



St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel
September 29th



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
(810)232-0880

StMatthewFlint.org

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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

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:	September 1, 2024	September 8, 2024	September 15, 2024
Actual Income	\$ 6,038.70	\$ 6,987.00	\$ 5,955.08
Over (Under)	\$ (61.30)	\$ 887.00	\$ (144.92)

LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ordinary Form
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11: 25-29
Ps 19: 8, 10, 12-13, 14
James 5: 1-6
Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Extraordinary Form
Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel

Revelation 1: 1-5
Ps 102: 20, 1
Matthew 18: 1-10

LECTOR SCHEDULE

October 6	K. Gubert
October 13	J. Henry

PARISH ROSES

In Memory of Robert & Valeria Bartley
Offering the roses is a wonderful way to honor the memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. Call the church office to make arrangements.

MUSIC MINISTRY

"...and sing the love amazing..."
Today, at the 11 a.m. Mass, we will be singing "All Creatures of Our God and King;" at the 1 p.m. Mass, we will be singing "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones." Both hymns use the same tune, known by its German name, "Lasst uns erfreuen herzlich sehr." (Let us rejoice most heartily.) The tune dates back to 1623 and was known as a majestic processional hymn. For centuries, this tune was known as a walking hymn used for stately outdoor religious processions. In the early 20th century, the tune was paired with two favorite texts—the hymns we will sing today. It is also known as the "Alleluia" hymn due to its recurring use of the acclamation "alleluia."

Joseph Dobos, Director of Sacred Music
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MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

† (Deceased)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (New) / Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel (Trad.)

11:00 The People of St. Matthew Parish
1:00 Intentions of Joe & Ava Gallagher
2:30 Confessions

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

St. Jerome

12:00 Angelus
12:10 † Valeria & Robert Bartley by Pat Dailey
12:30 Adoration
5:00 NO Confessions
6:30 Vespers (Evening Prayer)
7:00 Benediction

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

St. Therese of Lisieux (New) / St. Remigius (Trad.)

12:00 Angelus
12:10 NO Mass—Daytime Prayer

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

12:00 Angelus
12:10 NO Mass—Daytime Prayer
6:30 Greater Flint Area Men's Group (Undercroft)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

St. Therese of Lisieux (Trad.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

12:00 Angelus
12:10 Intentions of Anthony Dent by Fr. Anthony Strouse

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos (New) / St. Placid & Comps. (Trad.)

9:00 Intentions of Evelyn Dent by Fr. Anthony Strouse
10:00 Potluck Breakfast
10:30 Confessions

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. Register on the parish website

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.



DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

We have a lot going on this week into next week! First, today is the anniversary of the establishment of St. Matthew Parish. Bishop John S. Foley, Bishop of Detroit (Detroit didn't become an Archdiocese until after the Diocese of Lansing was founded in 1937) created St. Matthew parish to continue to serve the people of Flint, after St. Michael parish was founded as the first parish in Flint. We have had many ups and downs as a parish over our 113 years, but we continue to spread the Gospel to the people of Flint. May God bless and sustain us for many more years!!

Today we also kick off the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars diocesan capital campaign. The Diocese of Lansing has asked us to raise \$405,000, a number which is based upon the average of the past three years' worth of collections. We have decided to expand that goal to \$580,000 to help fund some of our local needs. For the first \$405,000, we will receive 20% of every dollar paid on pledges to the campaign. Once we reach \$405,000, we will receive 100% of every dollar paid on pledges.

You will have the chance to pay your pledge over 5 years (so we are asking for \$116,000 per year). You should receive a letter in the mail from Bishop Boyea asking you to consider donating a specific amount over five years (the number you will receive will be the five-year total). If you can give that, great! If you can give more, even better!! If that number doesn't reflect responsible stewardship right now, don't worry! You can give what you think the Lord is asking you to sacrifice, and we will be happy for that gift, whatever it is.

This campaign will help support Catholic education, including increased scholarships for families, increased pay for teachers, and increased resources for students with special needs. For our parish amount, we will be raising money for our buildings and grounds fund, which will pay for projects like refurbishing our bathrooms in the field house and in the basement of the church; renovating our hall to be more inviting of a space; and, if we have enough money, maybe even updating our kitchen so that you can actually cook in it! Whatever we are able to raise, I want to express my gratitude to you for your generosity!!

