St. Joseph Catholic School

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Dear St. Joseph Students and Families,

We are excited to announce our new pope "Pope Leo XIV". Please join us in prayer,

O God, who in your providential design willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles, look with favor, we pray, on Leo our Pope and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor, may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of communion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

(Prayer from the Collect of the Mass for the Pope -- The Roman Missal, Third Edition)

Calendar Dates

5/14: Grandparents/Special Person Day

5/16: Color Run

5/21: 8th Grade & Young 5s Last Day 5/22: 8th Grade Graduation at 6:30 5/23: No School- Per Principal of the Day

5/26 No School- Memorial Day

5/28: Field Day

6/3: Kindergarten Graduation

6/4: Last Day of School- Half Day for St. Joe's & PW, Out at 11:05

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.

Tuition Contracts: For the 2025–2026 school year are now available. All contracts must be signed by **June 1, 2025**. Please also ensure that all required enrollment forms are updated and completed prior to the first day of school. Here is the link https://stiosephpewamo.fsenrollment.com/users/sign_in.

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 are located in the back of the church! 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.

Mothers Day Youth Choir Mass: All youth, 1st grade- high school are invited to join us in praising our Lord during Holy Mass in thanksgiving for the blessing of our mothers on Sunday, May 11 at 10 am.

Parish Festival Parade: St. Joseph Parish Festival is excited to once again include a parade as part of the celebration! Line-up will begin at 10:30 AM on Sunday, June 8, at P-W Elementary, with the parade kicking off at 11:30 AM and concluding in front of St. Joseph Catholic School. We invite businesses and organizations to participate—this is a great opportunity to showcase your group and equipment. Tractors, trucks, machinery, or any other business-related vehicles are especially welcome! You may pre-register ahead of time or register the morning of the parade during line-up. If you have any questions or would like to register, please contact Erin Kowatch at (517) 749-1559 or Nicole Weber at (517) 743-1124.

Lost & Found: 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

4th Grade Boys Basketball Camp: Will be on May 3rd from 9–11:30 am at St. Joseph School. This will focus on fundamentals and basics. Hosted by Liam Piggott, assisted by Caleb Blyth and Damon Huhn.Click here to sign up and for more information.

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

5/14: BBQ Pork (Grandparents Day)

5/21: Baked Spaghetti

5/28: Hot Dogs & French Fries

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."