



St. Matthew

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Good Shepherd Sunday | 3rd Sunday after Easter
April 21st



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)

CONFESSION

Sunday: 2:30 pm
Monday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Saturday: 10:30 - 11:30 am

ADORATION

Monday: 12:40 - 7:00 pm

OF: Ordinary Form

EF: Extraordinary Form

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

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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!

ONLINE GIVING



SCAN FOR QUICK DONATION, THANK YOU!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW

Good Shepherd Sunday/ 3rd Sunday after Easter
(† Deceased)

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- 11:00 † Judy Lancaster by Fred and Paula Faris & Family
- 1:00 The People of St. Matthew
- 2:30 Confessions

MONDAY, APRIL 22

- 12:00 Regina Coeli
- 12:10 † Marya Kray by Rick Kray
- 12:30 Adoration
- 5:30 Confessions
- 6:30 Evening Prayer
- 7:00 Benediction

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- 12:00 Regina Coeli
- 12:10 † Robert L. Shegos by Roger and Connie Wilberding
- 6:30 Ladies' Study Group (Grand Blanc)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

- 10:00 Ladies' Study Group (Grand Blanc)
- 12:00 Regina Coeli
- 12:10 † Stephen Racine by the Hodack Family
- 6:30 Greater Flint Catholic's Men's Group (Undercroft)
- 6:30 Confirmation Prep (Undercroft)
- 6:30 Seven Myths Study (Augustinian Hall)

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

- 6:30 The Bible Timeline (Augustinian Hall)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- 12:00 Regina Coeli
- 12:10 † Marion Dailey by Pat Dailey

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- 10:30 Confessions

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Week of:	March 31, 2024	April 7, 2024
Anticipated income	\$ 6,013.46	\$ 6,013.46
Actual income	\$ 8,111.72	\$ 8,444.13
Over (Under)	\$ 2,098.26	\$ 2,430.67

DON ANTONIO'S DISPATCH

This week I'll be visiting our seminarians, Glen and Joe, at St. John Vianney College Seminary (SJV) in St. Paul, Minnesota. SJV is also my alma mater, as I graduated from there in 2006. They have remodeled and added on to the chapel at the seminary, so I'm excited to see those new changes, as well as to check in on how our two young men are doing. Please keep them in your prayers, especially as they come up to final exams in May.

Our new hire, Jeremy, who was doing a great job as our custodian, informed me that a trade school he had applied to, which did not originally have enough people to hold classes, did get enough people, and the classes were during the time he worked, so he had to quit the job. He told me he really enjoyed working here, and I found him to be doing an excellent job. I am working on hiring a replacement as soon as possible, but please be patient with some of the janitorial/maintenance needs of the parish until we can get someone hired and trained.

Have a great week of Easter joy!

LECTOR SCHEDULE

April 28	K Downs
May 5	J Henry

SUNDAY'S READINGS

ORDINARY FORM Good Shepherd Sunday

Acts 4: 8-12

Psalms 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

1 John 3: 1-2

John 10: 11-18

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord

EXTRAORDINARY FORM 3rd Sunday after Easter

Shout with joy to God, all the earth

1 Peter 2: 11-19

Psalms 110: 9

John 16: 16-22

PARISH ROSES

Roses this week are for the deceased members of the Turchi family by the Hodack Family



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..."

Pentecost Sunday is May 19. The Saint Matthew Singers will sing at the 11 a.m. Mass. If you have not sung with us before, you are welcome to join us.

On Pentecost, we will meet for rehearsal at 10 a.m. and sing at the 11 a.m. mass. Music folders will be available one week before Pentecost. If interested, please see me after Mass or contact me at the address found below. For Pentecost, we will sing the Golden Sequence of Pentecost, a setting of the Gloria [written for Pope Benedict XVI] by the Scottish composer James MacMillan, and the chant, Veni Creator Spiritus.



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DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL



Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies.

This past week we reached **87% of our DSA goal**. If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, I invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in the pews or the parish office. You may also submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal

FAITH STUDIES

Greater Flint Men's Group

The Greater Flint area men's group will meet **Wednesday, April 24, 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 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 "Having a 'Vision from on High'" of May 3, 2006.

Ladies' Study Group

'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." Join us on **Tuesday, April 23 from 6:30-8:00pm**, or **Wednesday morning, April 24 from 10:00-11:30am**. Both meet at the home of Rae Ann Houbeck, Grand Blanc – 810-919-8696.

