in Lent

6:15 am: **MASS**– Leon Feldpausch & Living &
Deceased Family Members
7:30 pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting
(Rosary starts at 7:10pm)

FRIDAY, March 13– Friday of the Third Week of Lent

6:00 am: Confessions
11:30 am: Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**– Bernard Feldpausch & Living &
Deceased Family Members
6:00 pm: Stations & Supper

SATURDAY, March 14– Saturday of Third Week of Lent

7:30 am: SHE Women’s Program
9:00 am: Pre-cana Retreat
3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**– Mark Simon & Living &
Deceased Family Members

SUNDAY, March 15– Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am: **MASS**– Fay Schmitz
10:00 am: **MASS**– Parish Family

Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure



2025-2026 School Raffle
(2/24) James G Farley (#108)

Parish Support	February 15, 2026	Envelopes Used
General Collection	\$3,359.00	35
Online Giving	\$1,985.68	35
Total	\$5,344.68	70
Needed Weekly	\$ 9,000.00	

STATIONS AND SUPPER

This event is held on every Friday during Lent. Join us for the Stations of the Cross followed by dinner which has been prepared by one of the councils, board or groups within our parish. Join us in prayer and communion as we travel through Lent together as a community. March 13, 20, & 27.

SAVE THE DATE

Please Save the Date for St. Joseph Pewamo Parish Picnic Sunday, June 7th! A Parade at 11:30 am will kick off the event followed by games, great food, and more!

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

The Solemnity of St. Joseph, celebrated on March 19 it honors the foster father of Jesus and spouse of Virgin Mary. Revered for his humility, faith, and dedication to family, St. Joseph inspires believers to live with steadfast love and responsibility. As the patron saint of our parish, this feast day invites us to seek his guidance and intercession. We will be hosting a St. Joseph Celebration on March 19 at 6:15 am and 12:00 pm.

CSA COMMITMENT WEEKEND

This week, you will receive a letter from Bishop Walkowiak asking you to make your commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries through the Catholic Services Appeal. These are ministries that benefit us all but are difficult for any one parish to provide on its own. Your gift to the CSA enables the Catholic Church to reach out to people in our 11 counties in a variety of ways, including through seminarian and deacon formation; youth programming; support for the homebound and incarcerated; families who are struggling; the hungry, and the homeless. Through the CSA, we all work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Our parish goal for 2026 is \$80,905 and 100% participation, which means every parishioner should return their pledge card. Please join us in this important work!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

March 28 – Palm Sunday
Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM

March 29 – Palm Sunday
Mass: 8:00 AM
Procession of Palms: 9:50 AM
Mass: 10:00 AM

March 30 – Holy Monday
Rosary: 11:30 AM
Mass: 12:00 PM

March 31 – Holy Tuesday
No Mass or Confessions at St. Joseph
Please join the livestreamed Chrism Mass from the Cathedral of St. Andrew

April 1 – Holy Wednesday
Mass: 8:00 AM
Confessions: 8:45 AM
(Last opportunity before Easter)

April 2 – Holy Thursday
Mass: 7:00 PM
Adoration to follow

April 3 – Good Friday
Stations of the Cross: 2:15 PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 PM
Good Friday Service: 3:30 PM

April 4 – Holy Saturday
Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 PM
Easter Vigil Mass: 9:00 PM

April 5 – Easter Sunday
Mass: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 PM

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

The Light Is On For You is a nationwide Lenten initiative of the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington, inviting Catholics to quiet prayer and Confession. The Diocese of Grand Rapids, including St. Joseph Parish, will participate on March 19, from 5–8 pm.

Evangelization: Helping share in the future of our Church

INVITATION TO JOIN A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR FR. CHARLON MASON'S 75TH BIRTHDAY

We are gathering a "spiritual bouquet" to present to Fr. Charlon Mason in honor of his 75th Birthday which is April 20th. A spiritual bouquet is a collective gift of prayers, sacrifices, and devotional acts offered for a specific person's intentions.

How to Participate: Please choose one or more spiritual offerings to "add" to the bouquet between now and March 30th. Common offerings include: Mass Intentions: Attending or requesting a Mass for the person. Prayers: Reciting the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, or a specific novena. Adoration: Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament. Acts of Sacrifice: Fasting, abstinence, or performing an act of charity. Aspirations: Short, heartfelt prayers (e.g., "Jesus, I trust in You").

How to Submit Your Offering: Physical Option: Write your name and the number of times each offering will be performed on the provided slips of paper located on the table in the back of church. Digital Option: Submit your intended prayers to Jill Thelen by text 989-640-1025 or email jill.thelen72@gmail.com.

