

Hello St. Joseph Parish,

I am Ryan Weber and I have recently been hired as principal of St. Joseph Catholic School. I have been a part of the Pewamo-Westphalia Community all of my life and served as an educator at both St. Mary (3 years) and St. Joseph (4 years). It excites me to be in this role and to work with such a wide variety of people that have so many different God given talents.

My vision for St. Joseph Catholic School is to be united in one goal and that is working together to help educate students to be good citizens in this world and the Heavenly kingdom to come. This begins with the youngest of children up to the eldest. I believe that a child's first teachers are their parents and we as a parish school have the mission to assist in ultimately reaching heaven. I believe that the school is an important ministry of our parish and that all the families within the school can become One in Christ by living out our school mission.

Over the 100 years of Catholic Education at St. Joseph parishioners, priests, administrators, teachers, and staff have grown our school to include grades Young 5 to 8th grade. This expansion of grades in our school has positively impacted families in so many ways. Our children have special God given gifts and talents that we seek to reveal and strengthen. This is accomplished by offering a wider range of opportunities to reach students when they are most ready to receive the Word of God, understand Math, Science, English, Spiritual growth and the list goes on and on. Our Catholic School works to incorporate the faith in all subject areas, which helps students understand that God is ever present.

I truly believe that St. Joseph Catholic School in the little village of Pewamo, MI can truly change the world. There will always be struggles, but when people work together toward one goal that struggle seems so much less. I do not claim to be perfect, for there have only been two perfect people. I am always growing in love and they loved completely from the start, but instead I plan to be humble in my leadership of St. Joseph School; growing in perfection to one day be perfect like my Heavenly Father. Please join me on this journey. As Robert Lewis Stevenson states, "Saints are sinners who kept on going". As a parish school community let's keep on going and work together toward helping both young and old reach the gates of Heaven.

Be Brave In Christ,

Ryan Weber