



# St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 17th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 15th



## 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

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.

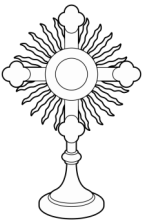
**BECOMING CATHOLIC** - If you are interested in becoming Catholic or just learning more, we look forward to helping you! Contact the parish office to setup a meeting.

**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 18, 2024	August 25, 2024	September 1, 2024
Actual Income	\$ 5,456.18	\$ 6,271.79	\$ 6,038.70
Over (Under)	\$ (643.82)	\$ 171.79	\$ (61.30)

## DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

Today I'll only be at the 1 p.m. Mass (and confessions following), since Bishop Boyea is installing Fr. Matthew Bonk as pastor of St. John Vianney parish, and, as Dean, I wanted to be able to concelebrate that Mass. Fr. John Byers will be the celebrant at the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew.

Saturday we'll celebrate our parish patron with a special evening Mass, and dinner from Scratch's Barbecue in Flint Township. While the Mass will be that of St. Matthew, it will fulfill your Sunday obligation. However, you're still free to attend a Sunday Mass in addition to the Saturday evening Mass. St. Matthew, pray for us!!

## LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 50: 5-9  
**Ordinary Form** Ps 116: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time James 2: 14-18  
 Mark 8: 27-35

Ephesians 4: 1-6  
**Extraordinary Form** Ps 101: 2  
 17th Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 22: 34-46

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

September 22 M. Wilson

September 29 K. Jayabalan

### PARISH ROSES



**In Appreciation of Fr. Anthony Strouse**  
 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. Please call or visit the church office to make arrangements.

### MUSIC MINISTRY



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

Calling all singers! The St. Matthew Singers will sing at the 11 a.m. Mass next Sunday, Sept. 22. If you haven't sung with us before, please consider joining us. On Sept. 22, we will have a rehearsal in the church basement at 10 a.m., followed by singing at the 11 a.m. Mass. We aim to sing once a month. If you're interested, please get in touch with me via email, which is listed below.

josephdobos@flintcatholic.org

### MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

† (Deceased)

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (New) / 17th Sunday after Pentecost (Trad.)*

11:00 The People of St. Matthew Parish  
 12:00 Coffee & Donuts  
 1:00 † Stanley and Sophie Kapeluch by their daughters  
 2:30 Confessions

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

*Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian*

12:00 Angelus  
 12:10 Intentions of Erin Gutierrez by the Betts family.  
 12:30 Adoration  
 5:00 Confessions  
 6:30 Vespers (Evening Prayer)  
 7:00 Benediction

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

*St. Robert Bellarmine (New) / Imprinting of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi (Trad.)*

12:00 Angelus  
 12:10 Intentions of Barry, David, Matthew, & Family

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18—Ember Wednesday

*St. Joseph of Cupertino (Trad.)*

12:00 Angelus  
 12:10 In thanksgiving for the priesthood  
 6:30 Greater Flint Area Men's Group (Undercroft)

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

*St. Januarius & Comps.*

6:30 "The Prophets" Bible Study (Augustinian Hall)

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20—Ember Friday

*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Comps. (New) / St. Eustace (Trad.)*

12:00 Angelus  
 12:10 † Helen Rose

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21—Ember Saturday

*St. Matthew*

10:30 Confessions  
 5:00 The People of St. Matthew Parish  
 6:00 St. Matthew Feast Dinner (Augustinian Hall)

## 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 19th 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 18th 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 "Barnabas, Silas and Apollos" of January 31, 2007.

### THE SECOND & THIRD SORROW

Mary's second sorrow, the "Flight into Egypt", marks a moment of fear and sacrifice for the Holy Family. After the Magi's visit, Joseph is warned by an angel to flee with Mary and the infant Jesus to Egypt, as King Herod seeks to kill the child. This urgent escape, prompted by the looming Massacre of the Innocents, leads them on a long, difficult journey through deserts and wilderness. Mary's sorrow is intensified by the dangers they face and the emotional weight of knowing her child's life is threatened.

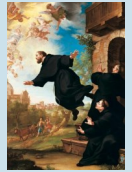
Mary's third sorrow, the "Loss of Jesus in the Temple," took place when He was twelve years old. After attending the Feast of Passover in Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph began their journey home, only to realize that Jesus was missing. For three days, they searched for Him in great distress, eventually finding Him in the temple, where He was speaking with the teachers.

Both of these sorrows illustrate Mary's deep anxiety and her unwavering faith. During the search for Jesus, she experiences the pain of uncertainty, struggling to understand His words about being in His Father's house. Yet, like during the Holy Family's time as refugees in a foreign land, Mary embraces the unknown with profound trust in God's plan. Despite her lack of full understanding, she surrenders to His will, finding strength in faith amid hardship and exile. Through these trials, her steadfast devotion to God's purpose remains unwavering.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph of Cupertino (1603–1663) was an Italian Franciscan friar and mystic. Born in Cupertino, Italy, Joseph faced a difficult childhood, often seen as absent-minded and uneducated. Despite his struggles, he cultivated a profound faith and, after several attempts, was accepted into the Franciscan order. His devotion to the Eucharist and the Virgin Mary, along with his austere lifestyle, led to mystical experiences, including being lifted off the ground while praying. These events attracted attention from both believers and Church authorities, leading to his isolation to avoid undue fame. St. Joseph of Cupertino is now the patron saint of students and aviators, remembered for his humility, simplicity, and unwavering faith.

**St. Joseph of Cupertino, pray for us!**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### CONFIRMATION PREP

We will once again be offering Confirmation Prep at St. Matthew starting in the fall! If you have a child that needs to prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, visit our website for registration!



### 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.

### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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- Disciples
- Baptist
- Prophets
- John
- Christ
- Scribes
- Rebuked
- Deny
- Save
- Gospel



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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.

### MOVING HELP

Servants of God's Love will be moving on **Saturday, 28 September**. If you are interested in helping them to move, please contact Sr. Stacy Whitfield ([srswhitfield@gmail.com](mailto:srswhitfield@gmail.com)) and she will coordinate the schedule for that day. Thanks for any help you want to give! Fr. Anthony will be moving to St. Matthew Rectory on **Thursday, October 10**. If you are interested in helping him move, email him at [franthonystrouse@flintcatholic.org](mailto:franthonystrouse@flintcatholic.org)

### 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



### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Interested in helping with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd? If you are interested in the possibility of being trained as a catechist, contact the parish office or email Amanda Williams.

# 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)

