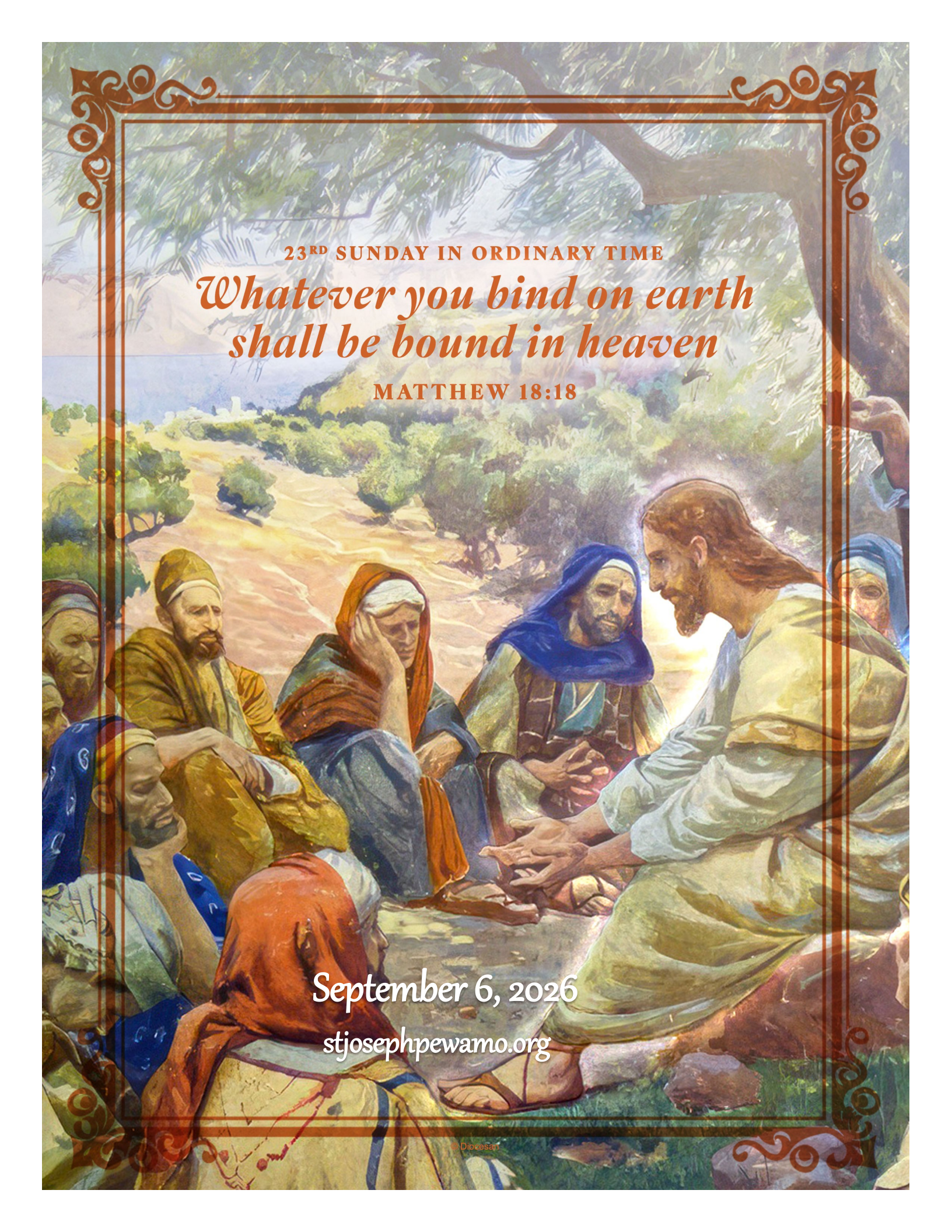




23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Whatever you bind on earth
shall be bound in heaven*

MATTHEW 18:18

September 6, 2026

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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PARISH LIBRARY

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the bulletin date desired.

Please send to stewardship@stjosephpewamo.org

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, September 5— Saturday of the Twenty-second Week in Ord. Time

3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**— Kay Klein

SUNDAY, September 6— Twenty-third Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS**— Henry & Lucille & John Mueller & Living
& Deceased Family Members
10:00 am: **MASS**— Parish Family
11:30 am: Rosary for the Infinite Dignity of Life

MONDAY, September 7— Monday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

*** Labor Day***
11:30 am: Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**— For those who labor and toil to provide
for their family (Labor Day)

TUESDAY, September 8— Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 am—6:00 pm: Adoration
5:00 pm: Confessions
6:30 pm: **MASS**— Norman & Blanche Cook &
Christine Thelen

WEDNESDAY, September 9— Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

8:00 am: **MASS**— Leon & Jim Stump & Living &
Deceased Family Members
8:45 am: Confessions
6:00 pm: Confirmation Sponsor Discernment Night

THURSDAY, September 10— Thursday of the Twenty-third Week in Ord. Time

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

FRIDAY, September 11— Friday of the Twenty-third Week in Ord. Time

6:00 am: Confessions
11:30 Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**— Herm Klein & Living &
Deceased Family Members
6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, September 12— Saturday of the Twenty-third Week in Ord. Time

3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**— Parish Family

SUNDAY, September 13— Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS**— For Grandparents
10:00 am: **MASS**— For Grandparents

Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure



2026-2027 School Raffle
(8/25) Todd & Stephanie Thelen (#31)



**Sanctuary Candle sponsored
in Honor of:**

Anthony John Thelen

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

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.

