## ST. PIUS X AND ST. MATTHEW PARISHES

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**SUNDAY MÁSSES** 

4:30 p.m. (Sat.); 9:00 a.m.

**HOLYDAY MASSES** 

Consult weekly bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must attend a workshop in preparation for Baptism. Call the rectory office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

Saturdays 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Sundays 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the parish priest at least 9 months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Call the parish office to arrange.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Call the office if you are aware of anyone who is homebound.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** 

Monday, 10:00 am written or via email

# The Weekly Calendar St. Pius X campus THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(†Mass Intention)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12** 

8:00 Confessions 8:30 Morning prayer

9:00 † Michael Wojciechowski by John and

Marlene Wojciechowski

10:15 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (classrooms)4:30 Christmas Hymn Family Sing Along (comm room)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13** 

8:00 † Kathy Ball by Lise' Dickson 5:30 Divine Mercy group (parish center)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 7:40 Rosary (church)

8:00 † Bob Copeland by Melvin and Helen Gerstenberger

8:30 Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion (church)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 10:00 Woodhaven

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16** 7:00 Adult Choir practice

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 7:00 Adoration

8:00 Special intentions for Fr. Jeff Raths by Dan and

Debbie Raths Adoration (church)

9:00 North End Soup Kitchen, Stewart Ave (team 2)

2:30 Reposition

8:30

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

3:00 Confessions

4:30 † Vera Hale by the Whiteside and Cassidy families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 Confessions 8:30 Morning prayer

9:00 † Michael John Ford by Colleen Ford

10:15 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (classrooms)

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11:00 a.m.; 3:00 p.m. Extraordinary Form Mass

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12** 

11:00 † Judge Thomas & Sue Gadola by Martha Gadola

1:30 Confessions 3:00 † Edmund Miller

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13** 

12:10 † Mary Stacks by Adella Fairless

12:30 Adoration 5:30 Confessions 6:30 Evening prayer 7:00 Benediction

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14** 

12:10 † Ted Mansour by Joseph Green and

Jeanette Mansour

6:30 Interior Freedom study (Grand Blanc)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15** 

10:00 Endow faith study (Grand Blanc)

12:10 † Livng and Deceased members of the Sabty family by Joseph Green and Jeanette Mansour

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16** 

12:10 † Donald Underwood by Madelyn Underwood 7:30 The Bible Timeline (St. Matthew church basement)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:10 **†** Fred Mansour by Joseph Green and

Jeanette Mansour

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18** 

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 † The parishes of St. Matthew and St. Pius X

1:30 Confessions

3:00 † Lowell Fockler by David and Deborah Fockler

### Don Antonio's Dispatch...

Rejoice! We're almost at the celebration of Jesus' Nativity!! We lighten the usual sorrowful purple for a lighter rose (<u>not</u> pink!!).

Another reason for rejoicing is that we will celebrate the Confirmation of one of our parishioners, Hadi, this Wednesday, 15 December at the 12:10 p.m. Mass. Congratulations, Hadi!

And yet another reason to rejoice is my parents' 42nd anniversary, which is on 14 December. Their anniversary was always the day when they (and later we kids joined in) decorated the house for Christmas, a tradition they still keep even though they're empty nesters (and have been for some time). Happy Anniversary, Mom and Dad!

As a reminder, probably the worst time to try and catch me and ask me a question or schedule something with me is right before Mass (weekday or weekend) in the sacristy. That's the time when I'm trying to prepare to enter into the holy mysteries of our faith. I am trying to recollect myself, rather than chatting with everyone. After Mass I have more time for questions, so that is a fine time to catch me about little stuff. If you need to schedule something with me, calling the office or emailing me is the best way, as I don't have my calendar with me at Mass. If it's time-sensitive (like adding a family member's name to the prayer list), that's fine. But otherwise, I ask that you please wait until after Mass to try to catch up with me. Thank you!

