



St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Quinquagesima Sunday
March 2, 2025



Parish Purpose Statement

Our parish purpose is to use beauty and truth to inspire and develop disciples to transform the secular order by the grace of God, for His glorification and the edification of man.

OFFICE INFORMATION

Mon/Wed/Fri:
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Saturday:
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

701 Church St.
Flint, MI 48502
(810)232-0880
StMatthewFlint.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
11:00 am (OF), 1:00 pm (EF)

Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri
12:10 pm (OF)

First Saturday
9:00 am (EF)

OF: Ordinary Form
EF: Extraordinary Form

CONFESSION

Sunday: 2:30 pm
Monday: 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Saturday: 10:30 - 11:30 am

ADORATION

Monday: 12:40 - 7:00 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday: 6:30 pm

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR:

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Allison Gonser

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HALL RENTAL

Interested in renting Augustinian Hall, Undercroft or the gym for an event? Contact our facility manager at: rentals@flintcatholic.org

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Submit items by Monday for publication in the following week's bulletin to: Amandawilliams@flintcatholic.org

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM - Call the office to make arrangements.

FIRST COMMUNION - If you believe your child is ready to receive his or her First Communion, there is no need to wait! Call the office to get the process started.

CONFIRMATION - If you or your child are seeking the sacrament of confirmation, please contact Amanda Williams at the parish office.

MATRIMONY - Contact Fr. Anthony at least 9 months in advance.

SACRAMENTAL PREP - We accept sacramental prep from Catholic schools as well as prep done at home. Call the office with any questions regarding your child's sacramental prep.

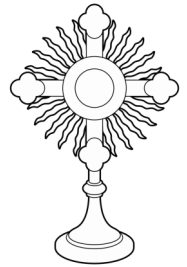
BECOMING CATHOLIC - If you are interested in becoming Catholic or just learning more, we look forward to helping you! Contact the parish office to setup a meeting.

ADORATION MONDAYS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament occurs every Monday after the 12:10 pm daily Mass. Benediction is at 7:00 pm.

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament whenever is possible during our time of Adoration. It is an opportune time to pray, read, and reflect on our life.

If you are interested in signing up to become a regular adorer, the signup is located on our parish website. We are in special need of adorers from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Anticipated Weekly Income: \$6,100

SCAN FOR QUICK DONATION, THANK YOU!



Week of:	February 02, 2025	February 09, 2025	February 16, 2025
Actual Income	\$ 5,564.23	\$ 6,416.98	\$ 3,754.70
Over (Under)	\$ (535.77)	\$ 316.98	\$ (2,345.30)

LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ordinary Form

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27: 4-7
Ps. 92: 2-3, 13-16
1 Corinthians 15: 54-58
Luke 6: 39-45

Extraordinary Form

Quinquagesima Sunday

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13
Ps 76: 15, 16
Luke 18: 31-43

LECTOR SCHEDULE

March 9 K Downs

March 16 J P McAvoy

MUSIC MINISTRY

"...and sing the love amazing..."

The Saint Matthew Singers will sing at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 30. If you like to sing and have not sung with us before, give us a try! We sing once a month. On March 30, rehearsal will be at 10 a.m., and singing at the 11 a.m. Mass. Please get in touch with me for more information.

The Latin Mass Schola sings at 1 p.m. Mass every Sunday. New members are welcome. We rehearse in the undercroft at 12:15 p.m. Please contact me for more details.

Joseph Dobos, Director of Sacred Music.
josephdobos@flintcatholic.org

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Fasting and abstinence are central practices of Lent. Fasting typically refers to reducing food intake, such as eating only one full meal a day with two smaller meals that do not equal a full meal, while abstinence generally means refraining from certain foods, most notably meat. The Church mandates fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for adults between 18 and 59, whereas abstinence from meat is required on all Fridays during Lent for those aged 14 and older. The purpose of these sacrifices is not simply dietary but spiritual, serving as a form of penance to unite believers with the suffering of Christ, foster self-control, and redirect focus toward prayer, almsgiving, and acts of charity. Many extend the concept of abstinence beyond food, choosing to give up luxuries such as sweets, alcohol, or social media to cultivate discipline and spiritual renewal. Historically, fasting during Lent was much stricter, with early Christians abstaining from all animal products, dairy, and sometimes even fish. Over time, the regulations have evolved, but the core intention remains: to detach from material comforts, resist temptation, and prepare the heart for the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

† (Deceased) ☹ (Abstinence)

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (New) / Quinquagesima Sunday (Trad.)

