



St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Form / 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 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. We will begin prep for 2025 Confirmations in the fall of 2024.

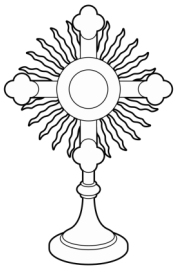
MATRIMONY - Contact Fr. Anthony at least 9 months in advance.

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
Anticipated Holy Day Income: \$600

SCAN FOR QUICK DONATION, THANK YOU! 

Week of:	January 1, 2025	January 5, 2025	January 12, 2025
Actual Income	\$ 2,427.00	\$ 6,856.88	\$ 7,590.29
Over (Under)	\$ 1,827.00	\$ 756.88	\$ 1,490.29

LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ordinary Form
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10
Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15
1 Corinthians 12: 12-30
Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

Extraordinary Form
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Romans 12: 16-21
Ps 101: 16-17
Matthew 8: 1-13

LECTOR SCHEDULE

February 2 K Jayabalan

February 9 A Wilberding

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

Thirty years ago, Thomas Day wrote a widely read book titled "Why Catholics Can't Sing." Thankfully, a lot has changed since then. At Saint Matthew's, I hear beautiful voices rising from the congregation during the singing of the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, the Psalms, and hymns. We need these voices in the choir loft on Sundays! The Latin Mass Schola sings every Sunday at the 1 p.m. Mass, while the Saint Matthew Singers sing once a month at the 11 a.m. Mass. If you are blessed with a good voice and a keen ear, your talent is needed. My email contact information is below. The great champion of Catholic music, Theodore Marier, wrote, "Chant is a love song to Jesus."

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Angela Merici was an Italian saint and founder of the Ursuline order, the first religious community dedicated to educating young girls. She was deeply shaped by her faith and a vision of social renewal through education. Angela believed that empowering women through learning was essential for strengthening families. In 1535, she established the Company of St. Ursula, a group of women who lived among the people rather than in convents, focusing on teaching and service. Her innovative approach combined prayer, community, and active ministry. Angela's legacy continues through the Ursuline sisters' global work in education, reflecting her pioneering spirit and commitment to faith and learning.

St. Hilary, pray for us!

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS † (Deceased)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

9:30a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
11:00a The People of St. Matthew Parish
1:00p Intentions of Mary Katharine Knight by Robert & Janet Knight
2:30p Confessions

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

St. Angela Merici / St. John Chrysostom (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Betty Lamiman by the Parish
12:30p Adoration
5:00p Confessions
6:30p Evening Prayer
7:00p Benediction

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas (New) / St. Peter Nolasco (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Vincent Mathew by Karen Downs
1:00p Catholic End of Life Presentation (Augustinian Hall)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

St. Francis de Sales (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Eustacio Padilla
6:30p Greater Flint Area Men's Group (Undercroft)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

St. Martina (Trad.)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

St. John Bosco

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Patrick J. Callahan by Martha Fisher Lichty

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

St. Ignatius of Antioch (Trad.)

9:00a Intentions of the Flint Latin Mass Community by Chorbishop Anthony S. Spinosa
10:00a Potluck Breakfast (Augustinian Hall)
10:30a Confessions
11:35a Rosary Walk
6:30p Trivia Night (Augustinian Hall)

PARISH ROSES

**Offered by the Jacoby family
in Thanksgiving**

Offering the roses is a wonderful way to honor the memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. The offering is \$20 each or \$60 for all three altars of St. Therese, St. Mary and St. Joseph.



DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

Tuesday is the memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Angelic Doctor. St. Thomas Aquinas is one of my favorite saints for various reasons. I attended St. Thomas Aquinas School in East Lansing for seventh and eighth grades. The university from which I obtained my bachelor's degree was the University of St. Thomas. While there I did a study abroad at the Angelicum, the university run by the Dominicans whose official name is the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, who also granted my Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology (a second bachelor's degree I obtained while at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit). My first assignment as a priest was St. Thomas Aquinas parish in East Lansing. And when I joined the third order Dominicans, I took the name Dominic Thomas.

