



St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 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:
8:30 am - 11:30 am
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Saturday:
10:00 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. We will begin prep for 2025 Confirmations in the fall of 2024.

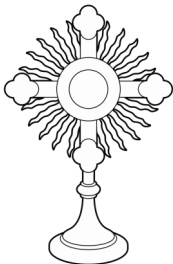
MATRIMONY - Contact Fr. Anthony at least 9 months in advance.

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
Anticipated Holy Day Income: \$600

SCAN FOR QUICK DONATION, THANK YOU!



Week of:	December 29, 2024	January 1, 2025	January 5, 2025
Actual Income	\$ 16,327.40	\$ 2,427.00	\$ 6,856.88
Over (Under)	\$ 10,227.40	\$ 1,827.00	\$ 756.88

LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ordinary Form

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62: 1-5
Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10
1 Corinthians 12: 4-11
John 2: 1-11

Extraordinary Form

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Romans 12: 6-16
Ps 106: 20-21
John 2: 1-11

LECTOR SCHEDULE

January 26 J P McAvoy

February 2 K Jayabalan

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

The Saint Matthew Singers will sing at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 2, the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also known as Candlemas. I hear great voices every Sunday in the congregation. If you like to sing, why not join us? We sing once a month. Rehearsal is at 10 a.m., and we sing at the 11 a.m. Mass afterward. If you are interested or have questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with me at the email below.

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

PARISH ROSES

**Offered in memory of Valeria Bartley
by Pat Dailey**

Offering the roses is a wonderful way to honor the memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

† (Deceased)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (New) / 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (Trad.)

9:30a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
11:00a The People of St. Matthew Parish
12:00p Coffee & Donuts (Undercroft)
1:00p Intentions of Mr. Alexander Earnhardt by Daniel Blondin
2:30p Confessions

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

St. Fabian / St. Sebastian

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † George Jackson by Pat Dailey
12:30p Adoration
5:00p Confessions
6:30p Evening Prayer
7:00p Benediction
7:00p Youth Group

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

St. Agnes

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Sarah Ann Carter

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

St. Vincent of Saragossa (Trad.) / St. Anastasius (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Robert and Valeria Bartley by Pat Dailey
6:30p Greater Flint Area Men's Group (Undercroft)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

St. Vincent of Saragossa (New) / St. Marianne Cope (New)

St. Raymond of Penafort (Trad.) / St. Emerentiana (Trad.)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

St. Francis de Sales (New) / St. Timothy (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Eileen White by Mark and Clarita White

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Conversion of St. Paul

10:30a Confessions
11:35a Rosary Walk



Q: Why do we celebrate the Holy Innocents before the Epiphany?

Fr. Anthony: Thanks for paying attention to the Gospel and my homily (where I mentioned King Herod killing the innocents after the appearance of the Magi) at the Epiphany Mass!! Epiphany is one of the oldest liturgical celebrations, even older than Christmas (some evidence of its celebration perhaps even as early as before AD 215). The Feast of the Holy Innocents came about sometime not before the end of the fourth century, and not later than the end of the fifth century (late 300s to late 400s). Its placement was connected to the birth of Christ, rather than the Epiphany, because it was for the newborn Christ Child that the Holy Innocents were martyred. This is similar to how we hear the preaching of St. John the Baptist during Advent, even though St. John's preaching would have taken place before Christ began His public ministry at the age of 30, rather than before His birth.

DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

Starting 18 January and going through 25 January, the Church celebrates the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Christ prayed that all would be one, as He is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Sadly, due to sin, those who believe in Jesus as Lord are not all united in faith, government, or all the sacraments. Our witness as followers of Christ is diminished when we disagree with each other, so we should do what we can to work for unity in the truth and charity. This doesn't mean that we water down our faith to a point that everyone can agree, but that we help people see why the Catholic Church has maintained the faith undefiled since Christ entrusted His Church to the Apostles and their successors, the bishops.

This year is especially a big year for those who hold to the faith of Nicea, the first ecumenical council, that professed that Jesus is consubstantial (homoousios is the Greek term) with the Father. It is the 1700th anniversary of that Council. Further, Catholics and Orthodox have a common celebration date for Easter/Pascha this year, which doesn't happen too regularly. We pray especially for unity in the truth and charity between Catholics and Orthodox.

Monday, the office will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. While we have come a long way since the 1960s, we still have work to do to make sure that we are not contributing to unjust discrimination. Biases can run deep. We pray that the Holy Spirit will help heal in us any prejudice that denies the dignity of every human person.

