



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

*Rise, and do not
be afraid.*

MATTHEW 17:7

March 1, 2026

stjosephpewamo.org

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Pewamo, MI 48873
Diocese of Grand Rapids

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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, February 28– Saturday of the First Week of Lent

7:30 am: SHE Women’s Program
3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**– Norbert & Bertha Simon

SUNDAY, March 1– Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am: **MASS**– Phil & Donna Kramer & Family
10:00 am: **MASS**– Parish Family
11:30 am: Rosary for the Infinite Dignity of Life

MONDAY, March 2– Monday of the Second Week of Lent

11:30 am: Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**– Fay Schmitz

TUESDAY, March 3– Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent

6:00 am–6:00 pm: Adoration
5:00 pm: Confessions
6:30 pm: **MASS**– Teresa Pung

WEDNESDAY, March 4– Wednesday of the Second Week in Lent

8:00 am: **MASS**– Brian Cook
8:45 am: Confessions

THURSDAY, March 5– Thursday of the Second Week in Lent

6:15 am: **MASS**– Ray Feldpausch & Living &
Deceased Family Members

FRIDAY, March 6– Friday of the Second Week of Lent

**** FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH****
12am-12pm: First Friday of Adoration
6:00 am: Confessions
11:30 am: Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**– Joseph & Pauline Martin & Living &
Deceased Family Members
6:00 pm: Stations & Supper

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”

Calling all Liturgical Ministers!

We are in need of ministers for all of our Holy
Week and Easter Liturgies. Please visit the
Ministry Schedule today to volunteer for one of
the available positions!

Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure

CONGRATULATIONS!
Winners!

2025-2026 School Raffle
(2/17) Doreen Schafer (#78)

Parish Support	February 8, 2026	Envelopes Used
General Collection	\$4,300.00	36
Online Giving	\$3,838.79	48
Total	\$8,138.79	84
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 6, 13, 20, & 27.

ADORATION

We are in the process of updating our schedule for Eucharistic Adoration for every Tuesday 6am-6pm and 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration on the First Friday of the month from 12am-12am. If you would like to be added to our substitute list please call Diane Thelen at 989-593-3215. All parishioners are always welcome to sit with Jesus anytime without a specific hour.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

The Solemnity of St. Joseph, celebrated on March 19, 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 Sunday, March 15. More information to come.



Dominic Anthony Bennett
Parents:
Adam & Monica Bennett

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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 Chrim 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

FISH DINNERS – FOWLER MOST HOLY TRINITY

The Christian Mothers and Knights of Columbus are hosting fish dinners at Most Holy Trinity's Activity Center in Fowler on March 6 from 4:00-6:30. Cost for the dinner is \$16.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children 6-10, and children under 5 are free. Dinner includes baked or deep fried fish, scalloped and baked potatoes, macaroni and cheese, salad bar, and desert. Takeout is also available for \$16.

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.

PW FOOTBALL EASTER FLOWER SALE

The PW football team are selling Easter flowers through March 9. Cost is \$16 for one or \$29 for two. Choose from daffodils, Easter lilies, hyacinths, or tulips. Delivery will be Wednesday, March 25. You may also donate a flower in memory of a loved one to St. Mary's and/or St. Joseph's, we'll handle the delivery. To order, contact any current JV or Varsity PW football player or Stef Pohl at 517-243-2695.



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



Please use agent code
MTHELEN

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 4 and 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.

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	

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, March 4		
Monday, March 2, 12:00 pm	Diane Thelen	Bruce Frechen Carolle Gross Julie Heckman		
Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 pm	Kevin Schulte	Sign up for Holy Week & Easter liturgies now.		
Wednesday, March 4, 8:00 am	Ryan Weber			
Thursday, March 5, 6:15 am	Thomas Thelen			
Friday, March 6, 12:00 pm	Diane Thelen	EMHC	Altar Server	Usher/Greeters
Saturday, March 7, 4:30 pm	Alton Schneider	Cami Huhn	Trey Schneider Lane Schneider	Roger Fox Judy Fox Andrew Kowatch Corey Smith
Sunday, March 8, 8:00 am	Tom (Stacy) Miller	Michele Klein Ron Simon Therese Simon	Maria Klein Eli Klein Leo Klein	Todd (Chris) Smith Holden Smith Todd (Brandy) Smith Jeff Thelen
Sunday, March 8, 10:00 am	Amy Thelen	Mike Kramer Kevin Schulte NEED	Corbin Arens Drake Thelen Bryce Thelen	Doug George Nolan George Kaine Simon Darrin Heckman

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 (stjosephewamo.org) or contact the parish office at 989-593-3440.