Here's our *Catechism* paragraph for the week:

The People of the "poor"—those who, humble and meek, rely solely on their God's mysterious plans, who await the justice, not of men but of the Messiah—are in the end the great achievement of the Holy Spirit's hidden mission during the time of the promises that prepare for Christ's coming. It is this quality of heart, purified and enlightened by the Spirit, which is expressed in the Psalms. In these poor, the Spirit is making read "a people prepared for the Lord (Luke 1:17)." (n. 716)



HELP IS NEEDED! Decorating in the St. Pius X and St. Matthew Churches for this Christmas season! St. Pius X Christmas decorating will be on Tuesday, December 21st at 9:00 am (after 8:00 am Mass). St. Matthew Christmas decorating will be on Wednesday, December 22nd after the 12:10 pm Mass. Please call the church offices if you would like to volunteer (810) 235-8574 at St. Pius X from 8:30 am - 11:30 am; or (810) 232-0880 at

St. Matthew from 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; your help is greatly appreciated! Together, let's make our churches beautiful for Christmas!

Knights of Columbus Rosary at St. Pius X— Starting this month of December, on the last Sunday of each month, the Knights of Columbus will lead our parish in a Rosary. It will be immediately following the 9:00 am mass on Sunday. *EVERYONE IS INVITED TO FOLLOW ALONG!* Easy to follow instructions will be available. Please bring your Rosary (the Knights will try to provide some, if needed).

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Assembly 510 Patriotic & Religious Christmas Card Sale - available through local Knights of Columbus Council 695. The 4th Degree K of C will have Christmas Cards that are this year spiritual, as well as Patriotic (see flyer in the Narthex). There is still time to order for this year or next year. The proceeds go to Veteran activities the Knights provide. Thank you for your support.

#### Lectors for December 18 & 19, St. Pius X

4:30 M Love

9:00 K Downs



Lector for December 19, St. Matthew 11:00 K Jayabalan

#### ALTAR CARE, St. Pius X-Team 1

Pat Fearon, Clara Wylie, Delores Cox



#### Readings for December 12

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great

Psalm

for among you is the great and holy one of Israel.

Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3: 10-18

#### Extraordinary Form Readings for December 12

Philippians 4: 4-7 Psalms 79: 2,3 John 1: 19-28



#### St. Matthew parish Roses

Offering the roses for St. Therese at St. Matthew's Church is a wonderful way to honor the memory of a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. The offering is \$20 or \$60 for all three altars of St. Therese, St. Mary and St. Joseph. If you would like to participate, please call the church at (\$10) 232 0880 to make arrangements.

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Roses for this week are donated by The Hodack family in memory of Deceased Members of the Hodack family

JOIN US for a Christmas Hymn Family Sing-Along! Sunday, December 12, 2021 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm at St. Pius X Church. Refreshments will be available in the community room.





Holiday SCRIP Gift Card Deadline at St. Pius X parish—The deadline to order SCRIP for the holidays is at 12:00 Noon on Friday, December 17th. Remember to bring your order and payment to St. Pius X parish office by the deadline in order to have your gift cards by Christmas. Finish your

Christmas shopping while helping to support our Catholic schools! Thank you!

**OPLATKI, THE CHRISTMAS WAFER** is available in the sacristy at St. Pius X and St. Matthew parishes. There is a donation of \$1 per envelope (1 wafer per envelope). The explanation of this Christmas custom is included on the envelope.

## OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION St. Pius X and St. Matthew parishes

Due to the early deadline for this weekend's bulletin, the collection information is not available

#### Faith Formation at St. Pius X

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to visit our children in the Atrium Open House last week. It meant a lot to all of us that you took the time to drop in and see what's happening! One of our children, smiling from ear to ear after passing out the invites, exclaimed to me, "We were a success!"

Cathy Keroson and Lina Danaho, our catechists, gave the children a presentation on the Annunciation while the adults watched. Then the children went to work at the individual stations—pouring water & wine, setting the altar table, working on their booklets. A beautiful sight for sure!

As we celebrate this third Sunday of Advent, you will hear much about rejoicing! To emphasize it even more, we are having a parish-wide Christmas Hymn Sing-Along this weekend! On Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. we will be gathering in the Church. Please join us, and IF you are able, bring some cookies to share at the "cookie buffet" following! (Two of our parishioners are going to invite our Hogarth neighbors as well.)

When you look around St. Pius X, you can't help but notice all of the wonderful events going on! How nice that the narrative is changing. A parishioner recently reported that instead of hearing the usual question, "Is St. Pius X closing?" Someone commented about all that is going on here!