The Bible Timeline Study

Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and *The Bible Timeline*, a twenty-three part Bible study, makes it easy. Join us at St. Matthew on Thursday, **April 25, 2024 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**.



Seven Myths About the Catholic Church

There are many myths about the Catholic Church that are popular in today's culture. Join us for a course with

Dr. Christopher Kaczor as he highlights the big seven myths, distinguishing fact from fiction about Catholicism. This course will help you better address many controversial topics from contraception to women and the priesthood. This **Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30 pm**, we will tackle the question, "Does the Church oppose science? (Part One)".

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.

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

Eucharist

"The great treasure of the Catholic Church is the Eucharist — Jesus himself hidden under the appearances of bread and wine. We believe, as the Catechism states, that "In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist 'the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained*'" (CCC 1374). "

- Knights of the Holy Eucharist

Congratulations to all who will be receiving their First Communion in the coming weeks!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. George

St. George holds a significant place in Catholic tradition as a martyr and a soldier of Christ. Believed to have lived during the Roman Empire in the third century, St. George is known for his unwavering faith in the face of persecution. According to legend, he refused to renounce his



Christian beliefs and faced torture and execution. He is honored as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, a group of saints widely venerated in medieval Europe for their intercession in times of illness and trouble. St. George's courage and steadfastness in the face of adversity continue to inspire Catholics around the world, and his feast day on April 23rd is celebrated with devotion in many Catholic communities.

St. George, pray for us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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, May 5th**. Sign up to bring donuts on either the first or third Sunday of the month, next date is May 19, 2024. Signing up is a one-time commitment. Use the volunteer sign up online or call the church office!



Trivia Night

Join us **Saturday, May 11th, 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, every-

thing 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

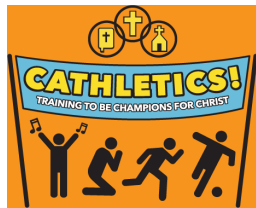
Hot Dog Days of Summer

We need volunteers to help with this year's hot dog stand after BOTH Masses. We need assistance with setting up, cooking, and clean up. If you are able to donate your time on Sunday after Mass, please sign up on the parish website. Thank you!!



Money Counters

We are in need of volunteers to help with money counting. If you are able to assist with this, please call the parish office.



We are planning a Vacation Bible School program this summer for kids ages 5+.

Join the VBS Team! We need both adults and teenagers. VBS will be the week of June 24 - 28.

If you are interested in helping the children of our parish learn their Catholic faith in a fun and exciting way, please contact Amanda Williams at the parish office or sign up on the parish website. This year's theme is **Cathletics! Training to be Champions for Christ**.

Our first planning meeting is Tuesday, April 30th in the parish office at 1:00 pm.

IN OUR DIOCESE

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

"Oh Lord, my God, I cried out to You for help, and You healed me." ~Psalm 30:2

Come Encounter Jesus' Love, Mercy and Healing

St. Mary Mission; 2500 N. Franklin Ave. Flint

Tuesday, May 7th @ 6pm

- 5:30pm - Doors Open / Praise & Worship
- 6:00pm - Welcome / Introduction
- 6:30pm - Gospel Teaching on Healing
- 7:00pm - Corporate Prayer for Healing with Eucharistic Procession
- 8:00pm - Individual Prayer Ministry



Fr. Patrick Gonyeau
Presenter



John Mira
Worship Leader

All are Welcome

Lansing Catholic Lawyers Guild Luncheon

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 ~ Spring Luncheon with speaker Nickolas T. Nikas, President and General Counsel of the Bioethics Defense Fund. He will be speaking on "Law and Morality". Starts at 12 noon at St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Hall in Lansing. Please pre-register at www.lansingcatholiclawyersguild.com/events or call Diane Arzberger at (517)402-1562.

Groundskeeper Wanted at New Calvary Cemetery

The cemetery grounds keeper is a self-motivated individual who is not afraid of hard work and getting dirty. The groundskeeper is responsible for preparing graves and maintaining the cemetery grounds. In addition, the groundskeeper should have good customer service and communication skills. It would be helpful to have experience with lawn care equipment, backhoe, and dump truck. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please send your resume to bepkey@dioceseoflansing.org.