



# St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 15th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 1st



## 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

### VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)

Monday: 6:30 pm

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**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

Submit items by Monday for publication in the following week's bulletin to:  
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**RENTALS**

Interested in renting Augustinian Hall, Undercroft or the gym for your next event? Contact our facility manager at:  
rentals@flintcatholic.org

**ONLINE GIVING**



SCAN FOR QUICK DONATION, THANK YOU!

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW**

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*15th Sunday after Pentecost*

(† Deceased)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

- 11:00 Intentions of Grace and Thomas Wilberding by the Wofford Family
- 12:00 Coffee & Donuts
- 1:00 The People of St. Matthew Parish
- 2:30 Confessions

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 *\*\*Labor Day\*\****

- 12:10 NO Mass
- 12:30 NO Adoration
- 5:30 NO Confessions

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

- 12:00 Angelus
- 12:10 Intentions of Vincent Hart by Rex and Greta Hart

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

- 12:00 Angelus
- 12:10 † Judy Lancaster by John Lancaster
- 6:30 Greater Flint Area Men's Group (Undercroft)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

- 12:00 Angelus
- 12:10 † Robert Dailey by Pat Dailey

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

- 9:00 Intentions of the Flint Latin Mass Community by Chorbishop Anthony S. Spinosa
- 10:00 Potluck Breakfast
- 10:30 Confessions

**WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Week of:	August 15, 2024	August 18, 2024
Anticipated Income	\$ 400.00	\$ 6,100.00
Actual income	\$ 1,279.75	\$ 5,456.18
Over (Under)	\$ 879.75	\$ (643.82)

## DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

While some have already returned to school, I think everyone will be back to school this week, which means another summer has come to an end (though fall doesn't technically begin until later in this month). We're back to the time of high school and college football, and the nights will start cooling off. Please pray for all students and teachers as they begin their new academic year.

Monday is Labor Day, and our offices will be closed. We will also not have Mass, adoration, or confessions on Monday. We'll return to our regular schedule on Tuesday.

Speaking of Tuesday, on that day we celebrate Pope St. Gregory the Great. He was truly a great pope for many reasons, but one of his great works was collecting and organizing liturgical chant. He exerted so much influence that the chants that are proper to the Church are called Gregorian chant.

Many people think Gregorian chant went, mostly, the way of the dinosaurs after Vatican II. But, Vatican II did not intend to get rid of chant from Masses. In fact, the first document of the Second Vatican Council, Sacrosanctum concilium, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, stated, "The Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as specially suited to the Roman liturgy: therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services." The US Bishops' document on sacred music, "Sing to the Lord," published in 2007, also says Gregorian chant is uniquely the Church's own music. Chant is a living connection with our forebears in the faith, the traditional music of the Roman rite, a sign of communion with the universal Church, a bond of unity across cultures, a means for diverse communities to participate together in song, and a summons to contemplative participation in the Liturgy.

At St. Matthew, we use Gregorian chant, not only in our Extraordinary Form Masses, but also during the entrance and communion antiphons, as well as during the responsorial psalm and alleluia, and in the different parts of the Mass that I chant in the Ordinary Form.

Music sung during the Mass is meant to be set apart, not similar to other types of music, and, according to both Pope St. Pius X and Pope St. John Paul II, the more that music approaches Gregorian chant, the more sacred and liturgical it is. And, contrarily, the less it approaches Gregorian chant, the less it is fitting for music in the temple of the Church. I don't foresee any major changes to our music, as we generally follow that rule, but I hope that this explains why we chant so much during the Mass.

## PRAYER REQUESTS



For all the couples attending the Retrouvaille Program during the next two months, that they will be open to healing and be able to renew their marriage.

## MARRIAGE BANNS

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**

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

September 8	J P McAvoy
September 15	A Wilberding

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### ORDINARY FORM 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

Psalms 15: 2-3, 3-4, 4-5

James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Be doers of the word and not hearers only*

### EXTRAORDINARY FORM 15th Sunday after Pentecost

*It is good to give praise to the Lord*

Galatians 5: 25-26; 6: 1-10

Psalms 91: 2-3

Luke 7: 11-16

## MUSIC MINISTRY

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

Today, we are singing two well-known hymns: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" and "The Church's One Foundation." Both of these hymns are considered "comfort classics" in hymnody and always evoke positive feelings when we sing them. As an organist, it is powerful and gratifying for me to hear our church sing out in praise. I firmly believe that it pleases God when our church sings. Thank you for your song, prayer, and Mass.



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## 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.

## FAITH STUDIES & GROUPS

### New Study - *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*

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.

### Greater Flint Men's Group

The Greater Flint area men's group will meet **Wednesday, September 4, 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 "Timothy and Titus" of December 13, 2006.

### Ladies' Study Group

**Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:00 restarting Sept. 3**  
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... It tells the story of how more than 180 saints... led the Church through many crises and back to her spiritual roots."

### **Wednesday mornings 10:00-11:30**

Beginning a new book **August 28** - "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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is coming to St. Matthew this fall. 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. We will be posting registration for 2024-2025 in the coming weeks.

## SACRAMENTS AT ST. MATTHEW

**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.

## DIVING DEEPER INTO THE FAITH

### September is Dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

The September dedication to Our Lady of Sorrows emphasizes the profound grief that Mary experienced during the Passion of Christ. Celebrated on September 15th, this feast day follows the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14th, highlighting the deep connection between Mary's suffering and the sacrifice of her son, Jesus.

September, a month often associated with reflection and transition, invites the faithful to contemplate the sorrows that Mary endured, particularly during the events leading up to and including the crucifixion. The devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows encourages believers to seek Mary's intercession in their own struggles, drawing strength from her unwavering faith and compassion in the face of immense suffering.

This dedication serves as a poignant reminder of the deep bond between mother and son, illustrating how enduring love triumphs over sorrow.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St. Rose of Viterbo

St. Rose of Viterbo (1233-1251) was a young Italian saint renowned for her fervent faith and courage. From an early age, she exhibited a deep devotion to God, dedicating herself to prayer and acts of charity. During a time of religious and political strife in her hometown of Viterbo, she boldly preached against heretical influences, urging her community to remain faithful to the Church. Despite being exiled for her outspoken defense of the faith, Rose continued her mission in nearby regions, inspiring many with her holiness. Although she was denied entry into a convent due to her youth, her piety left a lasting legacy. She passed away at 18, and her incorrupt body is venerated in Viterbo. St. Rose was canonized in 1457, and her feast day is celebrated on September 4th.



**St. Rose, pray for us!**

## IN OUR PARISH

### Sunday Social - 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 1st**. Sign up to bring donuts on either the first or third Sunday of the month, next date is September 15, 2024. Signing up is a one-time commitment. Use the volunteer sign up online or call the church office!

### 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!

### First Saturday Mass & Potluck

Join us for the First Saturday Mass (EF) on **September 7th at 9 am**. After Mass, join us for a potluck breakfast in the Augustinian hall. Use the QR code to sign up for a dish to pass, or visit the parish website.



### Trivia Night

Join us **Saturday, September 14th, 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.



### 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.

September Requested Item:  
Bar and hand soap



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024  
ST. MICHAEL'S CONFERENCE CENTER  
609 E 5TH AVE, FLINT, MI 48503  
DOORS OPEN: 5:30PM / EVENT: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

### Moving Help

The 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](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)

### 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)

# 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



If your address and contact information has changed, please notify the office. Also, If you find that you are in need of offering envelopes or would like to receive the monthly issue of FAITH Magazine, or **no longer** need to receive them, kindly let us know. Thank you!