PW TRACK ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Join us for the PW Track Annual Golf Outing on Sunday, September 13, 2026! Registration begins at 8:15 am, with a 9:00 am shotgun start. Registration and payments can be sent to Lisa Werner, 14070 W. Dexter Trail, Westphalia, MI, or via Venmo at @PW-Track. For more information, please contact Donna Wirth at 989-640-7160.



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 23, 2026	Envelopes Used
General Collection	\$9,105.00	28
Online Giving	\$9,021.45	51
Total	\$18,126.45	79
Needed Weekly	\$ 9,000.00	

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 and 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.

SAVE THE DATE-PEWAMO COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

Everyone is invited to the Pewamo Community Block Party on Saturday, September 12 from 5:00–9:00 PM in downtown Pewamo! This event is all about bringing our community together for an evening of fun for all ages. Enjoy live music, inflatables, games, a dunk tank, glow dance party, and more. Bring your family, invite your friends and neighbors, and come enjoy a night together in Pewamo!

The Block Party is hosted by the Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools Foundation, which is working to support and strengthen our schools and the communities they serve. Interested in volunteering? Contact Gina Huhn at (517) 290-6285. Everyone is welcome — we hope to see you there!

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STORE IN ST. JOHNS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy working with others and helping those in need? Volunteers assist with accepting donations, cleaning/testing, sorting/pricing, cashiering, moving merchandise, and recycling. Choose the area that interests you most! Volunteers typically commit to 3–4 hours per week. For more information, contact John Thelen at 989-292-7057.

BOOK LAUNCH & SIGNING WITH SISTER DAMIEN MARIE SAVINO

Join Sister Damien Marie Savino, FSE, Ph.D., and the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist on Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 PM at 11650 Downs St. NE in Lowell for a special Book Launch & Signing. Enjoy an evening of reflection on caring for creation through a Franciscan lens as Sister Damien shares her vision for realizing the promise of integral ecology, inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. This is a free event, and signed books will be available for purchase for \$20. Please call 616-897-7842 to RSVP.

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.



SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMEN

SHE Shall Be Called Woman is a transformative journey designed to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. Our program is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved, as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. Through vibrant conversations, authentic speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, we equip you with the tools to embark on a profound spiritual journey. Join us for fellowship and faith Saturday mornings from September 19th – November 14th 7:30am-9:00am at the St. Joseph Parish Activity Center. All women of the parish high school age and older are invited. Attendance at each of the nine Saturdays is not necessary, but we hope you are able to join us.

Call Beth Thelen 989-640-4416, Aubrey George 989-292-2464, or Jill Thelen 989-640-1025 with any further questions.



KNIGHTS CORNER COUNCIL # 8071

Andy Hengesbach, Grand Knight
GK8071@mikofc.org



Please use agent
code MTHELEN

The Pewamo KofC awarded two \$500 scholarships this year. The winners were chosen from 2026 senior who were former St Joe's student, they had to submit a letter to the Pewamo KofC about their faith. The winners this year are Maria Klein and Ella Thelen congratulations and God bless.

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

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
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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, September 9 Bruce Frechen Carolle Gross Pat Stump 		
Monday, September 7, 12:00 pm	Diane Thelen			
Tuesday, September 8, 6:30 pm	Becky Thelen			
Wednesday, September 9, 8:00 am	Ryan Weber			
Thursday, September 10, 6:15 am	Kevin Schulte			
Friday, September 11, 12:00 pm	Ryan Weber	EMHC	Altar Server	Usher/Greeters
Saturday, September 12, 4:30 pm	Kim Thelen	Joyce Heckman	Will Weber Charlie Weber	Thomas Fedewa Roger Fox Judy Fox Steve Martin
Sunday, September 13, 8:00 am	Therese Simon	Cami Huhn Diane Pline Todd Thelen	Lou George Mary Agnes Stump Catherine Stump	Susan Craft Ben McCrumb Todd (Brandy) Smith Holden Smith
Sunday, September 13, 10:00 am	Stephanie Hengesbach	Thomas Thelen Kathy Waldron	Eli Smith Maxwell Weber Lillian Weber	Andy Hengesbach Bill Kramer Kaine Simon 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.

