



# St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Fifth Sunday of Lent / Passion Sunday*  
**April 6, 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

Saturday:  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

### **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: 6:30 pm

## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH STAFF

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

**DEACON:**
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**ACCOUNTANT:**
**Allison Gonser**
**CUSTODIAN:**
**Damien Johnson** ..... damienjohnson@flintcatholic.org

### 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.

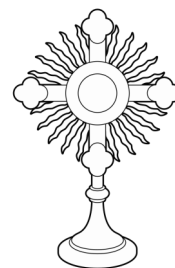
**BECOMING CATHOLIC** - If you are interested in becoming Catholic or just learning more, we look forward to helping you! Contact the parish office to setup a meeting.

### ADORATION MONDAYS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament occurs every Monday after the 12:10 pm daily Mass. Benediction is at 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 adoror, 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:	March 9, 2025	March 16, 2025	March 23, 2025
Actual Income	\$ 5,708.00	\$ 8,922.98	\$ 6,806.13
Over (Under)	\$ (392.00)	\$ 2,822.98	\$ 706.13

## LITURGICAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Ordinary Form**  
5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37: 12-14  
Ps. 130: 1-8  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11: 1-45

**Extraordinary Form**  
Passion Sunday

Hebrews 9: 11-15  
Ps 128: 1-4  
John 8: 46-59

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

April 13 J Henry

April 20 J P McAvoy

### MUSIC MINISTRY

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

The Saint Matthew Singers will lead the music on Palm Sunday, April 13, at the 11 a.m. Mass, and on Easter Sunday, April 20, at the 10 a.m. Mass. On both days, we will rehearse one hour before the Mass.

Please note the earlier (10 a.m.) time for the Easter Sunday morning Mass.

If you have not sung with us before, please contact me.

The Latin Mass Schola sings every Sunday at the 1 p.m. Mass. We are always looking for new singers. We meet at 12:15 p.m. in the undercroft. If you are interested in singing, even on a trial basis, please get in touch with me.

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

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Stanislaus of Cracow was a bishop and martyr, revered as Poland's patron saint. Known for his piety and moral courage, he openly opposed King Boleslaw II's tyranny, condemning his injustices and defending the rights of the Church and the oppressed. This defiance led to his assassination allegedly by the king himself while Stanislaus was celebrating Mass. His brutal death caused outrage, forcing Boleslaw into exile. Canonized in 1253 by Pope Innocent IV, Stanislaus remains a powerful symbol of justice, faith, and resistance against oppression.

St. Stanislaus, pray for us!

### MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

† (Deceased)

∞ (Abstinence)

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 6

*5th Sunday of Lent (New) / Passion Sunday (Trad.)*

11:00a † Patrick J Callahan by Martha Fisher Lichty  
1:00p The People of St. Matthew Parish  
2:30p Confessions

#### MONDAY, APRIL 7

*St. John Baptist de la Salle (New)*

12:00p Angelus  
12:10p † Benita Padilla  
12:30p Adoration  
5:00p Confessions  
6:30p Evening Prayer  
6:50p Benediction  
7:00p Youth Group (Fieldhouse)

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 8

12:00p Angelus  
12:10p † Fr. Fred Taggart, O.S.A by Pat Dailey  
6:30p Launch Meeting / Campus Ministry (Undercroft)

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

12:00p Angelus  
12:10p Intentions of Anthony DeLisle  
6:30p Greater Flint Area Men's Group (Undercroft)  
6:30p Lenten Bible Study (Augustinian Hall)

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 10

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 11 ∞

*St. Stanislaus of Cracow (New) / St. Leo the Great (Trad.)*

*Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Trad.)*

12:00p Angelus  
12:10p Intentions of the Members of the Rajala Family  
12:40p Stations of the Cross  
6:00p Soup Supper (Augustinian Hall)  
7:00p Stations of the Cross

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 12

10:30a Confessions  
11:35a Rosary Walk  
6:30p Trivia Night (Augustinian Hall)

This year on Ash Wednesday we collected a total of \$1,340. 10. This collection is split between Catholic Charities and St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center.

Thank you for your generous donations!



## DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

Today begins Passiontide, the time within Lent where we really start focusing on the Passion of our Lord. If you've been half-hearted about your Lenten practices, now is certainly the time to strengthen your efforts to prepare your hearts for the transforming Resurrection of Christ. In order to further take away the delight of our eyes, we cover up statues around the church.

A while back, I had mentioned relics, and a parishioner asked me which relics we use at the high altar for the Extraordinary Form Mass. Here's a list of the relics that we have, in case you want to ask for their intercession any time you come to St. Matthew:

St. Peter Eymard	St. Thérèse of Lisieux
St. Pius X	True Cross*
St. Gerard*	St. Raphaela Mary
St. Matthew	St. Augustine
St. Monica	St. Anthony of Padua

The \* signifies that we don't have any documentation that we have found to support that it is truly that relic. The rest are all first class relics. I try to bring them out on their feast days so that people can venerate the relics. All holy men and women, saints of God, pray for us!

