



# St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Sexagesima Sunday  
February 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.

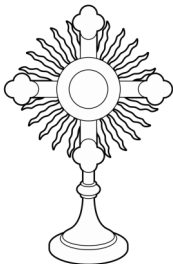
**MATRIMONY** - Contact Fr. Anthony at least 9 months in advance.

**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:	January 26, 2025	February 02, 2025	February 09, 2025
<b>Actual Income</b>	\$ 10,078.51	\$ 5,564.23	\$ 6,416.98
<b>Over (Under)</b>	\$ 3,978.51	\$ (535.77)	\$ 316.98

## LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### Ordinary Form

7th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26: 2,7-9,12-13,  
22-23  
Ps. 103: 1-4,8,10,12-13  
1 Corinthians 15: 45-49  
Luke 6: 17, 27-38

#### Extraordinary Form

Sexagesima

2 Corinthians 11: 19-33;  
12:1-9  
Ps 82: 19, 14  
Luke 8: 4-15

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

March 2 K Gubert

March 9 K Downs

### MUSIC MINISTRY

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

The Saint Matthew Singers will sing at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 30.

March 30th marks the Fourth Sunday of Lent, known as "Laetare Sunday." We will rehearse at 10 a.m. that day and sing at the 11 a.m. Mass. New singers are welcome. Please get in touch with me for more information.

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

### ALLELUIA

During Lent, the Church refrains from saying "Alleluia" as a way of reflecting the solemn and penitential nature of the season. "Alleluia," which means "Praise the Lord," is a joyful expression of celebration, typically associated with the resurrection of Christ. However, Lent is a time of preparation, repentance, and reflection on Christ's suffering and sacrifice. By omitting the "Alleluia," the Church creates a sense of longing and anticipation, making its triumphant return at Easter even more meaningful. This liturgical silence helps the faithful enter more deeply into the spirit of Lent, focusing on humility, conversion, and spiritual renewal.

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!

### MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

† (Deceased)

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

*St. Polycarp (New) / St. Peter Damian (Trad.)*

9:30a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
11:00a † MCO Daniel Kerstetter by Fr. Anthony Strouse  
1:00p The People of St. Matthew Parish  
2:30p Confessions

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

*St. Matthias (Trad.)*

12:00p Angelus  
12:10p All Holy Souls in Purgatory by Gorial Family  
12:30p Adoration  
5:00p Confessions  
6:30p Evening Prayer  
7:00p Benediction

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

12:00p Angelus  
12:10p † Fr. Richard Kropf by the Parish

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12:00p Angelus  
12:10p Intentions of Anthony DeLisle  
6:30p Greater Flint Area Men's Group (Undercroft)

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

*St. Gregory of Narek (New) / St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows (Trad.)*

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

12:00p Angelus  
12:10p Intentions of Patricia Klink by Kishore Jayabalan

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

9:00a † David Tang by Gorial Family  
10:00a Potluck Breakfast  
10:30a Confessions  
11:35a Rosary Walk

### PARISH ROSES

#### Roses are offering 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

This weekend we have the kickoff to the 2025 Diocesan Services Appeal. This is money that the Diocese of Lansing collects each year to help run the curial offices in Lansing, which support parish ministry. I know that we just finished our Diocesan Capital Campaign, so I get if there is a bit of donor fatigue out there. And perhaps you, like me, gave to the campaign, so the DSA gift this year might be a bit smaller. I understand.

At the same time, many parishioners chose not to give to the capital campaign. I would especially encourage those parishioners to be generous to DSA. The DSA funds things that we cannot do on our own as a parish. One thing that I know is near and dear to our hearts is seminarian education. DSA helps to ensure that our seminarians can focus on their education, rather than the money it costs to go to seminary. College seminarians like Glen, Joseph, and Henry do have to supply funding from their families and other sources, but all of graduate seminary is free (except books).

I know that, given the very strong immigration debate going on, some of you will have questions about Catholic Charities and their involvement with immigration.

Last year, 8.22% of the DSA went to Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Lansing (not the nationwide Catholic Charities). None of the five Catholic Charities entities in the Diocese of Lansing have programs focused on working with illegal immigrants. No DSA money even goes to Refugee Resettlement Programs. Though Catholic Charities in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton Counties does participate in a program where legal refugees are vetted by the Federal Government, none of that funding comes from DSA. The Catholic Charities money from DSA is used for Catholic counseling, food programs for the hungry in our communities, or clothing closets for low-income families.

I hope you will be generous with DSA. Given the money we pledged for the capital campaign, it would be nice to reach our DSA goal, which is \$32,732.11. If every family gave \$200 (and it can be spread over a number of months), we would reach our goal. But, I realize that this may not be possible, so please give what you feel is responsible.

I'll be gone Thursday and Friday this week, with a last visit to Kentucky before Lent begins next week and I give up bourbon. See you Saturday morning for First Saturday Mass!

## 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

The Good Shepherd knows each sheep, even if there are many sheep. He calls his sheep, and gradually, they become accustomed to His voice; they listen to Him and follow Him. In this way a precious relationship is established; a thread of love binds the sheep always more closely to their Shepherd. In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, the children come to know that the Shepherd's voice is powerful and supremely patient; it never tires of calling and reaches out even to those sheep who are far away, beyond the sheepfold. Slowly, they, too, turn to hear His voice, and they gather together into one great flock.

### GREATER FLINT AREA MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, February 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.

### YOUTH GROUP

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

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Peter Damian was an influential reformer, cardinal, and theologian during the 11th century. Born in Italy, he entered monastic life as a young man and became a member of the hermitage of Fonte Avellana, later serving as its prior. A zealous advocate for ecclesiastical reform, he fought against simony and clerical corruption, particularly the practice of priests violating celibacy. His most famous work, *Liber Gomorrhianus*, was a fierce denunciation of sexual immorality among the clergy. He played a key role in enforcing the reforms of Pope Gregory VII, including efforts to assert papal authority over secular rulers. Despite his high-ranking position, he remained committed to the ascetic ideals of monasticism, often retreating to a life of prayer and contemplation. He was canonized and later declared a Doctor of the Church in 1828 for his theological writings.

St. Peter Damian, 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!

**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](mailto:stmatthewmealsformoms@gmail.com)

**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.



**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!**

**FIRST SATURDAY**

Join us for the First Saturday Mass (EF) on **March 1 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 .



**LENT BIBLE STUDY—STARTS MARCH 12**

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.

ST. MATTHEW'S

# TRIVIA NIGHT

MARCH  
8TH

6:30 PM

Augustinian Hall  
701 Church St. Flint 48502

☆ \$5/person Entry | \$5/person Dinner  
☆ or Bring 2 Large Boxes of Cereal for Free Entry & Dinner! ☆

☆ Join us for an epic Trivia Night filled with challenging questions, laughs, and great friends. ☆

**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 in the evening.

If you are interested in making a soup for our soup supper, please call the office or sign up on the parish website.