



# St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**March 30, 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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**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.

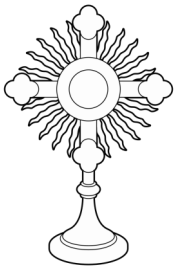
**MATRIMONY** - Contact Fr. Anthony at least 9 months in advance.

**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:	March 2, 2025	March 9, 2025	March 16, 2025
<b>Actual Income</b>	\$ 12,411.74	\$ 5,708.00	\$ 8,922.98
<b>Over (Under)</b>	\$ 6,311.74	\$ (392.00)	\$ 2,822.98

## LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Ordinary Form**  
4th Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13  
Ps. 23: 1-6  
Ephesians 5: 8-14  
John 9: 1-41

**Extraordinary Form**  
4th Sunday of Lent

Galatians 4: 22-31  
Ps 121: 1, 7  
John 6: 1-15

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

April 6 M Wilson

April 13 J Henry

### MUSIC MINISTRY

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

"Lift High the Cross" is a well-known and beloved hymn. Although it is primarily intended for Passion-tide, this hymn is also sung during the entire liturgical year, including at weddings and funerals. The verses were written in the late 19th century and were set to music in 1916 by British composer Sydney Nicholson. However, the tune and text did not make their way into American hymnals until 1974. Since then, nearly every hymn book has included this stirring "marching" melody. The stanzas are brief, and the message is a clear reminder to always keep the Cross in our view.

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

### SCRUTINIES

The Scrutinies are a series of three rites that take place during Lent as part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), designed to prepare catechumens—those who are not yet baptized—for the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Rooted in early Church traditions, the Scrutinies are celebrated on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent and focus on deepening the spiritual conversion of the elect. These rites are intended to uncover and heal the weaknesses and sins in the hearts of the elect while strengthening what is good and leading them toward Christ. Each Scrutiny includes prayers of exorcism, scripture readings—, such as the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4), the healing of the blind man (John 9), and the raising of Lazarus (John 11)—and a laying on of hands by the presiding priest or deacon. The Scrutinies emphasize the transformative power of grace, calling the elect to repentance, purification, and renewal as they progress toward baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist.

### MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

† (Deceased)

∞ (Abstinence)

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 30

*4th Sunday of Lent*

11:00a † Robert McElheron  
1:00p The People of St. Matthew Parish  
2:30p Confessions

#### MONDAY, MARCH 31

12:00p Angelus  
12:10p † Members of DiGaetano Family  
12:30p Adoration  
5:00p Confessions  
6:30p Evening Prayer  
7:00p Benediction

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 1

12:00p Angelus  
12:10p † Deceased Members of the Thomas More Family by  
Janice Henry

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

*St. Francis of Paola*

12:00p Angelus  
12:10p † Thomas Banaszak by Patricia Dailey  
6:30p Greater Flint Area Men's Group (Undercroft)  
6:30p Lenten Bible Study (Augustinian Hall)

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 3

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 4 ∞

*St. Isidore of Seville*

12:00p Angelus  
12:10p Intentions of Brian & Jill Jurvelin by the Jurvelin Family  
12:40p Stations of the Cross  
6:00p Soup Supper (Augustinian Hall)  
7:00p Adoration & Sacred Heart Devotion

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 5

*St. Vincent Ferrer*

9:00a Intentions of Anne DeLisle  
10:00a Potluck Breakfast (Augustinian Hall)  
10:30a Confessions  
11:35a Rosary Walk

This year on Ash Wednesday we collected a total of \$1,340. 10. This collection is split between Catholic Charities and St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center.

Thank you for your generous donations!

## DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

Rejoice! We are more than halfway done with Lent! The time to celebrate the Resurrection is fairly close!! Keep going strong on your Lenten penances just for a few weeks more.

This Friday, the first Friday, a day that is usually dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we will have a special traveling icon of the Sacred Heart, provided by the Knights of Columbus. We'll begin with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7 p.m. (after the Soup Supper), and hear readings and pray prayers associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It will last around 1 hour. Please come and spend time with our Lord in the Eucharist, and grow in your love of the Sacred Heart, which loved you so much that it was pierced to wash away your sins.