What a welcome change! I hope you will be part of the shift, erasing negativity and replacing it with genuine JOY! Praise God for all he is doing at St. Pius X!

Thank you for giving me the chance to serve you here.

Happy Advent!

Janet Cassidy janetcassidy@flintcatholic.org (810) 235-8574, Ext. 319



The Divine Mercy Apostolate is a Eucharist Apostolate active at St. Pius X. We will meet Monday, December 13th in the Parish Center. We will be using Manual 3 of Divine Mercy.

St. Faustina reminds us that the floodgates of God's Divine forgiveness come through a "whole ocean of graces" that he pours out on each of us. Even

though our sins may be "scarlet", we should not be afraid to draw close to him. All are welcome to come and see what the Divine Mercy group is all about. Please contact Cathy Keroson for more information at: cathyk148@yahoo.com

Excerpts from God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina (Diary, 309) O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in you!

Welcome Families! to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ~ Join us every Sunday, from 10:15 am to 11:15 am for our handson, interactive sessions. For more information or to register your child(ren) contact Janet Cassidy at : janetcassidy@flintcatholic.org You can also call the church office (810) 235-8574 with any questions.

Upcoming Sacraments at St. Matthew parish — Looking ahead to 2022, will your child/children be in need of First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation? If you have a child who will be ready to receive any of these sacraments within the next year, contact Amanda Williams at (810) 287-7941 or via email at: adwilliamsclan9@gmail.com

#### St. Pius X Prayers for the sick and homebound~

Please pray for the healing of:

Msgr. Richard Groshek, Bishop Mengeling, Kathleen Klein, Bob Esia, Sharon Guza, Judy Lancaster, Ron Henige, Carol LaGrow,

Maggie Espinoza, Betty LaGuire, Hilma Donahue, Harold Horton, Susan Hagen, Dean Preseau, Mary Beth Hardecker, Janet Matuszewski, and Jan Graham

#### May they fully recover to good health.

(Please call the parish office (810) 235-8574 if you or a family member is in need of prayer. Names will be removed after 3 weeks, but can be renewed with a phone call)

#### **Monthly Parish Intention**

As we await the advent of Jesus, Lord teach us to love the things of heaven and not be blinded by the things of the world.



Adoration at St. Matthew's campus— ADORATION On Mondays after the 12:10 pm Mass there is Adoration with Exposition until 7:00 pm. The Sacrament of SACRAMENT Reconciliation will be held from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, and Benediction at 7:00 pm.

Parishioners of St. Pius X and St. Matthew parishes can sign up for an hour or more of Adoration on Mondays. If you would like to sign up, please go to the link: http://TLMflint.org/adoration. Several time slots are open. You may also contact Amanda Williams at: adwilliamsclan9@gmail.com

Vespers will be at 6:30 pm, before Benediction on Mondays. For anyone interested in chanting, please call St. Matthew's parish office (810) 232-0880 for contact information.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! During the month of December, at St. Pius X, a collection will be taken for men's NEW gloves and socks to be donated to the North End Soup Kitchen. We ask that you drop off



any donations to the bin labeled "North End Soup Kitchen" located in the Narthex. This is a very worthy cause, and we appreciate your support! Any questions, please call (810) 965-5224. The last day for drop off will be Saturday, December 18.

#### "And sing the love amazing..."

Certainly, one of the most rough and raw characters of the Bile was Saint John the Baptist, the Fore-Runner of the Lord. Today, we are singing two hymns about the "Fore-Runner of the Lord"—Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling and On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry. In the first hymn, we sing:

> So when love comes forth in judgment, debts and doubts and wrongs to clear, Faithful may He find His servants watching till the dawn appear.

