ST. PIUS X AND ST. MATTHEW PARISHES

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Again, [amen,] I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

Matthew 18:19

St. Pius X parish

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Director of Sacred Music.....Joseph Dobos

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SUNDAY MASSES

4:30 p.m. (Sat.)

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 3:30 to 4:00 p.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 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(†Mass Intention)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00 † Norm Hamelin by Karen Downs 1:00 Altar Society meeting (parish center) 6:00 Divine Mercy group (parish center)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 7:40 Rosary (church)

8:00 † Tommy Grades by Mom

8:30 Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion (church)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

6:30 Greater Flint Men's Catholic group (parish center)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 North End Soup Kitchen, Stewart Ave (team 1)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10:00 Victorious Missionaries (parish center)

3:30 No Confessions

4:30 † Patrick Matlock by Peadar and Paula Hogan

St. Matthew parish

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SUNDAY MÁSSES

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

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Mondays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Saturdays 10:30 a.m.

Sundays 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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The Weekly Calendar

St. Matthew

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Traditional Latin Mass: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

(†Mass Intention)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

11:00 † Judy Lancaster by Pam Jenkins

1:30 Confessions

3:00 † The parishes of St. Matthew and St. Pius X

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

12:10 † Dennis Kertesz by Richard Jobbagy

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

12:10 † Lorraine Meagher by Greg and Karen Meagher 6:30 Athirst for the Spirit women's study (Grand Blanc)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:00 Interior Freedom study (Grand Blanc)

12:10 † Robert Dailey by Pat Dailey

6:30 Confirmation prep

7:00 The Bible and Church Fathers study

(church basement)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

12:10 † Joe Green by Betty Noonan

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 10:30 No Confessions

Don Antonio's Dispatch...

Thursday the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. As I preached on Labor Day weekend, we all too easily sanitize the cross and fail to recognize just how horrible it was at the time of Christ. But at the same time, the Cross is the great instrument of our salvation, the altar upon which Christ, the unblemished Lamb of God was sacrificed. And so the cross is our hope, and we can save "Ave crux, spes unica" / "Hail cross, our only hope." May the crosses in our home and the crosses on chains around our neck always remind us of the only One who truly gives us hope, and the means by which that hope was attained.

Next weekend I'll be at my annual Investiture Weekend of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. It will be in Fort Wayne this year. Please pray for peace in the Holy Land, and for all the Knights and Dames who pray for and promote that peace by their service to the Christians in the Holy Land.

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

The *fruits* of charity are joy, peace, and mercy; charity demands beneficence and fraternal correction; it is benevolence; it fosters reciprocity and remains disinterested and generous; it is friendship and communion:

"Love is itself the fulfillment of all our works. There is the goal; that is why we run: we run toward it, and once we reach it, in it we shall find rest (St. Augustine of Hippo)." (n. 1829)



Q & A w/ Father A, where Fr. Anthony answers questions from the children of the parish. At VBS the children had many questions for Fr. Anthony. **Q & A with Father A** gives the children an opportunity to ask Fr. Anthony questions.

Q: Can you cast out demons?

Fr. Anthony: Kinda, yes. While major exorcisms are reserved for a priest chosen by the bishop, during each baptism (ordinary and extraordinary forms) I ask God to cast out anything evil in the person.

If your child has a question for Fr. Anthony, write it out and place it in the collection basket at Mass.

St. Pius X Weekly Collection		
Week of:		9/3/2023
Anticipated income	\$	4,500.00
Actual income	\$	5,889.00
Over (under)	\$	1,389.00

Lector for September 16, St. Pius X

4:30 J Love

Lector for September 17, St. Matthew

11:00 A Wilberding



ALTAR CARE, St. Pius X-Team 4

Karen Downs, Kathy Vickrey, Mary Britt and substitute, Lin Dibble



Readings for September 10 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Ezekiel 33: 7-9 Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Romans 13: 8-10 Matthew 18: 15-20

Extraordinary Form Readings for September 10 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Galatians 5: 25, 26; 6: 1-10 Psalms 91: 2,3 Luke 7: 11-16

Monthly Parish Intention

Lord, with your watchful care, heal me in your embrace. In you, I find my joy.

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 to celebrate a special occasion. The offering is \$20 or \$60 for all three altars of

St. Therese, St. Mary and St. Joseph. Please call or visit the church office (810) 232-0880 to make arrangements.