9:30a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
11:00a † Douglas Schyck, Sr. by Kishore Jayabalan
1:00p The People of St. Matthew Parish
2:30p Confessions

MONDAY, MARCH 3

St. Katherine Drexel (New)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Robert Dailey by Pat Dailey
12:30p Adoration
5:00p Confessions
6:30p Evening Prayer
7:00p Benediction

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

St. Casimir of Poland / St. Lucius I (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p Special Intention of Carolyn Peternel

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5—Ash Wednesday ☹

Day of Fasting

6:30a The People of St. Matthew Parish
12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Cardinal Renato Raffaele Martino by Kishore Jayabalan
6:00p † Members of the Popovic Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Sts. Felicitas & Perpetua (Trad.)

FRIDAY, MARCH 7 ☹

Sts. Perpetua & Felicity (New) / St. Thomas Aquinas (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p Intentions of John & Catherine Runyan by Runyan Family
12:40p Stations of the Cross
6:00p Soup Supper (Augustinian Hall)
7:00p Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

St. John of God

10:30a Confessions
11:35a Rosary Walk
6:30p Trivia Night (Augustinian Hall)

PARISH ROSES

This week's roses are offered in Thanksgiving



DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

Lent begins Wednesday with our Ash Wednesday Masses. We'll have three again this year: 6:30 a.m.; 12:10 p.m.; and 6:00 p.m. (EF). This is a great way to begin our time in the desert with Christ, even though it isn't a holyday of obligation. We will also take up a collection that will support Catholic Charities of Genesee and Shiawassee Counties and the St. Luke NEW Life Center in Flint. Thanks for your generosity!

As a reminder, during Lent we are encouraged to traverse the desert with Christ through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our two days of fasting required by the Church are Ash Wednesday (5 March) and Good Friday (18 April). Each Friday of Lent the Church requires us to abstain from any meat (beef, poultry, or pork). However, if you want to

suffer with Christ even more, the Church offers us the option of observing the Lenten Ember Days (12, 14 & 15 March). On Ember Wednesday and Ember Saturday, we fast during the day, and observe partial abstinence (meat only with dinner). Ember Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. The Ember Days are something I try to observe as much as possible. Maybe think of someone who could use some extra grace and offer the Ember Day practices for them.

Remember: whatever Lenten practices you do (giving up something and/or adding some works of charity), they should be acts of penance for you, not for everyone else. Have a great Lent!!

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

YOUTH GROUP

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, March 3 from 7:00 pm—8:30 pm**. We will meet in the fieldhouse. Any teens interested in joining St. Matthew's youth group can sign up on the parish website.

LADIES STUDY GROUP

Anima Christi, by Mother Mary Francis, PCC. Alice von Hildebrand said about this book, "Contemplative nuns are God's holy bees, extracting rich nectar from traditional prayers which all of us pray without realizing the treasures they contain. How illuminating are her meditations on the meaning of suffering and an expression of love; how convincingly she shows that it opens one's heart to others by choking our selfishness. Anyone reading this beautiful book will pray the Anima Christi with deepened understanding and renewed fervor."

Our Tuesday evening study group meets from 6:30-8:00. The Wednesday morning group meets from 10-11:30. Both at the home of Rae Ann Houbeck 810-919-8696.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Good Shepherd knows each sheep, even if there are many sheep. He calls his sheep, and gradually, they become accustomed to His voice; they listen to Him and follow Him. In this way a precious relationship is established; a thread of love binds the sheep always more closely to their Shepherd. In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, the children come to know that the Shepherd's voice is powerful and supremely patient; it never tires of calling and reaches out even to those sheep who are far away, beyond the sheepfold. Slowly, they, too, turn to hear His voice, and they gather together into one great flock.

