



# St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | 4th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany  
November 3, 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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**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.

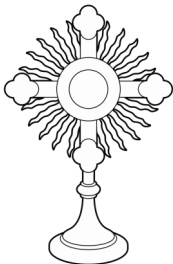
**MATRIMONY** - Contact Fr. Anthony at least 9 months in advance.

**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:	October 6, 2024	October 13, 2024	October 20, 2024
Actual Income	\$ 8,066.14	\$ 5,698.88	\$ 5,706.88
Over (Under)	\$ 1,966.14	\$ (401.12)	\$ (393.12)

## DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

Tuesday is Election Day. Make sure you vote with an informed conscience, keeping in mind that there are rarely perfect candidates. Still, as Catholics, we should never support someone who advances an evil position because that politician supports that evil position. We ask all holy saints who were involved in government to pray for us and ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit at the ballot box.

Friday is the Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica (La Basilica di San Giovanni in Laterano), the Cathedral of the Pope. This church building is given the title Mother and Head (mater et caput) of all the churches in the world, and is dedicated to the Savior (Jesus) and St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. Let's pray for our Church and for the Holy Father, Pope Francis, whose Cathedral St. John Lateran is.

## LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Ordinary Form**  
31st Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6: 2-6  
Ps 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51  
Hebrews 7: 23-38  
Mark 12: 28-34

**Extraordinary Form**  
4th Resumed Sunday  
after Epiphany

Romans 13: 8-10  
Ps 43: 8-9  
Matthew 8: 23-27

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

November 10 K Downs

November 17 M Wilson

### PARISH ROSES

#### Offered in Thanksgiving

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.



### MUSIC MINISTRY

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

The hymn "For All the Saints, Who from Their Labors Rest" was penned by William How in 1864 and paired with music by Joseph Barnby. When a publisher sought to include it in a new hymnal in 1906, they found the cost of obtaining permission for its use prohibitive. Consequently, Ralph Vaughan Williams, the renowned composer and editor of the hymnal, created his own melody, which we sing today. The original tune has since fallen into obscurity. Vaughan Williams emerged as one of the greatest composers of the 20th century, with his hymn tune, "Sine Nomine," appearing in nearly every hymnal worldwide.

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

### MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS † (Deceased)

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (New) / 4th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany (Trad.)

9:30 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd / Faith Explorers

11:00 † Thuy Tran by Fr. Anthony Strouse

12:00 Coffee & Donuts

1:00 The People of St. Matthew Parish

2:30 Confessions

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

St. Charles Borromeo

7:00 Lauds (Morning Prayer)

12:00 Angelus

12:10 † Mary Duncley by the Kiger Family

12:30 Adoration

5:00 Confessions

6:30 Vespers (Evening Prayer)

7:00 Benediction

7:00 Youth Group (Fieldhouse)

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Feast of the Holy Relics Preserved in the Churches of the Diocese (Trad.)

12:00 Angelus

12:10 Intentions of those with a devotion to St. Titus Brandsma by Carl Golombeski

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

12:00 Angelus

12:10 † Michael Wenzel by Kishore Jayabalan

6:30 Greater Flint Area Men's Group (Undercroft)

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Four Crowned Martyrs—Severus, Severian, Carpophorus & Victorinus (Trad.)

7:00 Lauds (Morning Prayer)

12:00 Angelus

12:10 † Robert Dailey by Pat Dailey

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica

10:30 Confessions

11:35 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 **November 14th 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 **November 6th 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 the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which is available as a book and for free on the Vatican website.

## YOUTH GROUP

Any teens interested in joining St. Matthew's youth group can sign up on the parish website. The next meeting will be on **Monday, November 4 @ 7:00 pm—8:30 pm**. We will meet in the field-house.

## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



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.

## MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

In Catholic tradition, November is dedicated to remembering and praying for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those in Purgatory. This dedication is rooted in our belief in the communion of saints, a spiritual unity that includes those in heaven, those on earth, and those undergoing purification. Throughout November, Catholics are encouraged to visit cemeteries, where we pray for our loved ones and all departed souls, gaining indulgences that the Church offers to aid in their purification. The practice of praying for the dead is connected to the understanding that, through prayer and sacrifice, the faithful can assist those in Purgatory, underscoring that love and mercy extend beyond earthly life. This focus on the departed also encourages us to reflect on our own mortality and the "last things"—death, judgment, heaven, and hell. By contemplating these, we are reminded to live with an eternal perspective, seeking to lead lives of virtue and grace. The November dedication is thus a time of hope, compassion, and unity, reinforcing the faith in eternal life and the eventual reunion of all souls in the presence of God.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. Charles Borromeo was an influential figure in the Catholic Church and a key leader of the Counter-Reformation. Born in Milan, Italy, into a noble family, he became a cardinal at a young age connections and used his position with great dedication and reformative zeal. Borromeo worked to implement the decrees of the Council of Trent, which aimed to address church abuses and improve education for clergy. As the Archbishop of Milan, he focused on restoring moral discipline among clergy and laity, establishing seminaries, and supporting religious education for the poor. Known for his deep humility and personal austerity, Borromeo was committed to hands-on care for his community, especially during the 1576 plague outbreak in Milan, when he organized resources and visited the sick. Canonized in 1610, he is celebrated as the patron saint of bishops, catechists, and seminarians, honored for his legacy of reform and pastoral care.

**St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!**

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 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.

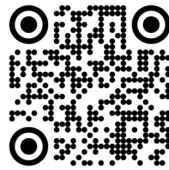
If you are interested in getting notifications whenever we have new families that are in need of meals, please email us at [stmatthewmealsformoms@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewmealsformoms@gmail.com)

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

## IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

### OFFICE MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Matthew Parish is seeking to hire an Office Manager. The position includes administrative duties for the office, scheduling contractors and keeping maintenance files up-to-date, sacramental record keeping, and updating the parish calendars. The position will be 26 hours per week, and is eligible for benefits. Applicants should be joyful, practicing Catholics who have strong organizational skills and previous experience in office management. Please scan the QR code for a wider explanation of duties. Applicants should apply online, but can email Fr. Anthony Strouse.



### 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 November 17th.** 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.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

### & DIAPER DRIVE

Bring a pack of diapers for free entry & dinner

\$5 Entry/person  
\$5 Sloppy Joe Dinner

All proceeds go towards the purchase of diapers for local pregnancy resource centers

**November 16 @ 6:30 PM**  
**St. Matthew's Augustinian Hall**  
701 Church St. Flint 48502

### SAVE THE DATE—ADVENT TEA

St. Matthew will have an Advent Tea in the late afternoon of December 7. We will have a guest speaker joining us! All ladies of the parish, mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information to come!

St. Matthew's Annual  
**FALL**  
Bake Sale

NOV. 10  
FOLLOWING 11AM & 1PM MASSES  
Located in the church undercroft

SIGN UP HERE

ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO DECORATING OUR CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON