



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2025



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:
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

701 Church St.
Flint, MI 48502
(810)232-0880
StMatthewFlint.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
8:00 am (OF no music),
10:00 am (OF), 12:00 pm (EF)

Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri
12:10 pm (OF)

First Saturday
9:00 am (EF)

OF: Ordinary Form EF: Extraordinary Form

CONFESSION

Sunday: 8:45 am - 9:30 am
1:30 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: 6:30 pm

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.

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.

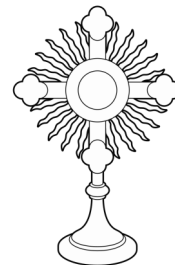
BECOMING CATHOLIC - If you are interested in becoming Catholic or just learning more, we look forward to helping you! Contact the parish office to setup a meeting.

ADORATION MONDAYS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament occurs every Monday after the 12:10 pm daily Mass. Benediction is at 6:50 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: \$6,700

SCAN FOR QUICK
DONATION, THANK YOU!



Week of:	June 22, 2025	June 29, 2025	July 6, 2025
Actual Income	\$ 6,948.13	\$ 6,122.34	\$ 9,350.75
Over (Under)	\$ 848.13	\$ 22.34	\$ 2,650.75

LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ordinary Form

16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Genesis 18: 1-10
Ps. 15: 2-5
Colossians 1: 24-28
Luke 10: 38-42

Extraordinary Form

6th Sunday
after Pentecost

Romans 6: 3-11
Ps. 89: 13, 1
Mark 8: 1-9

LECTOR SCHEDULE

July 27	8 am: A Wilberding
	10 am: K Gubert

August 3	8 am: K Downs
	10 am: M Love

MUSIC MINISTRY

The idea that "Catholics don't know the Bible" is a common misconception. Every part of the Mass can be directly linked to Scripture. During the Mass, many Psalms are sung, including the Introit, the Psalm during the Liturgy of the Word, and the Communion Proper. Most traditional hymns also draw heavily from the Psalms. The Psalms are the most quoted Old Testament book in the New Testament, with about eighty-five percent of them being quoted or referenced. The Gospels highlight all the major events of Christ's life through the Psalms. On the Cross, Christ quotes Psalm 22, saying, "My God, my God. Why have you forsaken me?" Psalms are meant to be sung, which is why the Psalter is often called the Church's "hymn book." The word "Psalm" comes from the Greek word "psalmsos," meaning "sung to a plucked [string] instrument."

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

PARISH ROSES

**This week's roses are 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.

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

† (Deceased)

⊗ (Abstinence)

SUNDAY, JULY 20

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8:00a † Francis Duyer
8:45a Confessions
10:00a The People of St. Matthew Parish
11:00a Coffee & Donuts (Augustinian Hall)
12:00p † Joseph Purrenhage by the Purrenhage Family
1:30p Confessions

MONDAY, JULY 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi / St. Praxedes (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Deacon Thomas Rea by the Parish
12:30p Adoration
5:00p Confessions
6:30p Evening Prayer
6:50p Benediction
7:00p Youth Group (Fieldhouse)

TUESDAY, JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalen

12:00p Angelus
12:10p Intentions of Blake Rufini by the Williams Family
6:30p Launch Meeting / Campus Ministry (Undercroft)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

St. Bridget of Sweden (New) / St. Apollinaris (Trad.) / St. Liborius (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † Thomas Mikulski by Karen Downs
6:30p Greater Flint Catholic Men's Group (Undercroft)

THURSDAY, JULY 24

St. Sharbel Makhluf (New) / St. Christina of Bolsena (Trad.)

FRIDAY, JULY 25

St. James the Greater / St. Christopher (Trad.)

12:00p Angelus
12:10p † David Hutchins by Tom Lipinski

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Sts. Joachim & Anne (New) / St. Anne (Trad.)

10:30a Confessions
11:35a Rosary Walk

WEDDING BANNS

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

III Philip Partyka & Kelcie Plamondon



DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

Congratulations to Bradley, who is making his First Holy Communion today! What a special day for Bradley, his family, and our parish!! As a reminder, our parish allows the parents, in concert with our parish staff, to make the decision on when their child(ren) are well-disposed to make their first confession and First Holy Communion. While we don't celebrate First Holy Communions during Lent, any other time of year is available if the child is ready to receive Jesus.

This week we have 3 great saints: St. Mary Magdalen, who announced the Resurrection to the Apostles; St. James the Greater, the first Apostle to be martyred; and Sts. Joachim and Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and maternal grandparents of Jesus. Each had a significant role in salvation history. I would encourage you to learn more about these saints this week. We all play a part in salvation history, too, so by studying these saints we can find ways to cooperate with God's plan of salvation.