This week, the priests of the Diocese of Lansing will be on Convocation (think mini-retreat). I will say Mass on Monday, but then will leave for the Convocation. There will still be Adoration, Benediction & Reposition on Monday, but no confessions. There will not be Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday. Our regular schedule will start up again Friday.

Next weekend I will be gone for my annual Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre Investiture Weekend. Our entire sacrament schedule for Saturday and Sunday will remain as usual. On Monday I will go from the Investiture Weekend to the Michigan State Police Chaplain Conference which will last until Tuesday evening. We will have Mass, Adoration, Benediction & Reposition on Monday (7 October), but no confessions. We will still have Mass on Tuesday. I'll be back to work on Wednesday to play catch up from everything I missed over the past weeks, and then moving into the rectory on Thursday. Thanks for your understanding with all that I'm doing over the next 10 or so days!

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

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.

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 SIXTH & SEVENTH SORROW

The Sixth Sorrow of Mary is the moment when she holds the lifeless body of her son, Jesus, after His crucifixion. This sorrow is often depicted as the Pietà, where Mary cradles Jesus in her arms, mourning the death of her beloved son. In this moment of intense grief, Mary's heart is pierced with sorrow as she reflects on the suffering and sacrifice that Jesus endured.



The Seventh Sorrow of Mary occurs at the burial of Jesus. After enduring the anguish of witnessing His death, Mary now faces the finality of laying Him to rest in the tomb. This sorrow is filled with a profound sense of separation, as she watches the stone rolled over the entrance, sealing her son's body inside. Her sorrow is not just for the loss of Jesus, but for the immense suffering that humanity will face without Him.

These last two Sorrows of Mary are deeply interconnected, representing the culmination of her profound suffering as the mother of Jesus. In holding her son's lifeless body and then witnessing His burial, Mary experiences the most intense grief a mother can endure: the loss of her child. Yet, these sorrows also reveal Mary's unwavering faith and resilience. Though her heart is pierced by immense pain, she does not lose hope. Instead, she trusts in God's plan and the promise of resurrection, embodying both the sorrow of humanity and the hope of redemption. Together, these final sorrows encapsulate Mary's role in the Passion of Christ, not only as a grieving mother but also as a symbol of faith and the belief in God's ultimate triumph over suffering and death.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN

St. Matthew is signed up to assist at the North End Soup Kitchen on Thursdays. Sign up for a day that works best for you. This is a great outreach opportunity for the entire family! Sign up is on the parish website.

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 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

*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.

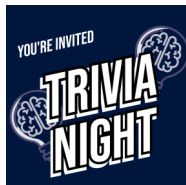
FIRST SATURDAY MASS & POTLUCK



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, or using the QR Code.

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 absurd, 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.



CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Knights of Columbus will be taking orders for Christmas wreaths at all weekend Masses in October. Last chance to get your order in will be October 27. Wreaths are \$30 and stands are \$6. If you have any questions contact Bob Ragnone at (810) 919-0823.

RED MASS 2024



The Diocese of Lansing Annual Red Mass will be held at St. Mary Cathedral, Tuesday, **October 8 at 6 p.m.** A dinner reception will immediately follow. All Judges, Lawyers, Law Students and interested persons are invited. Judges receive one complimentary dinner. Call or text Diane Arzberger 517-402-1562 or lclguild@gmail.com to reserve a spot. RSVP deadline is September 30. St. Thomas More Award Recipient: Randall Petrides - Catholic writer and retired attorney. Petrides' book, *How the Saints Shaped History*, was published by Our Sunday Visitor Press in 2023.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Sign up to pray outside of Planned Parenthood during the 40 Days for Life, September 25 to November 3. To sign up for 30 min or an hour you can contact Jim or Nancy Hall at (810) 287-3122 or go to www.40daysforlife.com/en/flint



FISH FRY @ CHRIST THE KING

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Father Dukette Unit 90 present our fall dates for fish fries! Please join us on Friday, October 18 from 11:00-6:00. Dine in is available or you can stop in or call ahead for takeout orders (810)233-0402.