

# ST. PIUS X AND ST. MATTHEW PARISHES

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## Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 6

7:00 pm Latin Ordinary Form Mass of  
the Lord's Supper at **St. Matthew**

with Altar of Repose/Adoration until 11:00 pm

closing with Night Prayer

No Mass at St. Pius X

Good Friday, April 7

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross at **St. Matthew**

3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy at **St. Pius X**

with Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 8

12:00 pm Blessing of Food at **St. Pius X**

9:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass at **St. Matthew**

No Saturday Confessions

No Mass at St. Pius X

Easter Sunday, April 9

Mass 9:00 am at St. Pius X

No Confessions/No Morning Prayer

Mass 11:00 am at St. Matthew

Extraordinary Form Mass 1:30 pm at St. Matthew

No Confessions at St. Matthew





## Don Antonio's Dispatch...

This is the culminating week of the liturgical year. Everything is building this week, and, indeed, throughout the past weeks since Advent began, towards Easter, and everything after Easter will be a *denouement* (to use a literary term), a reflection on that mystery of the Lord's Resurrection. I know that we like to go straight to the celebration, but these days of Holy Week are important in their own right. I invite you to attend and participate in as many of the Masses and liturgies this week as you can. They are listed below, and on the cover, for your convenience:

**Monday of Holy Week:** 8 a.m. at St. Pius X; 12:10 p.m. at St. Matthew; 12:30-7 p.m. Adoration at St. Matthew (Benediction/Reposition at 6:50 p.m.); 5:30-6:30 p.m. Confessions at St. Matthew;

**Tuesday of Holy Week:** 8 a.m. at St. Pius X; 12:10 p.m. at St. Matthew;

**Wednesday of Holy Week** (Spy Wednesday): 12:10 p.m. at St. Matthew;

**Holy Thursday** (Maundy Thursday): 10:30 a.m. Christ Mass at St. Mary Cathedral (Lansing); 7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Matthew (Ordinary Form in Latin);

**Good Friday:** 12: p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Matthew; 3 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord at St. Pius X;

**Holy Saturday:** 12 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food at St. Pius X; 9 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Matthew;

**Easter Sunday:** 9 a.m. Mass at St. Pius X; 11 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew; 1:30 p.m. Extraordinary Form Mass at St. Matthew

Our Lord walked His pilgrimage to Calvary for you. Can you attend the liturgies that enter into that pilgrimage with Him?

**Pontifical Good Friday Collection**—Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity!

**The Altar Society at St. Pius X - Join us** for lunch and Bunco on **Thursday, April 13 at 12:00 noon** in the parish center. Reservations are needed and the cost is \$10. Please **RSVP** by calling Kathy at (810) 955-4885. There were 24 ladies at our last event who enjoyed fun and friendship. We look forward to seeing you. Bring a friend!



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Dear Friends at St. Pius X Catholic Church,

"As we start 2023, I wish you a blessed year and thank you for your generosity and gift of \$140.00 to Catholic Charities North End Soup Kitchen. We understand you have choices regarding who you support. We do not take that responsibility lightly and on behalf of all of the people YOU help us serve each year, let us express our immense gratitude that you chose us. Your contribution will be influential in helping us to continue providing more than 300 meals every day, keep our Warming Center open for area residents to seek shelter..., as well as be a source of light and hope for those who need us on any given day....

With gratitude,

Katie Baxter, President/CEO

## Lectors for April 8 & 9, Easter Sunday, St. Pius X

We will refer to the sign up sheets.



## Lector for April 9, Easter Sunday at St. Matthew

We will refer to the sign up sheets.

Thank you!

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

Pat Fearon, Clara Wylie, Delores Cox



## Readings for April 2, Palm Sunday

Procession with the Palms: Mathew 21: 1-11

**My God, my God,  
why have you  
abandoned me?**

Isaiah 50: 407

Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2: 6-11

Mathew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

## Extraordinary Form Readings for April 2 Palm Sunday in Lent

Philippians 2:5-11

Psalms 72: 24, 1-3

Matthew 26: 36-75; 27: 1-66 or Matthew 27: 45-52

## Monthly Parish Intention

*Jesus, thank you for your redemption. Keep us close as we strive to atone.*



**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. A "Sacrifice of Thanksgiving" is occurring in the Church right now through our contributions to DSA helping to support dozens of ongoing ministries. If you have not made a gift or a pledge, please do so today. Gift envelopes are available in the church pews or the parish office. You may submit your gift online at: [www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal).

