



St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Septuagesima Sunday
February 16, 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.

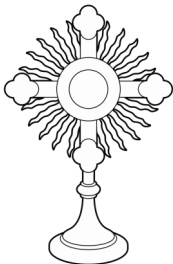
MATRIMONY - Contact Fr. Anthony at least 9 months in advance.

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:	January 19, 2025	January 26, 2025	February 02, 2025
Actual Income	\$ 4,897.23	\$ 10,078.51	\$ 5,564.23
Over (Under)	\$ (1,202.77)	\$ 3,978.51	\$ (535.77)

LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ordinary Form

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17: 5-8
Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 & 6
1 Corinthians 15: 12,16-20
Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Extraordinary Form

Septuagesima

1 Corinthians 9:24-27
10: 1-5
Ps 9: 10, 11, 19, 20
Matthew 20: 1-16

LECTOR SCHEDULE

February 23

J Henry

March 2

K Gubert

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

This Sunday marks the first of the "gesima" Sundays in the Extraordinary Form of the Mass. Starting today and continuing through Lent, we will sing Credo I. Of all the musical settings of the Nicene Creed, Credo I is the oldest. The music dates back at least to the 8th century. Evidence indicates that this chant was derived from an earlier chant sung in the Greek Church as far back as the 4th century. Chant authorities, such as the monks of Solesmes, refer to Credo I as the "Authentic Tone" and highlight its "primacy among chants." Credo III, which is popular today, wasn't widely sung until the time of Mozart. Some scholars note that Credo III is not based on a traditional chant mode. The season of Lent is a time for reflection. In singing Credo I, we return to our musical roots.

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

SEPTUAGESIMA

Septuagesima is a period in the traditional Catholic liturgical calendar that marks the beginning of a pre-Lenten season, preparing the faithful for the penitential period of Lent. It begins on Septuagesima Sunday, which falls approximately 70 days before Easter. Septuagesima was historically a time of spiritual preparation, with a focus on penance, conversion, and reflection on humanity's need for redemption. Though omitted from the post-Vatican II liturgical reforms of 1970, Septuagesima is still observed in the Traditional Latin Mass (1962 Missal).

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

† (Deceased)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (New) / Septuagesima Sunday (Trad.)

11:00a † Patrick J. Callahan by Tim & Margie Sherburne
1:00p The People of St. Matthew Parish
2:30p Confessions

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites (New)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Antoinette & Angelina Calbone
12:30p Adoration
5:00p Confessions
6:30p Evening Prayer
7:00p Benediction
7:00p Youth Group

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

St. Bernadette Soubirous / St. Simeon (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Madonna Calbone

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Richard Lynch by Karen Downs
6:30p Greater Flint Area Men's Group (Undercroft)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Sts. Francisco Marto & Jacinta Marto (New)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

St. Peter Damian (New)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Tom Chittle by the Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

10:30a Confessions
11:35a Rosary Walk

PARISH ROSES

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

Monday marks our country's celebration of Presidents' Day. While this one holiday joins together the celebration of the birthdays of Presidents Washington (22 February) and Lincoln (12 February), it's also a chance to pray for all our presidents. Whether we love a president's policies or despise them, we should always pray for our president.

Saturday we celebrate the Chair of St. Peter, or, as as one priest I know calls it, a Furniture Feast. The chair that we celebrate is not so much a physical piece of furniture (the cathedra of St. Peter), as his authority as our first pope, an authority that has continued unbroken, though exercised in various ways, for 2,000 years. Make sure we take time on Saturday, as we do at each Mass, to pray for our pope, Pope Francis, the 265th successor of St. Peter.

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

GREATER FLINT AREA MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, February 19, 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 youngest children (ages 3-6) pass through sensitive periods. During the child's period of growth, there are times when the child is more receptive to certain aspects of development. Children learn language in a short time. Sensitive periods in a child's life are driven by the intuitive guide, which is a gift from God. For the youngest child, we let our words be counted. We speak slowly and clearly, as not to overwhelm with words. One way this is nurtured in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, is through prayer words or phrases, such as: Amen, Alleluia, Hosanna.

LENT BIBLE STUDY

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.

YOUTH GROUP

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, February 17 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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Bernadette Soubirous was a French peasant girl who became famous for witnessing Marian apparitions in Lourdes, France, in 1858. Born into poverty, Bernadette suffered from asthma and lived in difficult conditions. At the age of 14, while gathering firewood near the Grotto of

Massabielle, she experienced a vision of a "beautiful lady" dressed in white with a blue sash, whom she later identified as the Virgin Mary. Over the course of 18 apparitions, the Lady revealed herself as the "Immaculate Conception" and instructed Bernadette to drink from a hidden spring, which soon became the site of miraculous healings. Though initially met with skepticism from authorities and clergy, her visions were ultimately recognized by the Church. Bernadette later joined the Sisters of Charity in Nevers, dedicating herself to a life of prayer and service despite chronic illness. She died at 35, and her body was later found incorrupt, reinforcing her sanctity. Canonized in 1933, St. Bernadette is venerated as the patron saint of the sick and those seeking healing, with Lourdes becoming one of the most significant pilgrimage sites in the world.

St. Bernadette, 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

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!**



ADMIRAL'S BALL

Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the 4th Degree



DINNER DANCE AND MORE

Saturday February 22, 2025

Holy Redeemer Family Life Center

Location: 1227 E. Bristol Rd, Burton, MI 48529

Organized by the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus

Assemblies: Msgr. Dunigan #510 and St Joseph #2211

Donation is \$40 per person or a table of 8 for \$300

Attire is Semi-Formal

For Men – Dark Suit and Tie

Proceeds will benefit Scared Heart Veterans Village

You're are invited to join us for Mass before the evening begins. Holy Redeemer Church at 4pm. Cocktail hour will begin after mass. Dinner at 6PM

Tickets must be purchased in advance:

For more information Call Don Pollard 810-965-6011

**BEHOLD,
YOUR REWARD
WILL BE GREAT
IN HEAVEN**

Luke 6:23

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

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