



St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord / Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary
February 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

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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.

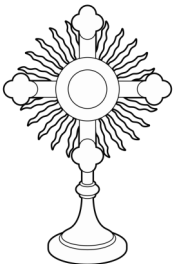
MATRIMONY - Contact Fr. Anthony at least 9 months in advance.

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

SCAN FOR QUICK DONATION, THANK YOU! 

Week of:	January 5, 2025	January 12, 2025	January 19, 2025
Actual Income	\$ 6,856.88	\$ 7,590.29	\$ 4,897.23
Over (Under)	\$ 756.88	\$ 1,490.29	\$ (1,202.77)

LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ordinary Form

Feast of the Presentation
of the Lord

Malachi 3: 1-4
Ps 24: 7, 8, 9, 10
Hebrews 2: 14-18
Luke 2: 22-40

Extraordinary Form

Purification of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Malachi 3: 1-4
Ps 47: 10, 11, 9
Luke 2: 22-32

LECTOR SCHEDULE

February 9 A Wilberding

February 16 M Wilson

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

Candlemas marks the traditional conclusion of the Christmas season, and we will sing, "Joy to the World, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King." The lyrics to this hymn were written by the renowned English poet Isaac Watts in 1719 and were never intended for Christmas. Watts aimed to set the words of Psalm 98 and Genesis 3 into a poem. For nearly two hundred years, "Joy to the World" was sung as a general praise hymn. The words were not sung to the familiar tune we know today until the early 20th century. This melody began appearing in hymnals in the 1950s and is now regarded as one of the most well-known Christmas carols ever.

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Agatha, a revered early Christian martyr and saint, was born in Sicily around 231 AD. She is celebrated for her faith and courage in the face of brutal persecution. According to tradition, she was a young woman of noble birth who dedicated her life to chastity and service to God. Her beauty and piety caught the attention of a Roman official who attempted to force her to renounce her faith and accept his advances. When she refused, she was subjected to horrific torture.

Despite her suffering, Agatha remained resolute in her devotion to Christ, reportedly finding comfort and healing through divine intervention. She ultimately died in prison, likely around 251 AD. St. Agatha's story continues to inspire millions, symbolizing the strength of faith and the resilience of the human spirit in the face of suffering.

St. Agatha, pray for us!

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

† (Deceased)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - Candle Blessing

Presentation of the Lord (New) / Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Trad.)

9:30a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
11:00a † Carolyn Ann Karboske by Jacoby Family
12:00p Coffee & Donuts (Undercroft)
1:00p The People of St. Matthew Parish
2:30p Confessions

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - Blessing of the Throats

St. Blaise / St. Ansgar (New)

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

St. Andrew Corsini (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Bernard Kray by the Kray Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Paul Marciszewski by the Marciszewski Family
6:30p Greater Flint Area Men's Group (Undercroft)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki & Comps (New) / St. Dorothy (Trad.) / St. Titus (Trad.)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

St. Romuald (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Richard Palumbo

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Matthew

St. Jerome Emiliani (New) / St. Josephine Bakhita (New) / St. John of Matha (Trad.)

10:30a Confessions
11:35a Rosary Walk
2:00p Bourbon & Basilicas Meeting (Augustinian Hall)
5:00p The People of St. Matthew Parish

PARISH ROSES

Offered in memory of Robert Bailey
by Pat Dailey

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

Happy Candlemas! In the pre-Council calendar we called it the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (it is also still called this by the Orthodox). In the post-Conciliar calendar we call it the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple. But both also refer to it as Candlemas, as candles have been blessed on this date, in conjunction with Christ, the Light of the World, entering into the Temple. May Christ light our way each day!!

Monday we have the popular devotion to St. Blase (or Blaise) with the blessing of throats. According to tradition, there was a boy choking on a fishbone, and St. Blase prayed over the boy and he stopped choking. I'll do the blessing during the 12:10 p.m. Mass (so be prepared for the Mass to be slightly longer than usual).

Saturday we celebrate the anniversary of the Dedication of St. Matthew Church. We're going to have an Ordinary Form Mass at 5 p.m. to celebrate this great day in

the life of our parish. It will count for your Sunday obligation.

Saturday we also have a meeting at 2 p.m. for anyone interested in the Bourbon and Basilicas pilgrimage. We need to 20 people to make the trip a go. We'll have representatives from Corporate Travel present to answer any questions, and I'll have more flyers/registration forms. Anyone is welcome to come to the meeting and on the trip, even if they're not parishioners or even Catholic (though we will have Mass every day and have time to talk about faith).

Last, and not least, St. John in Davison is hosting the annual Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for seminarians. There is a poster in the back of the church, and the Knights will be present this weekend if you want to purchase your tickets. There is a cap on how many people can attend, so get your tickets while you can!

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 parable of the woman leavening dough reminds the child that although great and magnificent, the Kingdom of God begins in smallness, often in a hidden way, like the yeast mixed into a dough. In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium the children reflect upon the mysterious growth and transformation of the kingdom.

- Do you have a favorite parable from the Gospels?
- Choose a parable and re-read it each night as part of your personal prayer.
- Wonder what Jesus meant when he said the Kingdom of God is like ...
- Consider what is the reality of the Kingdom that the parable is revealing to you?

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.

GREATER FLINT AREA MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, February 5, 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.

BENEDICTINE ARRANGEMENT

Pope Benedict XVI, deeply influenced by the Benedictine tradition, emphasized the sacredness and theological depth of the altar arrangement, advocating a return to traditional liturgical elements. Central to his vision was the placement of a prominent crucifix at the center of the altar, directing both priest and congregation toward Christ's sacrifice rather than each other. He also encouraged the use of six tall candles, reflecting historical liturgical practices, and often promoted the *ad orientem* posture, in which the priest and faithful face the same direction in worship, symbolizing a communal journey toward God. For Benedict XVI, the altar was the true focal point of Catholic worship, where heaven and earth meet in the Eucharistic sacrifice. His reforms sought to restore continuity with the Church's ancient traditions, deepening the understanding of the Mass as a sacred encounter with God and leaving a lasting impact on modern liturgical practices.



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

K OF C –SEMINARIAN FUNDRAISER

Join us for the 41st Annual Seminarian Fundraiser Dinner on Thursday, February 13. 5:30 pm Social hour and 6:30 Dinner. Dinner Tickets are \$15.00. Knights of Columbus members will be selling tickets after Mass or call Carl Knieper (810) 653-6738 or Mark Corcoran (810) 471-7256.

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!**

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MEN

The Sts. Charles and Helena Men's Group invite all men to Consecrate yourself to St. Joseph. This 33 day program will bring you closer to Jesus through St. Joseph. We are using the Consecration to St. Joseph book by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC. This book can be purchased at Michigan Church Supply or Amazon.com We start February 15th and will conclude March 19th. Questions or to sign up contact Sean Rozboril at 231-350-3620 or CHEvangelization@gmail.com.

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.

Ladies' Night Out

Paint, Sip & Indulge!

- Paint Session (no experience needed!)
- Wine to help spark creativity
- Chocolates & Charcuterie Spread

February 22 @5:30 PM | St. Matthew's Augustinian Hall

\$15/ Person (If Painting)

Register at stmatthewflint.org or call (810)232-0880

BOURBON & 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!