This week at **St. Pius X**, we reached **73.5%** of our DSA goal for a combined total of **\$29,280**. Thus far **92 families** have contributed. At **St. Matthew** we reached **54%** for a combined total of **\$17,767.05** and **54 families** have contributed to this year's appeal so far. I am grateful for these contributions and invite others to join me and join together to push us over goal for the benefit of our parish and the wider church.

Fr. Anthony

## St. Matthew and St. Pius X Office Hours:

**St. Pius X 8:30 am - 11:30 am M - F (810) 235-8574;**  
**St. Matthew 8:30 am - 4:30 pm M - F (810) 232-0880**  
Please do not hesitate to call or come in to the offices.

We are happy to see you!

## SCAN FOR QUICK DONATION, THANK YOU!



St. Matthew



St. Pius X

**Faith Formation at St. Pius X**

Today is the day for the "long reading" that often causes little children to squirm. For the in-betweens and the mature members of a congregation, it can be distracting and squirm-inducing as well.

Obviously, if you are unable to stand for the entire reading of the Lord's Passion, as is true for so many who have weak knees or painful backs, remember this: do what your body allows you to do.

The Palm Sunday readings may be long, but they are packed. From the processional reading (with palms) to the gospel narrative, we get to step right into what Jesus did for us. The depth of his loving act on our behalf raises in our hearts a sense of gratitude, wonder and awe. From his Agony in the Garden, to Mary's suffering at the foot of the cross, the pain of our humanity is on full display. In these moments, we can see that we have a Savior who understands us. He took our sin and our suffering upon his own shoulders and we can see the price he paid for bearing the weight of them, for us.

Anyone who has ever suffered, gets it, because suffering is not easy. Our own suffering connects us intimately with Jesus. He gave himself for us. We give ourselves to him. Not because we have to—there's no quid pro quo here—but because our natural response to such a loving act is to love in return. How beautiful it is that we can offer our sufferings for each other, just like he offered his for us!

Jesus loves us with such a radical, unconditional love. When we find the path in our own lives to loving like that, we will enter even more deeply into our relationship with him. As we come to practice it ourselves, we will grow ever closer to him.

**Moving into Holy Week**

This week, particularly the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) are considered our highest holy days. This is it. The time has come. These days carry us right to the side of Christ, which means in order to follow this path, we should do our best to set aside non-essential work and worries and concentrate on him as best we can.

On Good Friday, when we venerate the cross of Jesus, imagine yourself laying all of your worries right there. Just pour them out at the cross and let them go. Prepare yourself by reflecting on whatever is burdening you and ask Jesus to take it, or heal it. Surrender your control over whatever you lay before him.

This beautiful moment we have can be very powerful. Enjoy it. Be grateful for it, but most of all, don't miss it!

Janet Cassidy  
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**The Divine Mercy Apostolate is a Eucharist Apostolate active at St. Pius X. We meet on Mondays in the Parish Center at 6:00 pm. Join us on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the parish center at St. Pius X. Men and women are welcome!**



**Join us** for an hour of Adoration at St. Pius X on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16 at 2:00 pm in the church.** Recitation of the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** will follow at 3:00 pm. All are welcome to celebrate the outpouring of our Lord's Divine Mercy upon us and pray together for his continued grace.