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



Wreaths Across America - 2021 Wreath Placement (WAA)

For those interested in experiencing something wonderful for the people that served our country, mark your

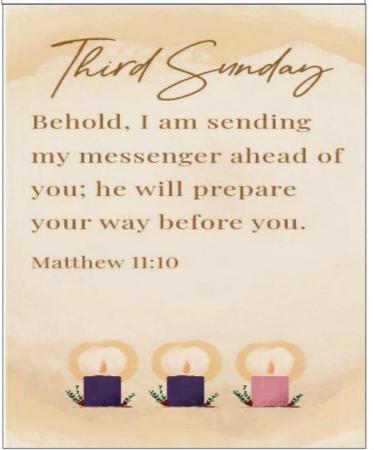
calendars for **next Saturday, December 18, 2021** for the **WAA 2021 Wreath Placement**. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 am with a procession of trucks carrying the wreaths arriving at 11:20 am. The laying of the wreaths will begin shortly thereafter. All volunteer parking will be off-site at Ascension Genesys Hospital located at 1 Genesys Parkway off of Holly Road, just west of the I-75 Holly Rd. exit. Signs will direct you where to park. Busses to the cemetery will begin running at 9:00 am, and the busses will be unloading and picking up at the administration building. For more details, please visit the website at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/WAAGLNC/">https://www.facebook.com/WAAGLNC/</a>

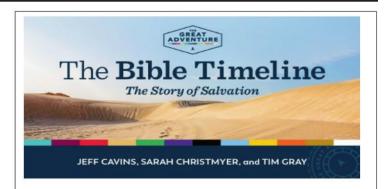


Cookies for the Warming Center at Center for Hope—Thank you!! to all who have donated cookies for the Warming Center at the Center for Hope. It is very much appreciated! You may have heard the opportunity to help serve is not needed at this time. They were very

grateful for our cookies last year, and if you are interested in signing up, the cookie book is in the Narthex.

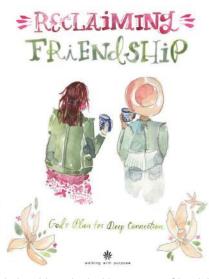
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI—Women's Retreat, January 7-9, 2022; Men's Retreat, January 14-16, 2022. We will be taking a closer look at Matthew Kelly's popular book, "Rediscover Jesus" and rediscovering what we know about Jesus, and how that should impact our lives today. Check in on Friday begins at 5:30 pm with Mass following at 6:30, then dinner. The retreat concludes on Sunday around 11:00 am. The suggested donation for the weekend is \$185. For more information or to register, visit: www.stfrancis.ws or call (517) 669-8321.





St. Matthew parish offers *The Bible Timeline*, a Bible Study by Ascension Press. Join us at our next meeting on Thursday, December 16th from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact Amanda Williams at: <a href="mailto:adwilliamsclan9@gmail.com">adwilliamsclan9@gmail.com</a> or Mike Wilson at: <a href="mailto:rebelblackdot@gmail.com">rebelblackdot@gmail.com</a>

Women of St. Matthew and St. Pius X parishes—Join us on Tuesday evening, December 14 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm for our Interior Freedom study by Jacques Philippe. The thesis to be developed is a simple, but very important one: We gain possession of our interior freedom by connecting to God himself, as we grow in faith, hope and love. Cost of materials is \$17.00. You are also welcome to join us on Wednesday morning, December 15 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am for Endow Faith Study - Salvifici Doloris (Apostolic Letter on the Christian Meaning of Suffering) by St. John Paul II. This apostolic letter invites us to approach the question of why God allows suffering and how we are to understand it and participate in it as a means to our sanctification. Cost of materials is #34.95 plus shipping. If you are interested in joining, or would like more information, please contact Rae Ann at (810) 919-8696.



#### Come Back to Community this Winter at St. Pius X parish

Discover Biblical solutions to life's challenges in our women's Bible study group! This winter we'll delve into the newest Bible study from Walking with Purpose, Reclaiming Friendship: God's Plan for Deep Connection. If you desire lasting and abiding friendships, this is the Bible study for you. Let God reshape how you see and experience intentional

relationships, deal with your past friendship wounds, and become a woman who is capable of the lifelong bond of true friendship. We will meet on Wednesdays starting January 12, 2022 through February 16, 2022 at 10:00 am-11:30 am or 6:30 pm—8:00 pm in the parish center at St. Pius X. For more information and/or to register, contact St. Pius X parish office at (810) 235-85784 or email Janet Cassidy at:

janetcassidy@flintcatholic.org. Books can be purchased at Walking with Purpose online at webpage: www.walkingwithpurpose.com

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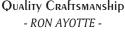


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