



# St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Third Sunday of Lent*  
**March 23, 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.

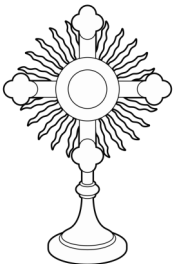
**MATRIMONY** - Contact Fr. Anthony at least 9 months in advance.

**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:	February 23, 2025	March 2, 2025	March 9, 2025
<b>Actual Income</b>	\$ 5,770.63	\$ 12,411.74	\$ 5,708.00
<b>Over (Under)</b>	\$ (329.37)	\$ 6,311.74	\$ (392.00)

# LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

<p><b>Ordinary Form</b> 3rd Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>Exodus 17: 3-7 Ps. 95: 1-2, 6-9 Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8 John 4: 5-42</p>
<p><b>Extraordinary Form</b> 3rd Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>Ephesians 5: 1-9 Ps 9: 20, 4 Luke 11: 14-28</p>

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

March 30	A Wilberding
April 6	M Wilson

## MUSIC MINISTRY

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

The Saint Matthew Singers will lead the music on Palm Sunday, April 13, at the 11 a.m. Mass, and on Easter Sunday, April 20, at the 10 a.m. Mass. On both days, we will rehearse one hour before the Mass.

Please note the earlier (10 a.m.) time for the Easter Sunday morning Mass.

If you have not sung with us before, please contact me.

The Latin Mass Schola sings every Sunday at the 1 p.m. Mass. We are always looking for new singers. We meet at 12:15 p.m. in the undercroft. If you are interested in singing, even on a trial basis, please get in touch with me.

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

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is a devotion that reflects on Jesus Christ's journey to His crucifixion. 14 stations depict key moments, from His condemnation by Pilate to His burial. Originating from pilgrimages to Jerusalem, this practice allows us to meditate on Christ's suffering, fostering prayer, repentance, and spiritual growth. Each station highlights events such as Jesus carrying His cross, meeting His mother, falling, being nailed to the cross, and His death. The devotion is often observed during Lent and Good Friday, and helps us unite our struggles with Christ's sacrifice, deepening faith and appreciation of God's mercy.

Join us for Stations on Friday at 12:40 pm & 7:00 pm

## MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

† (Deceased)  
∞ (Abstinence)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 23

*3rd Sunday of Lent*

- 9:30a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 11:00a The People of St. Matthew Parish
- 1:00p † Sarah Ann Carter by Jerry V Carter, Sr.
- 2:30p Confessions

### MONDAY, MARCH 24

*St. Gabriel the Archangel (Trad.)*

- 12:00p Angelus
- 12:10p Intentions of Veronica Morris by the Morris Family
- 12:30p Adoration
- 5:00p Confessions
- 6:30p Evening Prayer
- 7:00p Benediction

### TUESDAY, MARCH 25

*The Annunciation*

- 12:00p Angelus
- 12:10p Intentions of the Zawol Family by the Morris Family

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

- 12:00p Angelus
- 12:10p Intentions of Petrick Family by the Morris Family
- 6:30p Greater Flint Area Men's Group (Undercroft)
- 6:30p Lenten Bible Study (Augustinian Hall)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 27

*St. John Damascene (Trad.)*

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28 ∞

*St. John of Capistrano (Trad.)*

- 12:00p Angelus
- 12:10p Intentions of Martha Moore by the Morris Family
- 12:40p Stations of the Cross
- 6:00p Soup Supper (Augustinian Hall)
- 7:00p Stations of the Cross

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

- 10:30a Confessions
- 11:35a Rosary Walk

If your address and contact information has changed, please notify the office. Also, if you find that you are in need of offering envelopes or would like to receive the monthly issue of FAITH Magazine, or **no longer** need to receive them, kindly let us know. Thank you!

## DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

Tuesday we celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary. While this is a solemnity, the highest rank of feast day in the Church, it is not, surprisingly enough, a holyday of obligation. I say surprisingly enough, because the Incarnation is at the center of our faith. Still, one is not required to attend Mass on this day. If you want to attend Mass, we'll have our usual 12:10 p.m. Mass. You'll notice that on this day when we say the Creed in the Ordinary Form, we'll genuflect (as always happens in the Extraordinary Form). We do so in humility of the great and central mystery of our faith. On the other days where we profess the Creed in the Ordinary Form, we are asked to make a profound bow (except Christmas, which also has us genuflect).

Unrelated, I have noticed people starting to drop off religious items they don't want on the table or near the entrances. **Please do not do this.** It makes our entry ways look disheveled. We are not the dumping grounds for used,

old, or unwanted religious goods. You need to respectfully dispose of them yourselves. Thanks for your cooperation!

This week, our deadly sin that we consider is envy. St. Thomas Aquinas defines envy as "sorrow for another's good (Summa Theologica, IIa-IIae.xxxvi.1). This is when we are upset that another person has some good thing, whether it be a possession or even simply a good name. This sin usually (but not always) arises when we feel we have some good as well, but that another person has it better (as we don't tend to worry about gifts that others have that we don't want or have). And besides just wanting what another has, envy means we don't want that person to have that good.

The best antidote for envy is gratitude. When we thank God, we realize how many blessings we have received from God, and we stop worrying about what others have. Or, if you're feeling envious, praise God for the gifts that the other person has.

## 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.

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

We know that silence is necessary to prepare ourselves to encounter God. It is in silence that the religious or spiritual sense of the child may be developed. Silence leads the child to a relationship with him or herself, through the listening of his or her own breathing. As children become conscious of their inner silence, they realize that this allows them to be able to listen to and answer God. Silence is a great help for the child's prayer life. At home, you may want to practice quiet time at the prayer table. Silence is necessary for prayer. • Create a card for your family prayer table with the words, "Be Still." • At home, invite your child to sit comfortably at the prayer table, with his or her body still, and eyes closed. Depending upon the age of the child, allow for a few minutes (or more) of silence. Discuss what was heard. • Do you practice/model silence in your prayer life?

### 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.

### GREATER FLINT AREA MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 26, 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.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John of Capistrano was an Italian Franciscan friar, preacher, and diplomat known for his zealous missionary work and military leadership. Initially trained as a lawyer, he entered religious life after a profound spiritual conversion and joined the Observant branch of the Franciscans, advocating for strict adherence to monastic discipline. He became a renowned preacher, traveling across Europe to combat heresy, promote moral reform, and inspire devotion. His most famous achievement was leading Christian forces, alongside Hungarian general John Hunyadi, in the 1456 Battle of Belgrade against the advancing Ottoman Turks. His rallying of troops and spiritual leadership contributed to a decisive victory that temporarily halted Ottoman expansion into Europe. Canonized in 1690, St. John of Capistrano is remembered as the "Soldier Saint".

St. Frances, pray for us!

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

### 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

### 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.



### 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

### ST. MATTHEW BASEBALL

If any families are interested in Christ-centered competitive baseball this spring and summer, please contact St. Matthew A.D. Joe DeLisle at [joe@naturalcommunityservices.com](mailto:joe@naturalcommunityservices.com). This is open to any boys in grades 3-8 who desire a Catholic virtue-centered baseball experience, focused on fundamentals and player development.

### SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for Stations of the Cross and a simple Soup Supper Fridays during Lent.

- Stations of the Cross will take place immediately after the 12:10 PM Mass.

- A Soup Supper will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.

Sign up on the parish website.

### 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!**

### FIRST SATURDAY

Join us for the First Saturday Mass (EF) on **April 5th at 9 am**. After Mass, join us for a potluck breakfast in the Augustinian hall. Sign up on the parish website, or using the QR Code.

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

*Pancake  
Brunch*

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

### 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.