**St. Pius X and St. Matthew Prayers for the sick and homebound~May they fully recover to good health.**

*Please pray for the healing of:*

Msgr. Richard Groshek, Bishop Mengeling, Kathleen Klein, Bob Esia, Sharon Guza, Judy Lancaster, Maggie Espinoza, Betty LaGuire, Harold Horton, Susan Hagen, Mary Ward, Dolores Carter, Glen Thompson, Richard Howald, Deacon Gary Gallagher, Erin Ranville, Dennis Ranville, Josh Lovell, Michelle Kennedy, Freda Hamby, Henry Wartella and Sherry Whiteside

(Please call the parish office (810) 232-0880 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**)


**ADORATION  
of the  
BLESSED  
SACRAMENT**

**Adoration at St. Matthew's** begins after the 12:10 pm Mass with Exposition, Benediction is at 7:00 pm. Evening prayer begins at 6:30 pm following Sacrament of Reconciliation at 5:30 pm.

**Parishioners of St. Pius X and St. Matthew parishes are welcome to sign up for an hour or more of Adoration on Mondays. We have many openings for permanent adorers during Monday Adoration. Please consider signing up.** Visit: <https://stpiusx22.flocknote.com/signup/105825> or email Amanda Williams at: [amandawilliams@flintcatholic.org](mailto:amandawilliams@flintcatholic.org) to sign up.

**Vespers** are 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.


**St. Matthew parish event volunteers - Help!** We

need more volunteers. **Coffee & Donuts** are on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month after the 11:00 am Mass. You can volunteer to bring donuts, set up and clean up. Our **Hot Dog Days of Summer** will start up in the summer and we are looking for 2 or 3 people to assist for this event. On the First Saturday of the month after the Extraordinary Form Mass there is a **potluck breakfast**; volunteers can sign up to help set up and cleanup. Periodically throughout the year there are potluck dinners and volunteers can sign up to bring a dish, help with set up and clean up.



**Thank you** to everyone who supported the Warming Center at Catholic Charities by your donation of cookies! Our weekly donation has come to a close as the Warming Center is preparing to close for the season. You did great work by "feeding the hungry". Your cookie donations were very much appreciated! And, let's not forget to thank Mitch Carroll, who without fail picked up those cookies every week and delivered them to the Center! Thanks, Mitch!

**"And sing the love amazing..."**

"Were You There When They Crucified My Lord" is a beloved Passiontide spiritual that was composed and sung by enslaved African-Americans in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The lyrics and tune were mostly unknown until 1940 when it was included in a major American hymnal. Since then, the spiritual can be found in nearly every Christian hymn book. It is the only African-American song included in the Liturgy of the Hours. The text dwells on the details of the Crucifixion. Though simplistic in words, the theology is orthodox—the effect upon the singer is emotional.



Joseph Dobos, Director of Sacred Music  
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**Knights of Columbus Rosary at St. Pius X**— Please join us on the **last Sunday of each month** to pray the Rosary. The Knights of Columbus will **not** be having their regular monthly Sunday

Rosary in April. **Join us at St. Pius X for our Living Rosary on Sunday, April 30th.**



**Help is needed for our "Easter Church Cleaning"** on **Holy Thursday, April 6 at 9:00 am** until the job is done. Come and stay as long as you can. Bring a bucket and some cleaning cloths. The more hands we have the shorter the time for cleaning. Please help us to make **YOUR** Church look its best this

Easter Season!

# HELP!

**St. Matthew** - If you are interested in helping decorate for the Mass of the Lord's Supper, please call the church office (810) 232-0880. Decorating will **begin at 9:00 am on Holy Thursday, April 6.**

**St. Pius X and St. Matthew churches** - We are in need of **help to decorate** on **Holy Saturday, April 8 at 9:00 am in the church at St. Pius X and St. Matthew for Easter.** More hands mean less work. No experience needed! Please call the church office at St. Matthew (810) 232-0880 if you can help!

## St. Matthew's Spring Bake Sale

—Once again we are calling on all of the talented bakers in our parish to donate delicious treats to our Spring bake sale taking place on **Sunday, April 16**, Divine Mercy Sunday, after both Masses. Proceeds from the bake sale go toward helping offset the many expenses of the parish, including Easter flowers. Donations can be brought to the church basement before each Mass or on Saturday, April 15 during confessions (10:30 am to 11:30 am). You may sign up and see more details by using this link: [www.PerfectPotluck.com/ROAJ0157](http://www.PerfectPotluck.com/ROAJ0157). Thank you for your support!



