



St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Feast of Christ the King | Last Sunday after Pentecost
November 24, 2024



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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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: 7:00 am ; 6:30 pm
Friday: 7:00 am

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR:
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Position Available

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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.

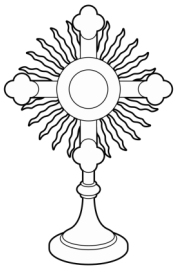
MATRIMONY - Contact Fr. Anthony at least 9 months in advance.

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:	November 1, 2024	November 3, 2024	November 10, 2024
Actual Income	\$ 1,712.40	\$ 5,757.38	\$ 9,166.32
Over (Under)	\$ 1,112.40	\$ (342.62)	\$ 3,066.32

DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families and friends! Besides being a good chance to enjoy some delicious food with loved ones, Thanksgiving reminds us that everything we have in life is ultimately a gift. Even those things for which we worked hard come from talents and determination that are gifts from God. Yes, we cooperate, and our actions are important, but we cannot do anything good without God, and we should daily give thanks for the many blessings God has showed upon us. Our office will be closed on Thursday and Friday. As for Masses, on Thanksgiving Day we'll have an Ordinary Form Mass at 8:30 a.m. The day after Thanksgiving ("Black Friday"), we'll have our usual 12:10 p.m. Mass. See you there!

For those who like to plan ahead, I also have our Christmas and New Year's schedule here as a preview:
 Christmas Eve: 4:30 p.m.

Midnight Mass: 12:00 a.m.
 Christmas Day Mass: 10:00 a.m. (Ordinary Form);
 12:30 p.m. (Extraordinary Form)
 New Year's Eve: 4:30 p.m.
 New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m. (Ordinary Form);
 12:30 p.m. (Extraordinary Form)

This Sunday we celebrate Christ the King in the Ordinary Form, and the Last Sunday after Pentecost in the Extraordinary Form. Both draw us to start thinking about Christ's return and the end of time. We should long for Christ's return with hope, but it should also give us an encouragement to do all that we can as disciples to ready, and not be like the foolish virgins who were not prepared. Next Sunday Advent begins. Make sure you pull out the Advent wreath from the closet and get new candles if you need to.

LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ordinary Form
 Feast of Christ the King

Daniel 7: 13-14
 Ps 93: 1, 1-2, 5
 Revelation 1: 5-8
 John 18: 33b-37

Extraordinary Form
 Last Sunday after
 Pentecost

Colossians 1: 9-14
 Ps 43: 8, 9
 Matthew 24: 15-35

LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 1 K Downs

December 8 J P McAvoy

PARISH ROSES

Offered in Thanksgiving



MUSIC MINISTRY

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

The Saint Matthew Singers will provide music at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 8. If you have not sung with us before, please see me after Mass or email me at the address below. On December 8, we will meet at 10 a.m. in the church undercroft for a rehearsal, followed by Mass at 11 a.m.

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

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS † (Deceased)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Christ, King of the Universe (New) / Last Sunday after Pentecost (Trad.)

9:30a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd / Faith Explorers
 11:00a The People of St. Matthew Parish
 1:00p Intentions of the James Blondin Family by Daniel Blondin
 2:30p Confessions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

7:00a Lauds (Morning Prayer)
 12:00p Angelus
 12:10p † William Olivo
 12:30p Adoration
 5:00p Confessions
 6:30p Vespers (Evening Prayer)
 7:00p Benediction

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

St. Sylvester (Trad.) / St. Peter of Alexandria (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
 12:10p † Jin "Jay" Kyou Hong by Kishore Jayabalan

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
 12:10p Intentions of Bill Paivarinta by His Children

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28—Happy Thanksgiving

St. Catherine Laboure (Trad.)

8:30a The People of St. Matthew Parish

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29—Offices Closed

St. Saturninus (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
 12:10p † Ardith Goodroe by St. Matthew Parishioners

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

St. Andrew

10:30a Confessions
 11:35a Rosary Walk

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 **December 12th 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

The Greater Flint area men's group will NOT meet this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday so the next meeting will be **Wednesday, December 4, 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.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2 atrium, the six- to nine year-old child comes to know about the three great moments in the Salvation History: Creation, Redemption and Parousia. Parousia is the name given to the moment in which God will be "all in all." (1 Corinthians 15:28) At Parousia, the Kingdom will be fully established and will last forever! At the end of the Our Father prayer, we pray: "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever." (Rev 1:6; 4:11; 5:13) The history begins with Creation, culminates in Redemption, and will be complete at Parousia. It is called the History of the Kingdom of God, and it is told in the Bible.