Roses for this week are in appreciation of our Pastor, Fr. Anthony Strouse

<u>NOTE:</u> St. Pius X will be ending their *RaiseRight* gift card program as of **September 30, 2023**. The last day to order cards is **Friday, September 22nd by 12:00 Noon**. Thank you for your support and participation over the years!



Gina Davies, Gift Card Coordinator



Altar flowers for this weekend at St. Pius X are donated by Karen Downs in memory of Jo Ann Finnell

St. Matthew Weekly Collection			
Week of:	9/3/2023		
Anticipated income	\$	6,013.46	
Actual income	\$	5,868.00	
Over (under)	\$	(145.46)	

Join us on Monday, September 11, 2023!

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. We will meet for the Fall beginning on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Men and women are welcome!





CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE INTERNATIONAL'S

ST. PIO FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

WITH BISHOP BOYEA SEPTEMBER 22, 2023, 5:00 PM MASS, PROGRAM, & RECEPTION

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH | BRIGHTON EGISTER: www.CHI-USA.com/st-pio-feast-day

Join us as we celebrate St. Pio's Feast Day on Friday, September 22, 2023 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Brighton, MI in the beautiful Serenity Court (weather permitting) with the reception in the Church activity center. Exciting news will be shared about the medical school, the hospital and the Saint Padre Pio Prayer Campus. Bishop Boyea will celebrate Mass at 5:00 pm. You can register at: www.CHI-USA.com/st-pio-feast-day

Fall 2023-24 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Pius X -

All parents and grandparents at St. Pius X and St. Matthew parishes, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Pre-K through Kindergarten; Level 2 for 1st - 3rd grade and Faith Explorers for 4th through 6th grade begins at St. Pius X on September 17, 2023. We will meet in the St. Pius X school building on **Sundays at** 9:15 am. Please register your child(ren) or grandchild(ren) at the St. Pius X parish website: spxparish.com, click on Faith Formation and sign up under "Sunday children's registration". All sessions are free of charge. Contact Cathy Keroson at cathyk148@yahoo.com or call (810) 730-6791 with any questions. If your child/children were in the program last year, please register again. Come and join our group of wonderful children, parents and grandparents!

"And sing the love amazing..."

Singers are needed for the Latin Mass.

If the propers—Introit, Gradual, Offertory, Communion—are not sung, there cannot be a "missa cantata." We need more singers! At the 3:00 p.m. Latin Mass, we often have, at the most, two to three singers. Jack and Anna-many of you know- have sung at the Latin Mass for over a few years. Faithfully, they come every Sunday to sing praise to God. To do this requires talent, yes! But it also takes courage. God bless them! We also recruit cantor Joe from the 11:00 a.m. Mass who provides strong support. However, we can't expect singers to be here every Sunday. They need a break, too. There will be some Sundays in September where we will be down to one singer—one singer in a church that is one-half football field long. If you have a good voice that can match pitch and blend, you can learn to sing the chants. We practice in the basement at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please contact me if you would like to join us. Just as important, pray for the musicians who sing the Mass.

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

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:



Bishop Mengeling, Bob Esia, Sharon Guza, Maggie Espinoza, Betty LaGuire, Susan Hagen, Mary Ward, Dolores Carter, Glen Thompson, Deacon Gary Gallagher, Erin Ranville, Dennis Ranville, Josh Lovell, Michelle Kennedy, Freda Hamby, Henry Wartella, Sherry Whiteside, and Samantha Wright

(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)

Sacraments & Faith Formation Updates

Confirmation

Confirmation prep has started! It is not required that your child attend the confirmation prep we offer, but I encourage you to consider this class. It will give candidates an excellent opportunity to have conversations about their faith with their peers. Classes are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

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 at St. Matthew to get the process started. If you believe your child is ready, but they have not gone through any First Communion prep, please call us and we can help you with finding the resources that you need.