**Great Flint Catholic Men's Bible study at St. Pius X** - All Catholic men are welcome to attend the Men's bible study group at St. Pius X. We will discuss religious issues and scriptures. Join us for weekly sessions from **6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the parish center at St. Pius X.** Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 5, 2023.**

**Women's Study Group: The Apostles** by Pope Benedict XVI. The book is available online for \$14.95. Join us on **Tuesday evening 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm on April 4.** On **Wednesday mornings 10:00 am to 11:30 am, on April 5.** Please call if you are interested (810) 919-8696.



**Sunday Catechesis for Children at St. Pius X** - We love children and we love to teach our children about Jesus! In our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd sessions on Sunday mornings, children of all ages (Pre-K through 6th grade) learn through hands-on lessons about faith, the church, Mass and many other aspects of Catholicism. Contact Janet at:

[janetcassidy@flintcatholic.org](mailto:janetcassidy@flintcatholic.org) or call the parish office at St. Pius X for more information (810) 235-8574. All sessions are free.

**Disciple Maker Index Survey at St. Pius X and St. Matthew** - Thank you to the over 100 St. Matthew parishioners who have filled out the survey so far. St. Pius X has reached a total of 98 surveys completed (49%) of their goal of 200! The survey is closed.

*Thank you for helping with this important project!*

**Food Pantry at St. Pius X** - The St. Pius X Food Pantry is in need of the following: Jellies or Jams, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Soups and Disposable Razors. **Please note NO GLASS CONTAINERS!** We are currently **over-stocked** on: Bathroom tissue, vegetables and deodorant. The Food Pantry appreciates all you do to help with people in need. Thank you for your generosity.

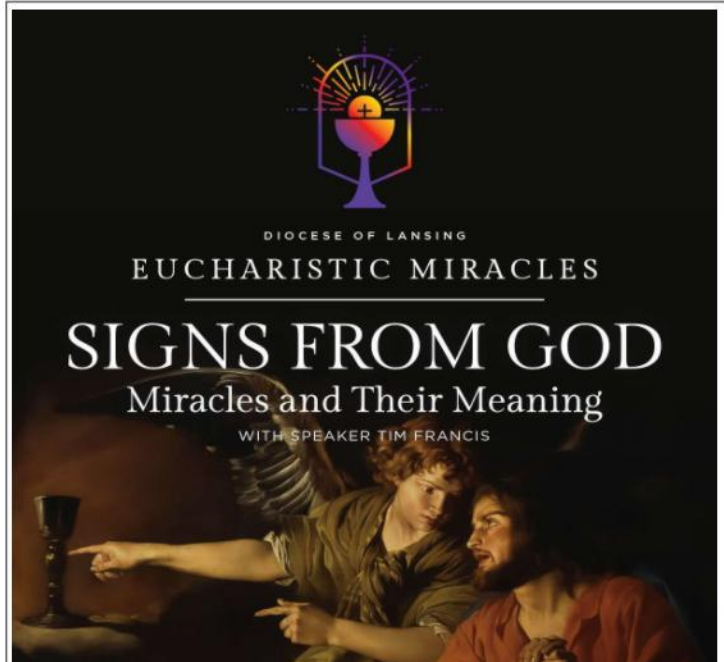
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**Wednesday, April 5 at 10:00 am at St. Pius X parish center.** For more information contact Janet Cassidy at: [janetcassidy@flintcatholic.org](mailto:janetcassidy@flintcatholic.org) or call the parish office (810) 235-8574. To order your book, "Opening Your Heart", please visit Walking with Purpose online at: [www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com). Class ends on April 5.



**Eucharistic Miracles at Powers Catholic High School** - On **Friday, April 21, 2023.** Doors open at 5:00 pm (concessions available). A self-guided Eucharistic Miracles tour will be from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. There will be a two-part presentation with a break and Burning Bush/Adoration will follow with closing remarks.

**A Full display of Eucharistic Miracles & Shroud of Turin will be available for viewing.** (see flyer in the church)



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