



4/11/25

Dear St. Joseph Students and Families,

Today, students had the opportunity to go to Confession in preparation for Holy Week. As we enter this sacred time, it's vital to dig deeper into our Lenten promises. We are almost to the finish line—stay strong, fight the good fight, and offer it up!

Calendar Dates

4/18: No School - Good Friday

4/21: No School - Easter Monday

House Shirts: All students wear their House shirts and out of code bottoms on Monday, April 14! Students will be participating in a meaningful Lenten Retreat as we begin Holy Week.

Walk Through Holy Week: Join us on Palm Sunday from 6-7:30 pm in our Parish Activity Center to experience a self guided display of 22 events that leads us from palm sunday to the resurrection of our Lord. [View the flier](#) for more information.

School Board Member Recruitment: We are looking for passionate individuals to join the St. Joseph School Board! This is a great opportunity to support our school, strengthen Catholic education, and make a difference in our students' lives. If you are interested or know someone who would be a great fit, please contact Mr. Ryan Weber at rweber@stjosephpewamo.org.

School Raffle: Watch out for the School Raffle renewal forms for the 2025-2026 year. They will be in the back of church the weekend of April 26-27! Tickets are \$100 each for a chance to win \$200 in 52 weekly drawings! The deadline to submit your renewal will be May 1. The first drawing will be Tuesday, May 20. You may return your form to the Parish Office, School Office or through the collection basket. This is a wonderful way to have fun and support our School! For questions, contact Mike Kramer. (989)640-7624.

2025 Program Effectiveness Survey for Parents: The Office of Catholic Schools is distributing the Program Effectiveness Surveys this year to all parents, staff, and students in grades 5-8 and 9-12. Please read each statement and choose the response that most closely matches your experience. Please answer each question honestly. There is space at the end of the survey where you may clarify any of your responses. Demographic information is optional and gathered only for data aggregation purposes. The survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, May 16. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CFNKBD3>.

Easter Egg Hunt: Join us on 4/21/25 at 6:00 pm for an egg-stra fun evening for 3rd grade and younger. For more information you can [view it here](#).

Easter & First Communion Youth Choir Mass: If your child is in 2nd grade through High School and would like to sing at the 11 AM Easter Mass, please [sign up here](#). Students in 1st grade through High School are also welcome to join the First Communion Youth Choir on April 27th at 1 PM. To sign up for the First Communion Mass, [sign up here](#).

Press Release from MDHHS: Attached is the press release that the health department sent out about a confirmed case of the Measles in Montcalm County. [Here](#) is the current information.

Book Fair: We are excited to announce that St. Joseph Parish Library will be hosting an Ignatius Book Fair from April 12 to April 16! During this time, students will have the opportunity to create a wish list and purchase books during school hours. The book fair will also be open to the public on April 12 from 5:30 pm to

6:00 pm and after each Mass on April 13 until 12:00 pm. Discover books that foster creativity, imagination, and wonder — providing easy access to the best in literature for schools, parishes, parents, aligned with Catholic virtues. This is a wonderful chance to explore a variety of books and support our library. We look forward to seeing you there!

‘Wait until 8th’ Speaker in GR: Calling all parents for the second speaker in our series, we welcome nationally-acclaimed Brooke Shannon, the Executive Director and founder of Wait Until 8th. Brooke works with parents and communities across the country to help them establish a healthy relationship with technology. She is a national speaker on how to parent in the digital arena, having appeared on the Today Show, Good Morning America, NPR and many other outlets. [Attached](#) is the flier.

Lost & Found: Our collection is growing! [Take a peek](#) and see if anything belongs to you. We ask you to label your stuff so we can return it to its rightful owner.

Pewamo T-Ball: [Registration is now open!](#) Forms were sent home in the Kindergarten Friday Folders and are also attached along with the fact sheet. To participate, players must turn 5 by August 1, 2025. Please mail completed forms and payment **by Today**. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Schneider at 989-640-5404. **We are also looking for someone to take over next year as our child will be aging out.**

Moms Hot Lunch Menu

4/16: Grilled Cheese

4/23: Pancakes and Ham

4/30: Chicken Tenders

View the [menu here](#).

Playground Duty Schedule

St. Joseph School Calendar

School Staff Emails

Be Brave In Christ,

Mr. Ryan Weber

School Mission

“St. Joseph School, staff, parents, and parish family are committed to teaching quality, Christ-centered Catholic beliefs and values. Our uniqueness is displayed in our staff dedication, parental involvement, and community pride, which make St. Joseph a leader in academic excellence, social integration and appreciation of each individual as a child of God.”