



THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

SAINT
JOSEPH
PRAY FOR US

March 15, 2026
stjosephpewamo.org

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Diocese of Grand Rapids

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the bulletin date desired.**

Please send to stewardship@stjosephpewamo.org

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, March 14– Saturday of Third Week of Lent

7:30 am: SHE Women’s Program
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

MONDAY, March 16– Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

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

TUESDAY, March 17– Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

6:00 am–6:00 pm: Adoration
5:00 pm: Confessions
6:30 pm: **MASS**– Nicholas Risher
7:15 pm: Pastoral Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, March 18– Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Lent

8:00 am: **MASS**– Marguerite Trierweiler & Jane Scollon
8:45 am: Confessions
6:30 pm: Finance Council Meeting

THURSDAY, March 19– Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:15 am: **MASS**– Parishioners of St. Joseph
12:00 pm: **MASS**– Solemnity of St. Joseph
5:00 pm: Light is ON for you
6:00 pm: Holy Hour for Vocations in Pewamo

FRIDAY, March 20– Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent

6:00 am: Confessions
11:30 am: Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**– Frank & Mary Heckman & Fran
6:00 pm: Stations & Supper

SATURDAY, March 21– Saturday of Fourth Week of Lent

7:30 am: SHE Women’s Program
3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**– Raymond & Anna Huhn & Living &
Deceased Family Members
5:30 pm: Knights of Columbus Pie Sale after Mass
5:30 pm: Prayer Teams after Mass

SUNDAY, March 22– Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am: **MASS**– Keith Schafer
9:00 am: Prayer Teams after Mass
9:00 am: Knights of Columbus Pie Sale after Mass
10:00 am: **MASS**– Parish Family
11:00 am: Prayer Teams after Mass
11:00 am: Knights of Columbus Pie Sale after Mass

Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure

CONGRATULATIONS!
Winners!

2025-2026 School Raffle

(3/3) Patricia O'Mara (#182)

Parish Support	February 22, 2026	Envelopes Used
General Collection	\$3,412.00	35
Online Giving	\$8,002.55	63
Total	\$11,414.55	98
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 20 & 27.

WITH GRATITUDE

The family of Alma Smith would like to express our sincere thank you for all the prayers, kind words and support over the years since Alma's pass. Thank you to Fr. Darrel Kempf, Fr. Charlon Mason, Deacon Yott, Catherine Weber and Kerri Hafner for making the funeral Mass special and the ladies who helped with the funeral luncheon. Thank you to Country Living of Pewamo, A.F.C and Hospice of Lansing for your loving care you provided for Alma.

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

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!

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.

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

Palm Sunday, March 29, All parishioners are invited to join the Procession of Palms beginning at 9:50 am in the Parish Center. We will process from the Activity Center into the church as Mass begins. Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week and remembers Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, when crowds welcomed Him with shouts of "Hosanna!" and laid palm branches before Him.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet to implore God's mercy, as it was revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska by Jesus. The prayers are said to bring mercy to souls during their lives and especially at the hour of death, draw people closer to God, help convert sinners, and can be offered for any intention. As a community we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every day beginning on Good Friday through Divine Mercy Sunday. Please join us daily, beginning on April 3 at 3:00 pm in the church.



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.

JOSEPHS BUILDERS YOUNG ADULT MISSION WEEK 2026

Mission Week 2026 will be in Twin Lake, MI this year from July 5-12. "Mission Week" is an opportunity for Young Adults 18-35 to grow in their Catholic Faith through dedicated work serving the poor, opportunities to deepen one's prayer life and form meaningful friendships in Christ. "Mission Week" allows each participant to experience beauty and joy through the gift of sacrifice as they engage in an expansive home improvement project in the community. Besides work, participants live in common all week, experience daily Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and evangelical talks that focus on deepening one's relationship with Christ. "Mission Week" is truly a transformative experience.

Recently Bishop Walkowiak wrote a beautiful letter regarding the work of Joseph's Builders. If you would like to read it please go to: www.josephsbuilders.com

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 18 Carolle Gross Kenneth Kramer Alice Kramer		
Monday, March 16, 12:00 pm	Jill Thelen			
Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 pm	Diane Thelen			
Wednesday, March 18, 8:00 am	Ryan Weber	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		
Thursday, March 19, 6:15 am 12:00 pm Solemnity of St. Joseph	Thomas Thelen Ryan Weber			
Friday, March 20, 12:00 pm	Diane Thelen	EMHC	Altar Server	Usher/Greeters
Saturday, March 21, 4:30 pm	Wanda Zenk	Beth Mowatt	Lane Schneider Jase Schneider	Roger Fox Judy Fox Andy Hengesbach Steve Martin
Sunday, March 22, 8:00 am	Therese Simon	Dan Heckman Cami Huhn Steve Miller	Matthias Smith Daniel Wittenbach Luke Wittenbach	Susan Craft Doug Fox Todd (Chris) Smith Todd (Brandy) Smith
Sunday, March 23, 10:00 am	Mike Thelen	Mike Kramer Jerry Waldron Kathy Waldron	Lou George Hudson McCrumb Emeric Thelen	Doug George NEED Nolan George Bill Kramer