The deadly sin in focus this week is wrath or anger. As St. Thomas Aquinas notes in the *Summa Theologiae* (IIa-IIae.clviii.1), anger is not always sinful. The sin of anger or wrath comes in when we are angry at the wrong things, or more angry than the situation requires. We can desire vengeance inasmuch as it corrects error and vice and promotes justice. But we cannot desire vengeance just to see

evil happen to another person. Because of human nature, we tend to give more punishment than a crime or a bad action deserves, because we desire the other person to hurt more than the hurt we received. So the virtuous anger often flirts with crossing the line into vicious anger. And virtuous anger is anger which is in accord with reason, but for many people, their reason flies out the door when they are angry, making it difficult to be virtuously angry.

The remedy for anger is patience, peace, and abandonment to Divine Will. Patience waits to respond until the passions have subsided, so that we are not controlled by our emotions. Peace seeks harmony with others, not just retribution. And when we give ourselves over to God's will and timing, we recognize that He will mete out vengeance more justly and mercifully than we could ever do. However, sometimes we should respond to evil with a corrective action. Sometimes we need to defend others and the good, and it can be an act of cowardice not to stand up for what is right. Still, submit it all to God, and hopefully we'll see when there is a time to act or a time to refrain from action.

## EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

### YOUTH GROUP

TEEN TRIVIA NIGHT—APRIL 7

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, April 7 from 7:00 pm—8:30 pm. We will have a Teen Trivia Night! All Teens Welcome.** 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

The Ladies Study group will NOT be meeting on April 22 or April 23,

Our new book will be *Therese*, by Dorothy Day. “[This] account of the life of St. Therese of Lisieux sheds light on the depth of Day's Catholic spirituality and illustrates why Therese's simplicity and humility are so vital for today. Whether we are called to an active life like Day or a more hidden existence like Therese, readers will discover that these paths have much in common and can lead to a love that has the power to transform in ways that are unexpected and consequential.”

We will be starting this group on Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 29. 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.

### GREATER FLINT AREA MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 2, 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.

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The sheep listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, The Shepherd knows and calls the sheep by name. This aspect delights the young child in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium. This reveals in an explicit way that the Good Shepherd has a personal relationship with each of us.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Isidore of Seville was a scholar, theologian, and Archbishop of Seville, known for preserving classical knowledge and shaping medieval intellectual thought. His most famous work, *Etymologiae*, was a vast encyclopedia covering subjects from grammar to theology and remained a key reference throughout the Middle Ages. He played a crucial role in unifying the Visigothic kingdom under Catholicism and presided over the Fourth Council of Toledo in 633, establishing important ecclesiastical policies. His efforts in education led to the creation of cathedral schools, influencing future European learning institutions.

St. Isidore, pray for us!



# OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

## MEALS FOR MOMS

WELCOME BABY NEWMAN!

Please consider welcoming the latest addition to the Newman family and helping them adjust by providing a meal. The link for the meal train is provided via the QR Code below.

If you are an expectant mother of the parish and would like to participate, fill out the form available on our website 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 [stmatthew-mealsformoms@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthew-mealsformoms@gmail.com)



## FOOD DRIVE SUPPORTING ST. MARY MISSION

St. Matthew is having a food drive to benefit St. Mary Mission in Flint until April 6th.

Requested donation items are:

Canned Items - Green Beans, Cream of Mushroom, Fruit, Soup, Stew, Pasta Sauce Chicken/Tuna, Carnation Milk Crispy Fried Onions Mashed Potatoes Stuffing, Pasta, Mac & Cheese, Rice Mixes, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Oatmeal, Cereal, Toilet Paper, Hand Soap, Bar Soap, Hand Sanitizer, Shampoo, Body Lotion, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent.

Items can be dropped off at St. Matthew in the bin by the confessional.

# IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

*Join us for a*  
**Knights of Columbus**

*Pancake*  
*Brunch*



**April 6th**  
after the 11 am Mass  
**Augustinian Hall**

## SOUP, ADORATION, & SACRED HEART DEVOTION

Join us for a Soup Supper this upcoming Friday, 4 April. Soup will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by Adoration and the Sacred Heart Devotion at 7 pm.

Sign up to bring a soup 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 on Palm Sunday! **Visit the parish website to sign up to bring Donuts, signing up is a one time commitment!**

ST. MATTHEW'S

**TRIVIA NIGHT**



**APRIL 12TH** | **6:30 PM**  
Augustinian Hall  
701 Church St. Flint 48502

\$5/person Entry | \$5/person Dinner  
All money raised will be donated to Catholic Charities

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