Next week on Palm Sunday, Fr. Brian Lenz will be helping me hear confessions after the 1 p.m. Mass (I also have a baptism after the 1 p.m. Mass). If you're trying to go before Easter, this would be a perfect time, since I'll have extra help!

Our penultimate deadly sin is greed. St. Thomas Aquinas describes greed (or covetousness) in the Summa Theologiae (IIa-IIae.cxxviii.1) as either an excess in acquisition and retention of things or as an excessive affection for riches which is not in accord with what he needs for living. In terms of holding on to things or acquiring too many things, that is a sin against one's neighbor, who has a right to those things that we do not need. When it comes to a love of money or possessions, that is a sin against oneself, as we are not rightly ordering our own desires.

The best way to fight this sin is to be generous. Whenever I buy or receive new clothes, I tend to donate some of my older clothes (still in good shape) to the poor. Or, if we have many things, we can share them with others. I definitely have more bourbon than I need for myself, but I do try to share it with others, especially the good stuff, so that I am not controlled by my desire for good bourbon.

When it comes to our money, we should make sure that we take care of our financial responsibilities for our families. Beyond that, we should make allowances for supporting the Church, starting with our parish, then the diocese, then the universal Church, and the poor (in the same order as the local charities, regional charities, and national or international charities). In this way we make sure that money doesn't become a false god to us.

## EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

### GREATER FLINT AREA MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 2, 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.

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

We know that silence is necessary to prepare ourselves to encounter God. It is in silence that the religious or spiritual sense of the child may be developed. Silence leads the child to a relationship with him or herself, through the listening of his or her own breathing. As children become conscious of their inner silence, they realize that this allows them to be able to listen to and answer God. Silence is a great help for the child's prayer life. At home, you may want to practice quiet time at the prayer table. Silence is necessary for prayer.

- At home, invite your child to sit comfortably at the prayer table, with his or her body still, and eyes closed. Depending upon the age of the child, allow for a few minutes (or more) of silence. Discuss what was heard.

### LADIES STUDY GROUP

The Ladies Study group will NOT be meeting on April 22 or April 23,

Our new book will be *Therese*, by Dorothy Day. "[This] account of the life of St. Therese of Lisieux sheds light on the depth of Day's Catholic spirituality and illustrates why Therese's simplicity and humility are so vital for today. Whether we are called to an active life like Day or a more hidden existence like Therese, readers will discover that these paths have much in common and can lead to a love that has the power to transform in ways that are unexpected and consequential."

We will be starting this group on Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 29.

Our Tuesday evening study group meets from 6:30-8:00. The Wednesday morning group meets from 10-11:30. Both at the home of Rae Ann Houbeck 810-919-8696.

### YOUTH GROUP

TEEN TRIVIA NIGHT—APRIL 7

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, April 7 from 7:00 pm—8:30 pm. We will have a Teen Trivia Night! All Teens Welcome.** We will meet in the fieldhouse. Any teens interested in joining St. Matthew's youth group can sign up on the parish website.

## 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](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.



### HEARTBEAT OF GREATER FLINT

Volunteers are needed to answer phone calls, greet and service our clients, maintain their profiles, sort, and organize donations. Also, putting together layette sets for newborn babies. Heartbeat of Greater Flint needs volunteers on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 10:00 am to 2:45 pm. However, you can donate hours that will fit your schedule. You can give us a call (810) 232-3101 or email us at [320heartbeat@gmail.com](mailto:320heartbeat@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued support and God bless you!

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

## IN & AROUND OUR PARISH

### ST. MATTHEW BASEBALL

If any families are interested in Christ-centered competitive baseball this spring and summer, please contact St. Matthew A.D. Joe DeLisle at [joe@naturalcommunityservices.com](mailto:joe@naturalcommunityservices.com). This is open to any boys in grades 3-8 who desire a Catholic virtue-centered baseball experience, focused on fundamentals and player development.

### SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for Stations of the Cross and a simple Soup Supper Fridays during Lent.

- Stations of the Cross will take place immediately after the 12:10 PM Mass.

- A Soup Supper will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.

Sign up on the parish website.

### SEVEN SISTERS / FASTING BROTHERS

*"What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has rendered unto me?"*

Please join with me in a unique way to support our faith filled pastor, Fr. Anthony. Done in quiet, in solitude, it is easy and flexible. Additional opportunities for Bishop Boyea, other priests and our seminarians exist and are waiting to be filled.

For additional information call or text Donna Bussiere at (313)407-9465.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

### COFFEE & DONUTS

Join us in **Augustinian Hall** for refreshments and fellowship after the 11 am Mass on Palm Sunday, April 13

**ST. MATTHEW'S**

# TRIVIA NIGHT

**APRIL 12TH** | **6:30 PM**  
Augustinian Hall  
701 Church St. Flint 48502

\$5/person Entry | \$5/person Dinner  
All money raised will be donated to  
Catholic Charities

Join us for an epic Trivia Night filled with  
challenging questions, laughs, and  
great friends.