



St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 6th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany
November 17, 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

701 Church St.
Flint, MI 48502
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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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR:
Fr. Anthony Strouse-franthonystrouse@flintcatholic.org

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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.

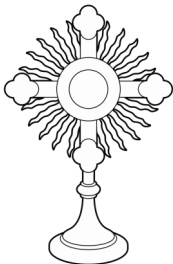
MATRIMONY - Contact Fr. Anthony at least 9 months in advance.

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 sign-up 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 20, 2024 | October 27, 2024 | November 3, 2024 |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Actual Income | \$ 5,706.88 | \$ 5,057.88 | \$ 5,757.38 |
| Over (Under) | \$ (393.12) | \$ (1,042.12) | \$ (342.62) |

DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

This weekend I am receiving another baptized Christian into full communion with the Catholic Church. We definitely keep Amanda Williams busy with all those who want to become Catholic, whether previously baptized or not. It's a great reminder for all of us to invite others to become Catholic if they are not, or to return to their faith if they have fallen away. In addition to the regular baptisms that we have, this is also how we grow our parish, and grow the Church. And if we truly believe that the Catholic Church has the fullness of the teachings of Christ, then why wouldn't we want to share that good news with others?

We have calendars available for you to take, one per family, for 2025. I want to thank Swartz Funeral Home for sponsoring these calendars. Please consider them for your business. These calendars include both the current liturgical calendar, as well as the 1962 liturgical calendar. Some of the symbols need a little explanation, so make sure you look at the beginning of the calendar for the key.

This week I'll be in Alabama for another short vacation. I'll leave Tuesday and return Saturday. Fr. Brian Lenz will be covering Saturday confessions, and our Masses are all covered for the weekdays. I'll see you Sunday!

LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ordinary Form
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daniel 12: 1-3
Ps 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11
Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18
Mark 13: 24-32

Extraordinary Form
6th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany

1 Thessalonians 1: 2-10
Ps 43: 8-9
Matthew 13: 31-35

LECTOR SCHEDULE

November 24 K Jayabalan

December 1 K Downs

PARISH ROSES

Offered in memory of
Cecilia Satkowiak by Phil Satkowiak



MUSIC MINISTRY

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

The hymn, "Father, We Thank Thee, Who Hast Planted," is a text about the Eucharist from a Christian manual written in the first century. This manual is often referred to as the "Didache," which means "teaching." Its full title is "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles." The Didache addresses all aspects of Christian living and provides detailed explanations of the sacraments. "Father, We Thank Thee" is a 20th-century translation of the original Greek teachings on the Eucharist into English poetry.

Joseph Dobos, Director of Sacred Music.
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MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS † (Deceased)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (New) / 6th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany (Trad.)

9:30 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd / Faith Explorers
11:00 The People of St. Matthew Parish
12:00 Coffee & Donuts (Undercroft)
1:00 Intentions of the Alan Blondin Family by Daniel Blondin
2:30 Confessions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Dedication of Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul / St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (New)

7:00 Lauds (Morning Prayer)
12:00 Angelus
12:10 † Manuela Mireles
12:30 Adoration
5:00 Confessions
6:30 Vespers (Evening Prayer)
7:00 Benediction
7:00 Youth Group (Fieldhouse)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Trad.) / St. Pontian (Trad.)

12:00 Angelus
12:10 † Fr. Thomas Cusick

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

St. Feliz of Valois (Trad.)

12:00 Angelus
12:10 Intentions of Barry Bussiere
6:30 Greater Flint Area Men's Group (Undercroft)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 Prophets Bible Study

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

St. Cecilia

7:00 NO Lauds (Morning Prayer)
12:00 Angelus
12:10 † Sharmella B. Kerbawy by Kishore Jayabalan

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

St. Clement / St. Columban (New) / Bl. Miguel Pro (New) / St. Felicitas (Trad.)

10:30 Confessions
11:35 Rosary Walk (parishioner led)

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 21st 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 20th 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.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This week in the Level 1 atrium the children learned about the Land of Israel.

Would God choose a special place to be Jesus' homeland? In all of the great big world, God chose a special country. He chose the very small country of the Land of Israel. The youngest children in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium will have the opportunity to look closely at the Land of Israel topographical or raised surface map. The map allows the child to see the hilly country, the bodies of water, and the desert. It is in this way that the Land of Israel becomes more real for the children, and Jesus also becomes more real for them. It helps them know that Jesus was a real, historical person and that he lived on this earth in a particular place, and that place was called the Land of Israel.

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 18 @ 7:00 pm-8:30 pm**. We will meet in the fieldhouse. Come hungry—we will be serving tacos!

ANSWERING THE CALL TO SHARE OUR FAITH

As Catholics, we are called to be "fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19), sharing the joy and hope of our faith with others. Evangelizing isn't always about grand gestures; it can begin with simple acts of kindness, a listening ear, or an invitation to join you at Mass. By taking small steps—praying for guidance, sharing our faith experiences, and offering resources like books or parish information—we can help others encounter the beauty and peace found in the Catholic Church. Together, we can light the way for others to discover the fullness of God's love. Let's answer Christ's call and extend His love to those around us.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Cecilia is revered as the patron saint of music and musicians. Believed to have lived in the 2nd or 3rd century in Rome, she was born into a noble family and converted to Christianity, an act that was both dangerous and illegal in Roman society. She was said to have been forced into a marriage with a pagan nobleman named Valerian, to whom she revealed her vow of chastity. Miraculously, her husband not only accepted this vow but also converted to Christianity, along with his brother Tiburtius. Cecilia's faith remained unshakable even in the face of persecution; when ordered to renounce her beliefs, she refused, leading to her arrest and eventual martyrdom. It is said that, as she faced death, Cecilia sang praises to God. Over centuries, she has inspired countless works of art, music, and literature, symbolizing the transcendent power of music as a form of worship. Her feast day is celebrated on November 22, marked by musical tributes in her honor.

St. Cecilia, pray for us!

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X G P M X P O W E R
 C G P B P F I G Q P
 Z L U C L O U D S G
 U O S L X Z N P R V
 K R K E B U I R W Z
 Y Y Y G S N B C B G
 M S U F F E R I N G
 U O M T H E A V E N
 D U O Q S T A R S H
 A R I N M P A A Z Q

- Suffering
- Heaven
- Sun
- Moon
- Stars
- Sky
- Clouds
- Power
- Glory
- Fig



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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

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

IN & AROUND OUR PARISH



STEWARDSHIP for **SAINTS & SCHOLARS**

The *Stewardship for Saints and Scholars* campaign update: To date, our parish has raised over \$80,000! If you receive a call from one of our volunteers, please take the call or return the message. If you received a pledge card in the mail with your campaign materials, please prayerfully discern your gift and return the card in the envelope provided as soon as you are able. Many thanks for your support!

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. Signing up is a one-time commitment.

Happy Thanksgiving

Give thanks for your greatest blessing by attending a 2025 Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience!

Apply today at wwme.org
 Jan. 17-19 St. Lawrence Utica
 Feb. 28-Mar.2 Saginaw Center for Ministry
 Apr. 4-6 St. Francis Retreat Center DeWitt

St. Matthew
invites you to an
Advent Tea
with the Saints

with Guest Speaker:
Randall Petrides
author of
"How the Saints Shaped History"

December 7, 2024
4 pm - 6 pm
Augustinian Hall