GREATER FLINT AREA MEN'S GROUP

Due to Ash Wednesday, the next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 12, 6:30-8:00pm in the church basement**. Come for fellowship and formation in the Catholic faith. No previous attendance or instruction is necessary.

The group will pray Vespers and study the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which is available as a book and for free on the Vatican website.

LENT BIBLE STUDY—STARTS MARCH 12

Join us this Lent as we take 6 weeks to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ! Are we ready for the King? Are our hearts ready to accept the passion of our Lord so that we may share in his glorious Resurrection? The six weeks leading up to Easter mark our own 40 days in the desert with Jesus.

This study follows the Catholic Scripture Study format, but concentrates on the Sunday lectionary readings and incorporates the ancient method of Lectio Divina (praying the scriptures). Lectio Divina is a powerful way to 'hear' God speaking to us personally through scripture.

Wednesdays this Lent at 6:30 pm in Augustinian Hall. The cost of the workbook is \$20. Please, register on the parish website.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saints Perpetua and Felicity were martyrs executed in Carthage in 203 AD, for refusing to renounce their faith. Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, a pregnant slave, were imprisoned together and endured suffering with unwavering devotion. Perpetua recorded her visions of heaven, strengthening their resolve. After Felicity gave birth, they were led to the arena, where they faced wild beasts before being executed by the sword. Their story, preserved in *The Passion of Saints Perpetua and Felicity*, remains a powerful testament to faith and courage.

Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, pray for us!

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN

St. Matthew is signed up to assist at the North End Soup Kitchen on Thursdays. Come on out and give a hand. You can drop in from 2 pm to 5:30 pm, or sign up for a day on the parish website! This is a great outreach opportunity for the entire family!

HOPE IN THE BOX

There is a Hope in the Box for Catholic Charities container in the Narthex. Specific monthly needs are listed on the box, but any personal needs items can be donated at any-time. Thank you in advance for your donations.



MEALS FOR MOMS

If you are an expectant mother of the parish and would like to participate, fill out the form available on our web-site and we will be in contact with you. If you are interested in getting notifications whenever we have new families that are in need of meals, please email us at stmatthewmealsformoms@gmail.com

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

We are looking for volunteers to be able to help at the Community Pantry at the former St. Pius X parish center. It would be on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 9:00 to 10:30 am. Please contact Karen at 810-287-2490 if you are interested.

IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

THANK YOU—FROM KOFC COUNCILS 695 & 4090

Thank everyone that participated in the 41 st Annual Seminarian fundraiser. We had a great turnout at the dinner to support our 29 seminarians, including 17 who were in attendance. Donations are still being received. We expect to have a total to announce in mid-march. A live streamed video can be viewed on our Face Book page: Bishop Joseph H Albers Council #4090 OR By going to stjohndavison.org then click on the blue Facebook symbol.

SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for Stations of the Cross and a simple Soup Supper Fridays during Lent.

- Stations of the Cross will take place immediately after the 12:10 PM Mass.

- A Soup Supper will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by Stations of the Cross in the evening.

If you are interested in making a soup for our soup supper, please call the office or sign up on the parish website.

SEVEN SISTERS / FASTING BROTHERS

“What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has rendered unto me?”

Please join with me in a unique way to support our faith filled pastor, Fr. Anthony. Done in quiet, in solitude, it is easy and flexible. Additional opportunities for Bishop Boyea, other priests and our seminarians exist and are waiting to be filled.

For additional information call or text Donna Bussiere at (313)407-9465.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Join us in the Undercroft for refreshments and fellowship after the 11 am Mass every 1st and 3rd Sunday! **Visit the parish website to sign up to bring Donuts, signing up is a one time commitment!**

ST. MATTHEW'S

TRIVIA NIGHT

MARCH 8TH | **6:30 PM**
 Augustinian Hall
 701 Church St. Flint 48502

\$5/person Entry | \$5/person Dinner
 or Bring 2 Large Boxes of Cereal for Free Entry & Dinner!

Join us for an epic Trivia Night filled with challenging questions, laughs, and great friends.