



# St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 18th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 22nd



## *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

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Flint, MI 48502  
(810)232-0880

StMatthewFlint.org

 StMatthewCatholicChurchFlint

### **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

### **VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)**

Monday: 6:30 pm

# PARISH INFORMATION

**PARISH STAFF**

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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

SCAN FOR QUICK DONATION, THANK YOU!



Week of:	August 25, 2024	September 1, 2024	September 8, 2024
Actual Income	\$ 6,271.79	\$ 6,038.70	\$ 6,987.00
Over (Under)	\$ 171.79	\$ (61.30)	\$ 887.00

## DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

This Friday at our usual 12:10 p.m. Mass we will celebrate a Blue Mass in honor of all first responders: law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, and dispatchers. As I write this, the Michigan State Police is mourning the line of duty death of Motor Carrier Officer (MCO) Dan Kerstetter. MCO Kerstetter had stopped a semi on the freeway in Metro Detroit, and another vehicle crashed into the back of his patrol car while he was seated in it, pushing him into the back of the semi. MCOs work to police commercial vehicles across the State of Michigan. Please consider attending this Mass to show your support for our men and women to offer up their lives on a daily basis to keep us safe.

Saturday my sister will be in town from Oregon with her husband and two kids. I'll be baptizing my niece, Makayla, in DeWitt at the parish in which my dad serves as a deacon. Fr. Brian Lenz from St. Robert, who was three years behind me in high school, will be filling in for me at confessions at 10:30 a.m. I go to him for confession as well, so I can vouch for him being a good confessor. I'll be back Saturday afternoon, and will be at the Sunday Masses.

## LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### Ordinary Form

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20  
Ps 54: 3-4, 5, 6, 8  
James 3: 16- 4:3  
Mark 9: 30-37

#### Extraordinary Form

18th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Corinthians 1: 4-8  
Ps 122: 1, 7  
Matthew 9: 1-8

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

September 29 K. Jayabalan

October 6 K. Gubert

### PARISH ROSES

In Appreciation of Fr. Anthony Strouse



### MUSIC MINISTRY

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

In his book "The Stories of Hymns," Fr. George Rutler wrote: "Properly sung, the Mass has its own liturgical hymns." In the first thousand years of the Church, sacred hymns were revered as being particularly holy, with many of them being exclusively performed by clergy. This tradition continues in the Latin Mass, where the priest sings the "Pater Noster" and, historically, only a bishop would sing the "Gloria" until the 11th century. The "Agnus Dei" was introduced to the Mass in the late 7th century and was initially sung by the choir. The oldest hymn of the Mass is the "Sanctus" Today, the practice has evolved, and nearly all of these hymns are sung by the entire congregation in both the Ordinary and Extraordinary forms of the Mass. "And all because a hymn was sung in the Upper Room."

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### MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

† (Deceased)

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (New) / 18th Sunday after Pentecost (Trad.)*

11:00 The People of St. Matthew Parish  
1:00 Intentions of the Flint Latin Mass Community by Chorbishop Anthony Spinosa  
2:30 Confessions

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

*St. Pio (New) / St. Linus & St. Thecla (Trad.)*

12:00 Angelus  
12:10 † Mercilas Padilla  
12:30 Adoration  
5:00 Confessions  
6:30 Vespers (Evening Prayer)  
7:00 Benediction

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

*Our Lady of Ransom (Trad.)*

12:00 Angelus  
12:10 † Beverly Listeman by the Family

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

*Sts. Cosmas & Damian (New) / Sts. Cyprian & Justina (Trad.)*  
6:30 "The Prophets" Bible Study (Augustinian Hall)

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

*St. Vincent de Paul (New) / Sts. Cosmas & Damian (Trad.)*

12:00 Angelus  
12:10 † Trooper Joel Popp by the Parish

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

*St. Wenceslaus*

10:30 Confessions

## EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

### THE PROPHETS BIBLE STUDY

God sent prophets to call the people back to their covenant relationship with him. In *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*, discover how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship with him, as well as the ways you are called to be the voice of God to others. Our next meeting is **September 26th at 6:30 pm**. It is not too late to join us!

### 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.

### GREATER FLINT AREA MEN'S GROUP

We will meet **September 25th from 6:30-8:00 pm** 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 Pope Benedict XVI's weekly addresses collected in *Jesus, the Apostles and the Early Church* (Ignatius Press) and available for free on the Vatican website. This week's text is "Priscilla and Aquila" of February 7, 2007.

### THE FOURTH & FIFTH SORROW

Mary's fourth sorrow is the Meeting of Jesus on the Way to Calvary. As Jesus carried His cross through the streets of Jerusalem, weak and beaten, Mary encountered Him. The weight of His suffering was unimaginable, and witnessing His pain deepened her sorrow. Though she could not alleviate His burden, her silent presence conveyed profound love and support.

Mary's fifth sorrow is the Crucifixion and Death of Jesus. Standing at the foot of the cross, she watched her Son endure the ultimate suffering. The sight of Jesus hanging on the cross, mocked and ridiculed, pierced her heart. In this moment, Mary's sorrow was both personal and universal, as she grieved not only for her Son but also for the weight of the sins of the world that He bore.

Together, these sorrows reveal the depth of a mother's love and the profoundness of her faith. In both moments, she faced the unbearable pain of witnessing her Son's suffering and death, yet she remained steadfast, accepting her role in God's plan of salvation. Her sorrow was not one of despair but of deep compassion and solidarity with Jesus' mission. Through her quiet presence on the way to Calvary and at the foot of the cross, Mary exemplifies the strength that comes from trusting in God's will, even in the face of overwhelming anguish. Her sorrows invite us to reflect on the power of love, sacrifice, and faith in the midst of life's greatest challenges.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born around 907, Wenceslaus rose to power in 921 after the death of his father, taking control of Bohemia. He actively promoted Christianity, building churches, encouraging education, and fostering peaceful relations with Christian rulers. His policies strengthened ties with the empire but alienated the pagan nobility. In 935, he was assassinated by his brother Boleslaus, who opposed Wenceslaus's pro-Christian stance. Wenceslaus is remembered for his acts of charity, particularly his assistance to a poor man on St. Stephen's Day (December 26), an event immortalized in the carol "Good King Wenceslas." Today, St. Wenceslaus is celebrated as a symbol of Christian morality, justice, and Czech national identity.



**St. Wenceslaus, pray for us!**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### CATECHESIS OF THE

#### GOOD SHEPHERD



Registration is now open! CGS Level 1 is offered for children Pre-K through Kindergarten; Level 2 for 1st - 3rd grade and Faith Explorers for 4th through 6th grade. Classes are offered on Sundays. Register on the parish website or by stopping by the office.

### YOUTH GROUP

Any teens interested in joining St. Matthew's youth group can sign up on the parish website. We will be having a pizza party / game night to kick off the year on **Monday, October 7 @ 7:00 pm**. We will meet in the parish Undercroft.

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- Journey
- Galilee
- Rise
- Twelve
- Servant
- Receives
- Me
- Silent
- Arguing
- Capernaum

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# 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 on the website if you would like to volunteer regularly! 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 anytime. Thank you in advance for your donations.

*Take courage; get up,  
Jesus is calling you*  
**MARK 10:49**

# 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 October 6th.** Call the office to sign up to bring donuts on either the first or third Sunday of the month. Signing up is a one-time commitment.

## FIRST SATURDAY MASS & POTLUCK

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

## TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday, October 5th at 6:30 pm** in St. Matthew's Augustinian Hall. Cost is \$5 per person. Join us for fun, faith and fellowship. Questions cover the sacred and the profane, ranging from the sublime to the ab-surd, everything from pop culture to the fundamentals of the faith. You do not need a whole team, come as you are and we'll connect you with new friends. Sloppy Joes, Chips, Pop, and Water will be available.

# BLUE MASS

TO SUPPORT, HONOR, AND ENCOURAGE  
OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

**FRIDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2024  
12:10 PM**

**ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH  
706 BEACH ST. FLINT, MI 48502**

- ★ Active and Retired First Responders and their families are invited to attend.
- ★ Officers are welcome to attend in uniform.
- ★ Light refreshments served after Mass.
- ★ RSVP by 19 September to Fr. Anthony Strouse [StrouseA1@michigan.gov](mailto:StrouseA1@michigan.gov)





## THANK YOU!

On behalf of the staff here at St. Francis Retreat Center, and all of our guests that will be blessed by your generosity, I wish to sincerely thank you and the families of St. Pius X for the gifts of the two crucifixes that formerly graced your beautiful church.



We consider it an honor to, in some small way, carry on the life of St. Pius X Parish in presenting these two beautiful pieces to our guests. One now hangs immediately inside our main Retreat House entrance, while the other has transformed our Bethany House Chapel and now hangs prominent behind its altar. A plaque will be placed near each crucifix recognizing this gift.

Thank you again and may God continue to bless you and your ministry.

In Christ,  
Mike Kutas, Director