



St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Epiphany of the Lord / The Most Holy Name of Jesus
January 5, 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

701 Church St.
Flint, MI 48502
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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.

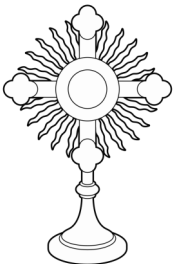
MATRIMONY - Contact Fr. Anthony at least 9 months in advance.

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 adoror, 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:	December 8, 2024	December 15, 2024	December 22, 2024
Actual Income	\$ 5,203.79	\$ 6,922.13	TBA
Over (Under)	\$ (896.21)	\$ 822.13	TBA

DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

I hope everyone had a good beginning to the New Year! Hopefully you haven't given up on the New Year's resolutions yet.

This Sunday in the post-Conciliar Mass we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord (transferred in the US to the Sunday after 1 January). In the pre-Conciliar Mass we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus on the Sunday after 1 January. If not on a Sunday, 5 January in the 1962 Missal would be the Vigil of the Epiphany. And so, after Mass, at 3 p.m., we will do the traditional blessing of Epiphany water, water that is blessed (exorcised) with special prayers.

While Epiphany water is still a sacramental (instituted by the Church, rather than by Christ, which relies on the holiness of the recipient in order to be fruitful), exorcists have noted that Epiphany water works with greater strength at times. Due to the blessing of water, there will not be confessions today (Sunday).

We will have, in addition to the 12:10 p.m. Mass, a 6 p.m. Mass on Monday, 6 January, to celebrate the Epiphany in the Extraordinary Form. Because of this, Adoration will end at 5 p.m., and there will not be Monday evening confessions. Thanks for your understanding!

LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ordinary Form
Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

Extraordinary Form
The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Acts 4: 8-12
Ps 105: 47
Luke 2: 21

LECTOR SCHEDULE

January 12 K Gubert

January 19 K Downs

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

"We Three Kings" is an American carol sung around the world on the feast of the Epiphany. The carol centers on the Biblical Magi who visited the infant Jesus in a manger, as described in Matthew 2:1, after his birth. They presented gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as they paid homage to him. While Saint Matthew's Gospel narrates this event, it does not specify the Magi's names, number, or royal status. However, several Old Testament verses foreshadow these visitors: Isaiah 60:6 states, "The wealth of the nations will come to you. A multitude of camels will cover you. The young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba will come; they will bring gold and frankincense and will bear good news of the praises of the Lord." Also, two Psalms are relevant: Psalm 72:10 mentions that "the kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute. The kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts," and Psalm 72:15 states, "...and may there be given to him gold from Arabia." Therefore, the names Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar and their portrayal as kings from the East are rooted in tradition. The concept of the three Magi arises from the three distinct gifts they presented.

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

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS † (Deceased)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Epiphany of the Lord (New) / The Most Holy Name of Jesus (Trad.)

- 9:30a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 11:00a The People of St. Matthew Parish
- 1:00p Intentions of Mr. Nathan Ward by Daniel Blondin
- 3:00p Epiphany Water Blessing (Church)
- 4:00p Twelfth Night Celebration (Augustinian Hall)

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

St. André Bessette (New) / Epiphany of the Lord (Trad.)

- 12:00p Angelus
- 12:10p † Fr. Fred Taggart by Pat Dailey
- 12:30p Adoration
- 5:00p Benediction
- 6:00p Intentions of the St. Matthew Catechumens

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

St. Raymond of Peñafort (New)

- 12:00p Angelus
- 12:10p † Fr. Ron Scheible by Pat Dailey

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

- 12:00p Angelus
- 12:10p † Kaveon Dux by the Kray Family
- 6:30p Greater Flint Area Men's Group (Undercroft)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

- 12:00p Angelus
- 12:10p † Angeline Palumbo by the Kray Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

St. Hyginus (Trad.)

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

PARISH ROSES

**Offered in Thanksgiving
By the Jacoby Family**

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.

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Raymond of Peñafort was a Spanish Dominican friar known for his brilliance in canon law, missionary zeal and dedication to the Church. He compiled the "Decretals" under Pope Gregory IX, a foundational text for canon law. St. Raymond championed missions to non-Christian lands, particularly focusing on the conversion of Jews and Muslims in Spain. He co-founded the Mercedarian Order to ransom enslaved Christians. Renowned for his writings on confession and pastoral care, he emphasized compassion for penitents. St. Raymond is known for his miraculous crossing of the sea on his cloak to escape an immortal ruler.



