



St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 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.

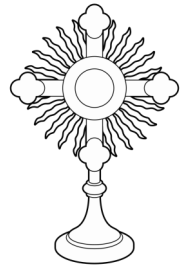
BECOMING CATHOLIC - If you are interested in becoming Catholic or just learning more, we look forward to helping you! Contact the parish office to setup a meeting.

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:	January 12, 2025	January 19, 2025	January 26, 2025
Actual Income	\$ 7,590.29	\$ 4,897.23	\$ 10,078.51
Over (Under)	\$ 1,490.29	\$ (1,202.77)	\$ 3,978.51

LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ordinary Form

5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8
Ps 138 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Luke 5: 1-11

Extraordinary Form

5th Sunday after
Epiphany

Colossians 3: 12-17
Ps 101: 16-17
Matthew 13: 24-30

LECTOR SCHEDULE

February 16

M Wilson

February 23

J Henry

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

The hymn "Praise to the Holiest" comes from Saibnt John Henry Newman's dramatic poem "The Dream of Gerontius" (1865), to be set by Edward Elgar towards the end of the century as a great symphonic oratorio. The story is of Gerontius dying and being carried by his guardian angel into the presence of God for judgment. As they approach the inner sanctuary, angels sing this hymn. The tune we sing was composed by the great composer, organist, and choral conductor Richard Runciman Terry. It was written for Westminster Cathedral in London, England.

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

WHY ORDINARY TIME?

"Ordinary Time" refers to the periods in the liturgical calendar that fall outside the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The term "Ordinary" comes from the Latin *ordinalis*, meaning "numbered" or "ordered," as the weeks follow a sequential count. Though it lacks the penitential solemnity of Lent and the joyous celebrations of Christmas and Easter, Ordinary Time remains essential for spiritual growth. It is a season dedicated to reflecting on Christ's public ministry—His teachings, miracles, and the call to discipleship. Far from being "ordinary" in the common sense of the word, this time invites believers to deepen their relationship with God and integrate the Gospel into daily life.

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

† (Deceased)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

St. Cyril of Alexandria (Trad.) / St. Apollonia (Trad.)

9:30a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
11:00a † JoAnn Finnell by Karen Downs
1:00p The People of St. Matthew Parish
2:30p Confessions

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Vincent Mathew by the Ruth Family
6:00p Confirmation Holy Hour

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p Intentions of Katie and Patrick Henig by Jacoby Family
6:30p Greater Flint Area Men's Group (Undercroft)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

St. Cyril & Methodius (New) / St. Valentine (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Hugo Negrete—Lopez by Karen Downs

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

St. Claude de la Colombiere (New) / St. Faustinus & Jovita (Trad.)

10:00a Car Blessing (Parking Lot)
10:30a Confessions
11:35a Rosary Walk

PARISH ROSES

**Offered in memory of Paul Marciszewski by
Sue Marciszewski**

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

Here we are in the shortest and longest month of the year. I don't know why, but February always seems to drag. Hopefully that's not your experience. And hopefully our activities keep those winter blues away!

Thursday there is a fundraiser at St. John in Davison that supports the seminarians of the Diocese of Lansing. The cost to educate a seminarian is quite substantial, and the college seminarians take on much of the costs themselves (or their families). This is a great way to offset what each person has to pay to attend seminary (those in graduate school are responsible for their books and meals off-campus).

Friday is St. Valentine's Day. Since I went to seminary starting in college, the day has never been all too

important to me, but I do understand that it's a great chance for couples to enjoy an evening with each other and strengthen their relationships. In order to help the celebration (since it falls on a day that Catholics are supposed to do some penance), I am dispensing from the abstinence from meat on Friday for all parishioners. Happy St. Valentine's Day!

Last, and certainly not least, I had been asked to bless a car on Saturday, and agreed to do so at 10 a.m. If anyone else has a car they want blessed, feel free to come to St. Matthew and I will bless your cars, too (hopefully it's not too cold out). I'll try to do another blessing sometime in the summer.

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 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.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Gestures In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium the children learn about special movements that are called "gestures." These gestures tell us something very important, they are rich signs. The movement tells us what is happening in our liturgy. The young children are naturally attracted to movement.

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

Saint Scholastica was the twin sister of Saint Benedict of Nursia, the founder of Western monasticism. Scholastica devoted her life to God from an early age, embracing a life of prayer, contemplation, and religious dedication. She is best known for establishing a monastic community for women near Monte Cassino, the famous monastery founded by her brother. Her life was marked by deep spiritual wisdom and a strong bond with Benedict, whom she visited annually. During their final encounter, Scholastica sensed her death was near and pleaded with Benedict to stay longer to continue their discussion of heavenly matters. When he refused, bound by his strict monastic rules, she prayed, and a sudden storm arose, preventing him from leaving. Benedict realized this was a divine sign and stayed with her in prayer and conversation throughout the night. Three days later, Scholastica passed away, and Benedict saw her soul ascend to heaven in the form of a dove, symbolizing her purity and devotion.

St. Scholastica, 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

Ave Maria Catholic Radio - PARISH OF THE WEEK

Catholic Community of Flint:
Christ the King, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. John Vianney with school, St. Mary Mission, St. Matthew, Powers Catholic High School, Catholic Charities, St. Luke NEW Life Center, Servants of God's Love

Listen to the Radio Interview on "Epiphany":
Vanessa Denha Garmo with Fr. Anthony Strouse or Fr. Matthew Bonk
Wed. February 12th 12 noon

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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.

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!**