On Tuesday, 28 January, after the 12:10 p.m. Mass (1 p.m.), we will be having a presentation on Catholic Funeral Planning. This is not meant to be morbid, but to help you prepare for and outline your desires for a Catholic funeral. Too often, children (who have sometimes wandered away from the faith) do not know what to do after a parent or family member dies. This presentation will help you know what the Church expects and will connect you to those who can help you with those plans. I will present about the liturgical life of the Church surrounding funerals, and we'll have a representative from Swartz Funeral Home and New Calvary Catholic Cemetery to present on their roles and answer any questions you may have. I hope you will join us. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to the parish office (810-232-0880 or annaudia@flintcatholic.org).

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, January 22, 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, January 20 from 7:00 pm—8:30 pm. All Teens Welcome.** We will meet in the field-house. Any teens interested in joining St. Matthew's youth group can sign up on the parish website.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The mystery of the Kingdom of God is one of the greatest mysteries of our faith. It was such an important part of what Jesus wanted to communicate during His time on earth that there are over forty parables about the Kingdom in the Gospels. In honor of the greatness of this mystery, and the depth of joy that the children take in pondering it, this season of Ordinary Time in both the 3-6 year old and 6-9 year old Atria, is often spent in pondering the parables of the Kingdom of God.

In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, the children hear the parable of the mustard seed and come to know about the transformative growth that occurs within the seed. They will reflect upon the power and strength of God that resides in the smallest of all seeds.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Sebastian, a 3rd-century martyr, was born in Narbonne, Gaul, and raised in Milan. He served as a captain in Emperor Diocletian's Praetorian Guard while secretly aiding persecuted Christians. When his faith was discovered, he was sentenced to death, tied to a tree, and shot with arrows. Miraculously surviving, he was nursed back to health by Irene of Rome but later confronted Diocletian, leading to his execution by beating. His body was retrieved by a Christian woman, Lucina, and buried in the catacombs, now the site of the Basilica of St. Sebastian. He is the patron saint of athletes and those afflicted by plagues, his legacy endures as a testament to courage and unwavering devotion.

St. Sebastian, 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 Tuesdays from 9:00 to 10:30 am. Please contact Karen at 810-287-2490 if you are interested.

IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements can be picked up after Mass in the narthex of the church on January 19 and 26. You can also pick them up at the parish office during normal business hours.

BOURBON AND BASILICA'S PILGRIMAGE

The pastoral countryside which stretches across Kentucky is known for its beauty, bourbon distilleries and horse farms. But this region is also home to a diverse number of religious communities, including Shakers, Amish, and many of the first Catholic settlements in America. Catholics began coming into Kentucky in 1775, settling primarily on the farmland frontier. Often referred to as Kentucky's Holy Land, the area's spiritual foundation is as strong today as ever. Join Fr. Anthony Strouse on a special "Bourbon and Basilicas" pilgrimage to this "other" Holy Land that will certainly lift your spirits! See the parish website for more information. There will also be an informational meeting coming up in February—stay tuned!

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

COFFEE & DONUTS

Join us in the Undercroft for refreshments and fellowship after the 11 am Mass every 1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month! **Our next Coffee & Donuts will be on February 2nd. Visit the parish website to sign up to bring Donuts for either 1st or 3rd Sunday, signing up is a one time commitment!**


ST. MATTHEW HOMESCHOOLERS

The St. Matthew homeschool group meets for open gym, ice skating, and other various activities. If you are interested in joining visit the parish website at www.stmatthewflint.org/groups

You are invited to the 25th Annual Vianney Nights Dinner Auction

Saturday, February 8, 2025
SJV Gym 2319 Bagley St. Flint, MI 48504 5:30pm-8pm
Tickets are \$50 per person

Scan the QR Code or visit:
32Auctions.com/SJVKids
 to purchase Admission Ticket



\$10 Raffle Tickets
Drawing at the Vianney Nights Event @ 7:30pm

1st Prize: Detroit Lions Package- including 2 tickets to a 2025 game- date to be determined
 2nd Prize: Detroit Tigers Package- Including 4 tickets to the April 8th home game vs. NY Yankees

Questions? Contact:
SJKids@SJVKids.org
SJVKids.org
 call Gerri Lajewski (810)955-1571

To purchase raffle tickets online:
 Scan the QR Code or visit:
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