St. Thomas presents one of the clearest explanations of the faith that I have ever encountered. He didn't just state what the Church taught, he accepted and debated propositions contrary to the faith, especially in his great work, Summa Theologica. When considering other opinions, he didn't put up straw-man arguments which weren't academically rigorous, he made sure that he could answer the questions

of those who had logical points of view, even when they varied from the Church's teaching. While he wasn't always correct (he didn't think the Immaculate Conception was possible, though this wasn't formal teaching at the time), he always submitted himself to the judgment of the Church so that what he taught was not about him, but about the truth. He is the only saint, to my knowledge, that seminary students are required to study (Pope Leo XIII decreed this in 1879). St. Thomas Aquinas was canonized 702 years ago this July, died 751 years ago this March, and was born 800 years ago on Tuesday (the Dominicans have been celebrating the tripe jubilee since 2023). St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!

On Tuesday, make sure you join us for the presentation on Catholic funerals. It will be shortly after the 12:10 p.m. Mass at 1 p.m. in Augustinian Hall. Light refreshments will be provided. I will present on how the Church treats funerals, and then New Calvary Catholic Cemetery and Swartz Funeral Home will be present to answer any questions from their side of funerals. See you there!!

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

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

The book available from Ignatius Press and Amazon for \$14.95

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The parables are the usual teaching method of Jesus in the gospels. Jesus explains the Kingdom of God many, many times. There are 45 parables in the New Testament about the Kingdom. What do we think of when we hear or read about the "The Kingdom of God"?

In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, the children hear the parable about a merchant searching for pearls. They will ponder the great value and beauty of this precious pearl, and how that relates to the kingdom of God. We ask ourselves: What does Jesus want us to know about the Kingdom by telling us this parable?

GREATER FLINT AREA MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 29, 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.

YOUTH GROUP

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, February 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.

CANDLEMAS

Candlemas, celebrated on February 2, is a significant feast in the Catholic Church that marks the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, as described in Luke 2:22-40, and also the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast acquired its name, Candlemas, from the tradition of blessing candles during the liturgy. These candles symbolize Christ as the Light of the World, dispelling the darkness of sin and bringing hope and salvation. The faithful often bring their own candles to be blessed, which are later used in their homes as sacramentals for prayer and protection. Liturgically, Candlemas serves as a bridge between the joyful season of Christmas and the penitential season of Lent, offering a moment of reflection on the mission of Christ and the faith of Mary and Joseph. It is a feast that invites the faithful to embrace the light of Christ in their own lives and to prepare their hearts for the journey toward Easter.

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 anytime. 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 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 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 Tuesdays from 9:00 to 10:30 am. Please contact Karen at 810-287-2490 if you are interested.

IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements can be picked up after Mass in the narthex of the church on January 26. You can also pick them up at the parish office during normal business hours.

BOURBON AND BASILICAS MEETING

Now that we're in the New Year, it's time to reserve your spot for the Bourbon and Basilicas pilgrimage in June! Shake off some of those winter, cabin fever blues, and book a trip with Fr. Anthony Strouse to the birthplace of bourbon in Kentucky, while also feeding your faith and attending Mass at some of the most beautiful churches Kentucky and the United States has to offer!

There will be an informational meeting on Saturday, 8 February at 2 p.m. in Augustinian Hall (field house) at St. Matthew. A representative from Corporate Travel will be present to answer any questions you may have. See the parish website for more information. There will also be an informational meeting coming up in February—stay tuned!

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.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

COFFEE & DONUTS

Join us in the Undercroft for refreshments and fellowship after the 11 am Mass every 1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month! **Our next Coffee & Donuts will be on February 2nd. Visit the parish website to sign up to bring Donuts for either 1st or 3rd Sunday, signing up is a one time commitment!**

ST. MATTHEW HOMESCHOOLERS

The St. Matthew homeschool group meets for open gym, ice skating, and other various activities. If you are interested in joining visit the parish website at www.stmatthewflint.org/groups

TRIVIA NIGHT

Bring a bottle of liquid laundry detergent for free entry & dinner

\$5 Entry/person
\$5 Sloppy Joe Dinner

All proceeds go towards the purchase of detergent for Catholic Charities

February 1st @ 6:30 PM
St. Matthew's Augustinian Hall
701 Church St. Flint 48502