Totally unrelated to that last topic, there is growing interest in the State of Michigan for physician-assisted suicide. I remember growing up hearing the name Dr. Jack Kevorkian and his horrible work killing people who were vulnerable and who felt that the best plan was to have some-

one take their own life. My parents helped form me to know that this was contrary to God's plan, and that every person, even those in great pain and those in persistent vegetative states are still worthy of dignity and the right to life. For Catholics (and anyone using their reason well), physician-assisted suicide is not "death with dignity," as some will claim, but is murder of people who need love and support to know that their life, no matter what the circumstances, has value. Catholics who would use physician-assisted suicide are not eligible for Last Rites, and can even be denied a Catholic funeral. Catholics who vote for such a measure, whether ordinary citizens in a ballot proposal or politicians, are not to present themselves for Holy Communion. If I knew a Catholic individual, politician or not, voted to legalize physician-assisted suicide, I would need to let them know that they could not receive Holy Communion until they repented (privately or publicly, depending on how the vote took place). I would encourage you to contact your legislators and remind them that we cannot support physician-assisted suicide, and that it attacks the very foundation and fabric of society and care for our elders and those who suffer illness.

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Bridget of Sweden was a mystic, wife, mother, and founder of the Bridgettine Order. After raising eight children—including St. Catherine of Sweden—Bridget received visions of Christ's Passion and the Virgin Mary, which she recorded in her Revelations, a work influential in medieval devotion and theology. Following her husband's death, she devoted herself fully to prayer and reform, advocating for Church renewal and urging the pope to return from Avignon to Rome. Canonized in 1391, she is a co-patroness of Europe, honored for her holiness, courage, and tireless call to faithfulness.

St. Bridget, pray for us!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Volunteers Needed -

We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and other programs for our children's religious education. Please reach out to Amanda Williams by either email—amandawilliams@flintcatholic.org or by calling (810) 232-0880

Youth Group -

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, July 21st from 7:00 pm—8:30 pm**. All Teens Welcome. We will meet in the fieldhouse. Sign up on the parish website, if you have not already.

NEW STUDY STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

Discover the heart and soul of your Catholic beliefs, learn from some of the most renowned Catholic educators of our time, including Dr. Edward Sri, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, and Fr. Mike Schmitz. *Foundations of Faith* offers a comprehensive exploration of the Catechism, unpacking its rich theological insights and helping you apply them to your everyday life. Strengthen your connection to the truth, beauty, goodness, and fullness of the Catholic Faith!

Join us for *Foundations of Faith* beginning 17 Sept from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, and following Wednesdays for 20 sessions. To register for the study visit the parish website or contact Amanda Williams at amandawilliams@flintcatholic.org

GREATER FLINT AREA MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 23, 6:30-8:00pm 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.

LADIES STUDY GROUP

Our evening group meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00pm. Our morning group meets on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30am. Both groups meet at the home of Rae Ann Houbeck. Want to join? Please call me at 810-919-8696.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

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

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.



IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

SERVANTS OF GOD'S LOVE CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

Please join us for Holy Mass and a reception as we celebrate the Lord's faithfulness over the last fifty years! The Most Reverend Earl Boyea of Lansing will preside. Reception immediately following.

Friday, July 25, 5:30PM

Christ the King Catholic Church, Ann Arbor

If you are unable to join us in person, scan the QR code to livestream.



IV VOLLEYBALL COACH NEEDED AT POWERS

PCHS is in search of a JV Volleyball coach for the fall. Season begins 8/9. This is a paid position. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to info@powerscatholic.org. Thank you!

HOT DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Join us on August 3 outside after the 10 AM and 12 PM Masses for hot dogs, chips, and great conversation!



REGISTRATION
stpaulse.com/flint-bet
no charge to attend

BASIC EVANGELIZATION TRAINING

Saint Matthew Church

701 Church Street, Flint, MI 48502

Saturday, August 9

9:00AM-4:00PM

including optional live lab

Includes:

- full-day evangelization workshop
- all workshop materials
- light breakfast and lunch

"As a Church, we are called to evangelize and bring the good news to the world. Each one of us has a story to tell about how Christ has changed our lives. St. Paul Street Evangelization will give you the tools you need to articulate your relationship with Christ to a hungry, broken world." - Jeff Cavins

Questions? Contact: info@stpaulse.com or 657-777-2963



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SEVEN SISTERS

"Gracious and loving God, we thank You for the gift of our priests. Through them we experience Your presence in the sacraments. As attacks on the priesthood intensify you have a vital role to play in supporting vocations."

With a little more than half of one per cent of the minutes graced to you each week you can make a difference. Contact Donna Bussiere at (313)407-9465 to find out more.

"Most sacred Heart of Jesus, pour down Your blessings abundantly on Your holy church, on the Supreme Pontiff and on all the clergy."

2025 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FAMILY VOCATION NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00PM AT JACKSON FIELD STADIUM

In years past, roughly 2,000 Catholics from around the Diocese of Lansing enjoyed a game with other parishes around the state. Thanks to everyone who participated!



Information: Each parish is to contact their Knights Council for tickets. Group tickets sales you may contact Marcos Martinez at 517-827-2584