COMMUNION RAIL CLOTH

The Communion rail cloth, or Houseling cloth, serves a double purpose, one practical, one liturgical. The practical is that should the host drop during distribution, it would fall on the cloth and no where else. The other reason is to indicate that the railing is an extension of the Altar itself. This is why our Communion rail is made of the same marble as the altar. One receives Communion then from the "altar", symbolic of Christ.

When you kneel at the communion rail place your hands under the cloth, taking care not to raise it above your waist area. The intent is to just cover the hands and create a flat surface. If a precious Host should miss the Paten and fall, the cloth will catch it and the Priest will retrieve it safely.

With any new implementation (this one centuries old) there is an adjustment period. Like the reverence of kneeling or receiving on the tongue, using the Communion rail cloth can be another reminder of the miracle and gift of His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. Catherine of Alexandria is believed to have lived in the 4th century in Alexandria, a major hub of culture and learning. Catherine is said to have been a noblewoman renowned for her beauty and intelligence. A precocious scholar, she mastered philosophy, rhetoric, science, and theology, skills that became pivotal in her role as a defender of Christianity. According to tradition, she converted to Christianity after experiencing a profound vision of the Virgin Mary and Christ. Her newfound faith led her to confront the Roman Emperor Maxentius, challenging him to abandon paganism and adopt Christianity. Undeterred by the threat of persecution, Catherine engaged in a public debate with fifty of the emperor's most learned philosophers, reportedly converting many of them to Christianity through her eloquence and arguments. This defiance infuriated Maxentius, leading to her imprisonment, torture, and eventual martyrdom.

St. Catherine, pray for us!

Fall Time!

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

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Leaves
Wind
Apples
Hay
Rake
Corn
Acorns
Harvest
Fall
Pumpkin

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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 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 anytime. Thank you in advance for your donations.

MEALS FOR MOMS

Welcome baby Knight! If you would like to provide a meal for the Knight family, use the QR code to sign up!



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.

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.

GIVING TREE

Our giving tree is up! If you are able, please take an ornament and purchase a gift between the suggested amount of \$30–\$40 on clothes/toys for each child for Christmas (suggestions are on the tags). **Please return the item wrapped, with the Giving Tree Tag securely attached to the wrapped gift, no later than Sunday, December 14.** If you are unable to take a tag from the Giving Tree, but would like to help, you can make a monetary donation to help purchase gifts. Place your donation in an envelope, drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the office. **Be sure to mark “Giving Tree” on your envelope.** If you have any questions, contact the parish office or Christa Danic at (248) 709-6790. Thank you for your generosity!



IN & AROUND OUR PARISH



STEWARDSHIP for
**SAINTS &
SCHOLARS**

Our campaign thermometers are on the rise! Be sure to keep an eye on our progress as we continue to push those lines higher and higher. The campaign thermometer is currently located in the back by the confessionals. We have currently raised \$134,000! As you may remember, our goal at St. Matthew is \$580,000. Thank you to everyone who has participated and to those who are praying about how they may make a difference.

Over the past several weeks, we've dedicated ourselves to keeping every parishioner informed about the campaign through mailings, phone calls, and thoughtful messages. We're here to answer any questions you may have and warmly invite your participation. Achieving our goal requires each parishioner's support, and together, we can make it possible. Please keep praying the campaign prayer for St. Matthew's success and for our devoted campaign volunteers who are giving so generously of their time and hearts.

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 December 1st.** Call the office to sign up to bring donuts on either the first or third Sunday of the month.

LADIES ADVENT TEA WITH THE SAINTS

You are invited to join us for an Advent Tea with the Saints on **December 7, 2024**. The event will begin at 4 pm. Please register for this event on the parish website or by calling the parish office. You can find more information on the parish website.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Today, the annual Diocesan Catholic Social Teaching collection takes place. This collection supports small grants to support catechetical projects which inform and inspire our practice of the Church's teaching in the world. The Diocesan Commission on Catholic Social Teaching is chaired by our parishioner Kishore Jayabalan, who is especially grateful for your donations. For more information on the Commission and to apply for a grant, please visit dioceseoflansing.org/social-teaching.