St. Raymond, pray for us!

YOUTH GROUP

TEEN TRIVIA NIGHT—JANUARY 13

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, January 13 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, January 8, 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.

LADIES STUDY GROUP

Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:00

Continuing our study of "How the Saints Shaped History" by local author, Randall Petrides. This book "focuses on the essential role of the saints as vessels of God's grace in moving the Church (and the world) through her two-thousand-year history.

Wednesday mornings 10:00-11:30

"A Right to be Merry" by Mother Mary Francis, PCC. "Can life really be 'merry' inside a Poor Clare cloister? This happy book reveals the challenges, cares and joys of that cloistered life." And it reminds us of the importance of their prayers for the sanctification of our world.

Both meet at the home of Rae Ann Houbeck, Grand Blanc - 810-919-8696.



with
Fr. A

Q: When a non-Catholic person dies, can he or she have a Catholic funeral?

Fr. Anthony: There are a few instances where a person might not be a baptized Catholic might desire a funeral. It is also interesting to note that the ritual for funerals is called *The Order of Christian Funerals*. *But, the first person who might desire a Catholic funeral is a catechumen, who was not baptized, but was seeking baptism.* Church law (canon 1183, §1) grants the right of a Catholic burial to all catechumens. A second person who might have a Catholic funeral, though not being baptized, is an infant or child who died before baptism. This can be permitted by the diocesan bishop (and a few other officials) as long as the parents intended to have them baptized (canon 1183, §2). Lastly, a baptized non-Catholic could have a funeral as long as they are unable to have one of his or her ministers present and a Catholic funeral would not have been against his or her wishes (canon 1183, §3). These persons may not have a minister available in their area, or maybe had not practiced their faith, and so a Catholic spouse or family member wants them to have a Catholic funeral. However, it is presumed that a non-Catholic who practiced some other faith would not want a Catholic funeral, unless there is clear evidence to the contrary.

It should also be noted that Catholics can be denied a Catholic funeral if they are notorious (known) apostates (rejected faith in Jesus Christ), heretics (rejected some necessary teaching of the faith), and schismatics (those who have rejected the authority of the pope). Also, if people choose cremation for reasons contrary to the Catholic faith, they can be denied a Catholic funeral. Lastly, someone who is a manifest (well-known) sinner, whose funeral would also cause scandal, and who had not repented, could also be denied a Catholic funeral. (canon 1184, §1)

EPIPHANY

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to all nations, symbolized by the Magi's journey to worship the newborn King. Their search reminds us to seek God's presence in our lives, guided by faith and trust in His direction. The gifts they offered—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—invite us to reflect on what we bring to Christ in gratitude and service. Epiphany also highlights the universality of Christ's mission, calling us to embrace and share His love with everyone, regardless of differences. As we journey through life, may we be like the Magi, seeking, trusting, and reflecting Christ's light to the world.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

"Glory to God in high heaven," they sang, "peace and good will to men." Glory means praise offered to God, to rejoice. What would it look like for us to give glory to God? To praise, to honor, and extol Him? We may hear a prayer or song at Church that is like the words of the angels. The Gloria is an ancient prayer of praise based on the words of the angels to the shepherds. In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium the children reflect upon the angels who descend from heaven and form a choir above the earth.

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.



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.

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

IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

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 January 19th. Visit the parish website to sign up to bring Donuts for either 1st or 3rd Sunday, signing up is a one time commitment!**

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.

“You shall draw waters with joy out of the Saviors fountains.”

Additional opportunities for Bishop Boyea, other priests and our seminarians exist and are waiting to be filled.

“For this is our God, whose people we are, God’s well-tended flock.”

For additional information call or text Donna Bussiere at (313)407-9465.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKE DOWN

We will need volunteers to assist with the taking down of all of our Christmas Decorations at the church on **Tuesday, January 14th** after the 12:10 pm Mass. Please call the office if you are able to help.



Twelfth Night Celebration

January 5, 2025

Come celebrate the last day of Christmas and the Eve of Epiphany with us!

3:00 pm - Epiphany Water Blessing (Church)
4:00 - Potluck Dinner & Celebration

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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