Presentation: All submitted offerings will be compiled into a beautifully designed card and presented to Fr. Mason on Sunday, April 19th at his birthday gathering at the St. Joseph School Activity Center following the 2pm Mass.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL-LANSING CAR MINISTRY PROGRAM

The St. Vincent de Paul Car Ministry in the Diocese of Lansing has expanded its mission to include donated vehicles, helping neighbors in need escape systemic poverty by providing the mobility necessary to access workplaces, medical care, schools, and grocery stores. In its first two years, the ministry has successfully placed 84 individuals into automobiles, and there are currently 20 more neighbors identified and waiting for vehicles. To ensure long-term success, two Vincentians conduct home visits to verify that recipients can manage the costs of insurance, gas, and upkeep, after which the neighbor provides a \$1,500.00 co-pay to receive their vehicle. Those interested in supporting this cause can call (517) 484-5395 ext. 102 to learn how easy it is to donate a vehicle, and all appropriate tax documents will be provided upon donation.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Please join us for coffee and donuts after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses in the Parish Community Center.



Meetings are held the
2nd Thursday of each
month in the KC
Room.

Rosary at 7:10 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

Dave Antes
Grand Knight



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KNIGHTS CORNER COUNCIL # 8071

The Pewamo Knights of Columbus are once again hosting an annual Pie Sale to raise money for our Catholic school, community, and council. The sale will take place over the weekend of March 21st and 22nd. Orders will need to be in by Sunday March 8th. We will be offering Apple, Blueberry, and Cherry pies at a cost of \$12 each; 3 or more pies will be \$10 each. Please contact a Pewamo Knights of Columbus member for ordering details or feel free to reach out directly to the pie sale committee members: Andrew Frechen 989-383-0070 or Aaron Frechen 989-383-0099.

Put your faith in Action.
Become a Knight.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

If you are a graduating high/home school senior going on to a higher education and your mother is an active member of the Pewamo St. Joseph Altar Society, you can pick up an application for this scholarship from the P-W High School office beginning Tuesday, February 17, 2026. The completed application is due in the St. Joseph parish office no later than Friday, March 13, 2026.

COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

Some residents of Pewamo, Westphalia, Fowler, and surrounding areas have come together to start a low-pressure community band. Rehearsals are twice a month on Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:30 in the PWHS band room. Current dates are February 18, March 18, April 8 and 22, and May 6. If you haven't touched your instrument in years, still come! Most of our members are in the same boat. Contact Kelsey Hengesbach (khengesbach721@gmail.com) or Randy Voisinet (voisinet@pwschools.org) for more details.

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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	Matthew's Ministry Wednesday, March 11		
Monday, March 9, 12:00 pm	NEED	Sandy Koenigsknecht Pat Stump Karen Thelen		
Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 pm	Diane Thelen	Sign up for Holy Week & Easter liturgies now.		
Wednesday, March 11, 8:00 am	Ryan Weber			
Thursday, March 12, 6:15 am	Dave Antes			
Friday, March 13, 12:00 pm	Ryan Weber			
		EMHC	Altar Server	Usher/Greeters
Saturday, March 14, 4:30 pm	Kim Thelen	Mark Schneider	Charlie Weber Will Weber	Doug Fox Andrew Kowatch Steve Martin Corey Smith
Sunday, March 15, 8:00 am	Todd Henning	Karen Reiger Jim Schmitz Bev Schmitz	Loren Thelen Camden Thelen Claire Thelen	Jeff Thelen Ben Kramer Roger Fox Judy Fox
Sunday, March 15, 10:00 am	Kevin Schafer	Gail Jandernoa Bruce Jandernoa Sarah Jandernoa	Alijah Harrington Christian Harrington Rachel Jandernoa	Darrin Heckman Tim Nurenberg Kaine Simon Bill Kramer

HOLY WEEK MINISTERS NEEDED

Holy Week – 4/2, 7:00 pm: 1 Altar Server, 4 Greeters
Good Friday – 4/3, 2:00 pm (Stations): 2 Altar Servers
Good Friday – 4/3, 3:30 pm (Service): 2 Altar Servers,
 2 Greeters

Easter Vigil – 4/4, 9:00 am: 4 Greeters
Easter Sunday – 9:00 am: 1 Altar Server, 4 Greeters
Easter Sunday – 11:00 am: 2 EMHC, 2 Altar Servers, 4 Greeters