



St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 8th



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

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.

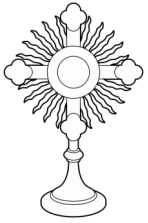
BECOMING CATHOLIC - If you are interested in becoming Catholic or just learning more, we look forward to helping you! Contact the parish office to setup a meeting.

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
Holy Day of Obligation: \$400

SCAN FOR QUICK
DONATION, THANK YOU!



Week of:	August 15, 2024	August 18, 2024	August 25, 2024
Actual Income	\$ 1,279.75	\$ 5,456.18	\$ 6,271.79
Over (Under)	\$ 879.75	\$ (643.82)	\$ 171.79

DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

Today we are making public what I mentioned in passing a few weeks ago: St. Matthew will be participating in the Diocese of Lansing capital campaign called Stewardship for Saints and Scholars (S3). S3 seeks to raise money to provide families with greater opportunities for scholarships for Catholic schools, pay teachers more so that Catholic schools can retain the best talent we can find, provide more assistance for Catholic school students with special needs, and support local parish life. In the coming weeks, you'll receive a letter from Bishop Boyea asking you to support this campaign so that we can continue to build on the great work our Catholic schools are doing across the Diocese and we can improve our parish campus. I have already made my pledge and hope you will join with me in offering a sacrificial gift for S3!

Saturday we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This not only reminds us of when St. Helena found the true Cross (of which we have a relic at St. Matthew!), but also reminds us that, through His crucifixion, Christ has conquered all suffering, pain, and death. When we experience these things in our life, as we all do, our opportunity as Catholics is to unite them to the cross of Christ, where they can actually lead us closer to the Resurrection. Whatever cross you may be carrying right now, I pray that it will help you get to heaven and glorification, as Christ desires.

LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

SUNDAY'S READINGS

	Isaiah 35: 4-7
Ordinary Form	Psalms 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	James 2: 1-5
	Mark 7: 31-37
Extraordinary Form	Ephesians 3: 13-21
16th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalms 101: 16, 17
	Luke 14: 1-11

LECTOR SCHEDULE

September 15	A. Wilberding
September 22	M Wilson

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.

MARRIAGE BANNES

The following parties are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Any impediments regarding these couples, please inform the parish office immediately.

Jack Stouffer & Heather Blasius



MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS † (Deceased)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (New) / 16th Sunday after Pentecost (Trad.)

- 11:00 The People of St. Matthew Parish
- 1:00 Intentions of Eleanor Kelsch by the Betts Family
- 2:30 Confessions

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver

- 12:00 Angelus
- 12:10 Intentions of Anne Marie Phan by the Gorial Family
- 12:30 Adoration
- 5:00 Confessions
- 6:30 Vespers (Evening Prayer)
- 7:00 Benediction

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

St. Nicholas of Tolentino (Trad.)

- 12:00 Angelus
- 12:10 † Richard Kuehnle by Pat Dailey

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Sts. Protus & Hyacinth (Trad.)

- 12:00 Angelus
- 12:10 † Leona Bartley by Pat Dailey
- 6:30 Greater Flint Area Men's Group (Undercroft)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom (New)

- 12:00 Angelus
- 12:10 Intentions of Fr. Anthony Strouse

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 10:30 Confessions
- 4:00 Nuptial Mass for Jack Stouffer and Heather Blasius
- 6:30 Trivia Night

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.

We will meet for 10 weeks on Thursday evenings starting September 12th at 6:30 pm. Cost of the study is \$35, register on the parish website or call the parish office.

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 meet **Wednesday, September 11, 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 "Stephen the Protomartyr" of January 10, 2007.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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



The beloved hymn "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" was penned by the English poet Horatius Bonar in 1845. Later, the composer Ralph Vaughan Williams combined it with an English folk song that he described as a "walking tune" The hymn is a conversation between Christ and us. The first stanza quotes Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," with the believer responding, "I came to Jesus as I was." The second stanza draws from John 4:10-14 (where Christ offers living water to the woman at the well), and the believer answers, "I came to Jesus, and I drank." The third stanza refers to John 8:12, "I am the light of the world," and the believer joyfully replies, "I looked to Jesus, and I found."

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THE FIRST SORROW

The Prophecy of Simeon, described in Luke 2:25-35, is the first of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, underscoring the profound spiritual anguish she would endure as Jesus' mother. During the presentation of the infant Jesus at the Temple, Simeon, a devout man, recognized Him as the Messiah and predicted that He would bring both salvation and conflict. He also warned Mary that "a sword will pierce your own soul," foretelling the deep sorrow she would suffer, especially during the crucifixion. This prophecy marks the start of Mary's lifelong journey of sorrow, highlighting her intimate share in her Son's redemptive suffering and her role as the Sorrowful Mother.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Peter Claver was a Spanish Jesuit priest who dedicated his life to serving enslaved Africans in Cartagena, Colombia, a major hub of the transatlantic slave trade. After arriving in the New World in 1610, he was deeply moved by the suffering of the enslaved people and vowed to become "the slave of the slaves forever." Claver ministered to their spiritual and physical needs, providing food, medicine, and comfort to those arriving in inhumane conditions. He baptized and personally instructed over 300,000 enslaved individuals, advocating for their dignity and rights. His work earned him the title "Apostle of the Slaves," and he was canonized in 1888, later being declared the patron saint of missions to African peoples.



St Peter Claver, 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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

- Galilee
- Deaf
- Tongue
- Speech
- Impediment
- Ears
- Hear
- Speak
- Ephphatha
- Opened

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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!

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

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

EVENTS IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

COFFEE & DONUTS

Join us in the St. Matthew parish basement for refreshments and fellowship after Mass every 1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month! Join us after the 11:00 am Mass **Sunday, September 15th**. Sign up to bring donuts on either the first or third Sunday of the month. Signing up is a one-time commitment. Use the volunteer sign up online or call the church office!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, September 14 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.

MOVING HELP

Servants of God's Love will be moving from St. Matthew parish on Saturday, 28 September. If you are interested in helping them to move, please contact Sr. Stacy Whitfield (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

FISH FRY @ CHRIST THE KING

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Father Dukette Unit 90 present our fall dates for fish frys! Please join us on Friday, September 20 and 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.



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD TRAINING

St. Robert's in Flushing is offering Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training starting in October. The classes will meet on Thursday evenings from 6—9 pm. This is part one of a two part training. Classes will go from Oct 10 to Feb 28. Registration is due by September 12.

This training is required to be a catechist for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd here at St. Matthew. If you are interested, contact the parish office or email Amanda Williams.

St. Matthew

Feast Day
Celebration

Saturday, September 21
5:00 pm Mass | 6:00 pm Dinner

Catered by
Scratch BBQ

\$10/person
RSVP required by
September 11

