# ST. PIUS X AND ST. MATTHEW PARISHES

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# Christ is Born



For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.

They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,

Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:5

St.	Pius X parish
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SUNDAY MÁSSES	•
4:30 p.m. (Sat.); 9	9:00 a.m.
HOLYDAY MASSES	
Consult weekly b	ulletin.
SACRAMENT OF BAPTIS	SM .
Parents must attend a	workshop in preparation for Bantis

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

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (†Mass Intention)

# **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26**

8:00 Confessions 8:30 Morning prayer

9:00 † Tommy Grades by Sandy Grades

10:00 Rosary led by K of C

No Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 10:15

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 27** 

8:00 † Amber Racki by Lise' Dickson

No Divine Mercy 5:30 **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28** 7:40

Rosary (church) † Dorothy Couchman by Gloria Zubek 8:00 Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion (church) 8:30

**WEDNESDAY. DECEMBER 29 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30** 

Adult Choir practice FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, NEW YEAR'S EVE

Parish offices closed

7:00 No Adoration 8:00 No Mass

Christians in the Holy Land

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER

OF GOD, not a holy day this year

3:00 Confessions

† The parishes of St. Pius X and St. Matthew 4:30

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Take Poinsettias home** 

8:00 Confessions 8:30 Morning prayer

9:00 † Julia Partridge by Clara Wylie No Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 10:15

#### St. Matthew parish

PARISH STAFF	
Pastor	Fr. Anthony J. Strouse
Deacon	Michael Dear

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**SUNDAY MASSES** 

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

**HOLYDAY MASSES** 

Consult weekly bulletin.

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St. Matthew campus

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26** 

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

1:30 Confessions

Special intentions of Anne Marie Gorial 3:00

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 27** 

12:10 † Margaret Mary Foley Green by Joseph Green

and Jeanette Mansour

12:30 Adoration

5:30 Confessions; 6:30 Evening prayer

7:00 Benediction **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28** 

12:10 † Patricia Becker by the Runyan family

6:30 No Interior Freedom study

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29** 

10:00 No Endow faith study

Special intentions for Fr. Thomas Firestone by 12:10

Shelby D. Cramer

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30** 

Special intentions for peace in the Middle East by 12:10 Joseph Green and Jeanette Mansour

7:30 No Bible Timeline

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, NEW YEAR'S EVE

Parish offices closed

Special intentions for Fr. Anthony Strouse by 12:10 Shelby D. Cramer

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

† The parishes of St. Matthews and St. Pius X 10:00

10.00 First Saturday Extraordinary Form Mass SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Take Poinsettias home** 

† Mary Stacks by Adella Fairless 11:00

1:30 Confessions

3:00 † Cameron James Hart by the Arcidi family

# Don Antonio's Dispatch...

Merry Christmas! On behalf of the entire staff of St. Pius X and St. Matthew parishes, we wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas. May Christ, the Prince of Peace and Divine Physician, grant us his calm in our hearts and the blessing of good health this Christmas season and in the new year!!

Our parish offices will be closed on Friday, 31 December. Michelle and I will also be moving our offices to St. Matthew during this week, so please be patient with us during the transition. Starting in January, if you need Michelle or I, please contact St. Matthew at 810-232-0880. We will still take food orders at St. Pius X, and I will meet at St. Pius X when necessary.

Please see the below schedule for Masses/confessions/ adoration for this week in the Octave of Christmas. Please note that 1 January, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is <u>not</u> a Holyday of Obligation this year, because it falls on a Saturday:

Monday, 27 December: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Pius X

12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew 12:40 p.m. Adoration at St. Matthew 5:30 p.m. Confessions at St. Matthew 7:00 p.m. Benediction and Reposition at St. Matthew

Tuesday, 28 December: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Pius X

12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew

Wednesday, 29 December: 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Pius X

Saturday, 1 January: 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew

(Extraordinary Form)

3:00 p.m. Confessions at St. Pius X 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Pius X

Here's our Catechism paragraph for the week:

The finding of Jesus in the temple is the only event that breaks the silence of the Gospels about the hidden years of Jesus. Here Jesus lets us catch a glimpse of the mystery of his total consecration to a mission that flows from his divine sonship: "Did you not know that I must be about my Father's work? (Lk. 2:49)" Mary and Joseph did not understand these words, but they accepted them in faith. Mary "kept all these things in her heart" during the years Jesus remained hidden in the silence of an ordinary life. (n. 534)

Holiday Office Hours: The parish offices at St. Pius X and St. Matthew will be closed on Friday, December 31st for the New Year.

# OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION St. Pius X

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Week of:	12/8/2021 Immaculate Conception		12/12/2021		2021-2022 Year-to-Date	
Budgeted income	\$	250.00	\$	7,400.00	\$	177.850.00
Actual income	\$	937.00	\$	8,147.00	\$	198,399.70
Surplus (deficit)	\$	687.00	\$	747.00	\$	20,549.70

#### Lectors for January 1 & 2, St. Pius X

Please refer to the sign-up sheets



Lector for January 2, St. Matthew

Please refer to the sign-up sheets

#### ALTAR CARE, St. Pius X-Team 3

Kathy Hartner, Linda Helmka



#### Readings for December 26

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Psalm 84: 2-3. 5-6. 9-10 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52

#### **Extraordinary Form Readings for December 26**

Galatians 4: 1-7 Psalms 44: 3,2 Luke 2: 33-40



#### 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 office at (810) 232-0880 to make arrangements.

Roses for this week are donated by Joe and Carolyn Witherow in memory of the Deceased members of the Witherow family

May the Peace
of the
Holy Family
be with you
always.



Wishing you a
Merry
Christmas!
Fr. Anthony
and the
parish staff of
St. Matthew
and St. Pius X

#### OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION St. Matthew

Week of:	12/8/2021 Immaculate Conception		12/12/2021		2021-2022 Year-to-Date	
Budgeted income	\$	700.00	\$	5,576.92	\$	134,546.08
Actual income	\$	1,476.00	\$	5,283.00	\$	135,265.94
Surplus (deficit)	\$	776.00	\$	(293.92)	\$	719.86

### Faith Formation at St. Pius X

In the 62<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the Book of Isaiah, Word went out to the people that was both an announcement and a promise:

"No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse."

This is great news, and the declaration that the Lord delights in us and that the land where we serve him is one with him, never goes out of date!

God the Father sent Jesus, opening up eternal life for us, giving us the remedy for sin. If we follow Jesus from his nativity into his adulthood, through his human suffering and his divine sacrifice on the cross, we can be assured that this life is not all there is.

We are loved. This isn't just something we believe, this is a truth beyond all imagining. God has "stationed sentinels" to watch over us day and night until he re-establishes us in his name.

Let all the earth proclaim his holy name! All Glory to God! These are the declarations that you and I can—and should—make today! Our world needs this Good News and God has left us to deliver it.

As we begin this beautiful Christmas Season today, keep your lights twinkling and the joy in your heart great! Keep your eyes on Christ and your focus on faith! Merry Christmas!

> 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 again on Monday, January 10, 2022 in the Parish Center.

#### Merry Christmas! .

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, 576) My daughter, love has brought Me here, and love keeps Me here. My daughter, if you knew what great merit and reward is earned by one act of pure love for Me, you would die of joy.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ~ Join us every Sunday, from 10:15 am to 11:15 am for our hands-on, interactive sessions. For more information or to register your Ren) contact Janet Cassidy at : janetcassidy@flintcatholic.org You can also call the church office (810) 235-8574 with any questions. We'll see you Sunday, January 9, 2022. Merry Christmas!

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, Mary Ward, 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 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.



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! If you are interested in signing up, the cookie book is in the Narthex of St. Pius X church.

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

On the Feast of the Holy Family, we sing the hymn, "Once in Royal David's City." In verse 3, we sing one of the most unique verses in all of hymnody.



And through all His wondrous childhood He would honour and obey,

Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms He lay:

Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as He.

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



Knights of Columbus Rosary at St. Pius X beginning Sunday, December 26th at 10:00 am (after the 9:00 am Mass)— 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).

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: <a href="https://www.stfrancis.ws.gov/www.stfrancis.

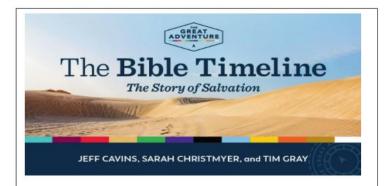


# The Powers Catholic Annual Raffle is running strong.

The Raffle helps to support classroom and facility needs as well as tuition assistance efforts that supplement the true cost to educate Powers Catholic students. Tickets are \$20 each; only 5,000 tickets in total will be sold. The drawing will be held on Friday, February 4, 2022. Participants need not be present to win.

10 CASH PRIZES: Grand Prize: \$10,000 Second Prize: \$5,000 3rd - 10th Prizes: \$500

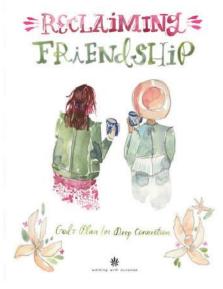
Please call the Powers Advancement Office (810) 591-0100 to purchase your tickets. **You can also stop by St. Pius X and St. Matthew parish offices for tickets.** 



St. Matthew parish offers The Bible Timeline, a Bible Study by Ascension Press. We will meet again beginning Thursday, January 6, 2022. Merry Christmas! 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—Please watch the bulletin for dates in January, 2022 for Interior Freedom study on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Also, Wednesday morning Endow Faith Study will begin again in January, 2022 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Endow Faith Study - Salvific Dolores (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. *Merry Christmas!* 

# 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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