



4/17/25

Dear St. Joseph Students and Families,

As we approach the Sacred Triduum—the three solemn days leading up to Easter—we invite all St. Joseph School families to prepare their hearts and homes for this sacred time. Here's a simple way we can journey together in faith:

Create a Sacred Space at Home

- Designate a small prayer corner with a crucifix, candle, and purple cloth.
- Include a Bible (open to Luke 22–24) and a picture of Jesus.

Daily Family Reflections

Holy Thursday (Evening) Theme: Service and the Eucharist

- **Read:** John 13:1–15 (Jesus washes the disciples' feet)
- **Reflect:** How can we serve one another with love at home?
- **Activity:** Share a simple meal and give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist.

Good Friday (Afternoon) Theme: Sacrifice and Love

- **Read:** John 18–19 (The Passion of Christ)
- **Reflect:** What can we "give up" or offer today in love for Jesus?
- **Activity:** Attend service at St. Joseph Church or pray The Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday (Daytime or Evening) Theme: Waiting and Hope

- **Reflect:** Even in silence, God is working. What are we hoping for?
- **Activity:** Light a candle and pray: "Jesus, bring Your light into our hearts."

Let us journey with Jesus through the Triduum so we may rejoice fully on Easter Sunday.

St. Joseph, pray for us!

Calendar Dates

4/18: No School - Good Friday

4/21: No School - Easter Monday

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>.

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.

Book Fair Update: If your child did not bring home a library book from the Book Fair, it's because the copy they selected was the last one on display. Those books have already been purchased and are on their way! You can expect them to arrive within 15 business days. Thank you for your patience and support!

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 10. The first drawing will be May 21. 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.

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](#).

First Communion Youth Choir Mass: Students in 1st grade through High School are 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](#).

'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.

Athletic Opportunities

2025 P-W Junior Football Registration is Now Open: P-W Junior Football offers flag and tackle football for students attending St. Mary School, St. Joseph School and Pewamo-Westphalia Community schools. Flag football is offered for students in grades 2-5 and tackle football is offered for students in grades 6-8. Registration closes on June 6th. For more information and to register your child, please visit www.pwjuniorfootball.com.

Moms Hot Lunch Menu

4/23: Pancakes and Ham

4/30: Chicken Tenders

5/7: Pizza

View the [menu here](#).

Playground Duty Schedule

St. Joseph School Calendar

School Staff Emails

Be Brave In Christ and have a very Blessed Easter,

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."