Adult Formation

We are currently working through the Bible and the Church Fathers study, and we are learning so much. If you are interested in joining us, you still can and you will have no problems jumping right in. A few years ago we offered The Bible Timeline study, and it was very well received. Many have commented on how it has helped open their eyes and minds to what the Bible is all about. We will be offering this study again this Fall beginning October 12. (See information in the bulletin)

Amanda Williams Director of Faith Formation St. Matthew Catholic Church - Flint



Adoration at St. Matthew's begins after ADORATION the 12:10 pm Mass with Exposition, Benediction is at 7:00 pm. Evening prayer begins at 6:30 pm following SACRAMENT 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 adorers during Monday Adoration especially time slots from 1-2pm; 3-4 pm; 3:30-4:30pm; and 5-6 pm. Please consider signing up. Visit: https://stpiusx22.flocknote.com/signup/105825 or email Amanda Williams at: 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.





Trivia Night at St. Matthew

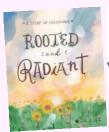
Our next Trivia Night is going to be held on **Saturday**, **September 30**, **2023 at 6:00 pm** in the St. Matthew Field House. **Cost is \$5 per person**. Join us for fun, faith and fellowship. You do not need a whole team, come as you are and connect with new friends. Sloppy Joes, chips and water will be available.

PLEASE HELP RE-STOCK OUR FOOD PANTRY at St. Pius X!!!

Thank you for your continuing generosity to St. Pius X parish food pantry. <u>Below are needed items</u>. There is a box in the church entrance labeled "SPX Food Pantry". Thank you for all you do to make our community a better place to live.

Dry cereal (adult and children) Fruit juice (no glass bottles, Canned vegetables (no carrots) please)
Bread (please leave outside of donation box)

Greater Flint Catholic Men's Group at St. Pius X will return beginning on Wednesday, September 13th - Are you looking for a Catholic men's group that is faith-based which can help you apply scripture to your daily life? We have just the group for you! The Greater Flint Catholic Men's Group meets every Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the parish center at St. Pius X parish. All are welcome. Men from a variety of local, Catholic churches gather for great discussions. Bring a friend! They would love to meet you. Our meetings start Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Any questions, please call Jack at (810) 938-2778.





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recognizing that they are remarkably similar to our own challenges today. In a world increasingly plagued with confusion and chaos, you are invited to encounter the God of clarity and peace. Let Christ reveal Himself to you as He truly is and transform you into the woman that our world so desperately needs.

Sessions start on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 through October 25, 2023 at 10:00 am at the home of Lynn Francis. This is a 6-week program. Please contact for more information and/or registration, Lynn Francis (810) 730-3671; email: margy802@att.net or Mary Beth Leet (810) 241-9812. To order your book, *Rooted and Radiant*, please visit Walking with Purpose online at www.walkingwithpurpose.com. You were never meant to journey alone. God is inviting you to draw near to Him, and the women of our parish are waiting for you! Let's journey together.

St. Matthew and St. Pius X Office Hours: St. Pius X: Please call St. Matthew offices; St. Matthew 8:30 am - 4:30 pm M - F (810) 232-0880

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St. Matthew



St. Pius X

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

The Bible and the Church Fathers - Embrace the Faith of our Fathers! Meet the Great Fathers of our Church; see why the ancient faith is the Catholic Faith; learn how the fathers approached Scripture. Join us on Wednesday, September 13, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the St. Matthew fieldhouse. A workbook is available, but not required, for \$20. Follow the link online, call the parish office or email: amandawilliams@flintcatholic.org to register!



Ladies of the parish - Join our Wednesday morning *Interior Freedom* study by Jacques Phillipe on Sepember 13 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. 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.

Our Tuesday evening study group, *Athirst for the Spirit*, Biblical Wisdom for Desert Times, by Nina Sophie Heereman, includes seven essays which will explain what the Bible teaches about the meaning of gender - in particular, the Spirit-bearing mission of woman - and how we are to journey through the desert of life. The book is available on Amazon and Emmaus Press for \$24.95. Join us **Tuesday evening, September 12 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**. Both meetings are at the home of Rae Ann Houbeck, Grand Blanc. Please call if you are interested (810) 919-8696.

The Bible Timeline Study at St. Matthew starts October 12



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.

Presenter, Jeff Cavins, shows you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understand the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. In this revolutionary approach to

Bible study, The Bible Timeline divides the Bible into twelve color-coded time periods that make it easier to follow its narrative thread. Using a unique color-coded chart, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

St. Matthew will offer The Bible Timeline beginning on October 12th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Participants will continue to meet on Thursdays to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. A workbook is needed to fully follow along with this program—the cost of the workbook is \$40. Please register at www.stmatthewflint.org/bibletimeline.

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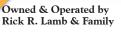
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