

ST. PIUS X AND ST. MATTHEW PARISHES

St. Pius X campus
G-3139 Hogarth Avenue
Flint, MI 48532

St. Matthew campus
701 Church Street
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Matthew 20:15-16

St. Pius X parish**PARISH STAFF**

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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****25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

(†Mass Intention)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:15 Sunday Children's Catechesis (classrooms)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00 † Lawrence LaPorte by Sandy Grades

6:00 Divine Mercy group (parish center)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, Convocation

7:40 No Rosary (church)

8:00 No Mass

8:30 No Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion (church)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10:00 Walk with Purpose (Flushing, MI)

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

12:00 Altar Society Bunco/luncheon (parish center)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

3:30 Confessions

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

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

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St. Matthew



St. Pius X

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SUNDAY MASSES

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

HOLYDAY MASSES

Consult weekly bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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 Call the office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)

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

Sundays 1:30 to 2:30 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

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BULLETIN DEADLINE Monday, 10:00 am written or via email

*The Weekly Calendar***St. Matthew****External Solemnity of St. Matthew****Traditional Latin Mass: External Solemnity of St. Matthew**

(†Mass Intention)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, St. Matthew

11:00 † David Bolinger by the Hart family

12:00 Light reception (fieldhouse)

1:30 Confessions

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

4:30 Potluck dinner (fieldhouse)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

12:10 † Robert Bartley by Pat Dailey

12:30 Adoration

5:30 No Confessions

6:30 Evening prayer

7:00 Benediction

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, Convocation

12:10 Daytime Prayer

6:30 *Athirst for the Spirit* women's study (Grand Blanc)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10:00 Interior Freedom study (Grand Blanc)

12:10 Daytime Prayer

6:30 Confirmation prep (church basement)

7:00 The Bible and Church Fathers study (fieldhouse)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

12:10 † Robert and Valeria Bartley by Pat Dailey

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

10:30 Confessions

11:45 Current Lector Refresher (church)

12:30 New Lector Training (church)

6:00 Trivia Night (fieldhouse)

Don Antonio's Dispatch...

This weekend St. Matthew celebrates its parish patron. The Masses on Sunday will come from St. Matthew, not from the usual week in Ordinary Time (like St. Pius X will experience this weekend). St. Matthew is a great example of following the Lord when He calls us.

This week the priests of the Diocese of Lansing will be on Convocation. This is a time of fraternity, where we strengthen our bonds as priests, but also of formation, where we learn how to continue to grow in the virtues as priests. We will have Mass and Adoration on Monday, but there will be no Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday. I will work on having some prayer led by a deacon or a layperson (like Daytime Prayer and/or the Rosary). Please pray for us priests during this week!

Friday, 29 September, besides being the Feast of the Holy Archangels Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, is also the anniversary of the establishment of St. Matthew parish. In 1911 St. Matthew parish was created to serve the growing Catholic population of Flint. Through ups and downs we have witnessed to the truth and love of the Gospel for 112 years. Here's to another 112 years of growing in our faith and sharing that faith with others!

Remember, lectors who want to continue as well as parishioners who want to be lectors need to be present for our refresher or training on Saturday after our Saturday confessions. I appreciate all those who volunteer in this important ministry.

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

The economy of law and grace turns men's hearts away from avarice and envy. It initiates them into desire for the Sovereign Good; it instructs them in the desires of the Holy Spirit who satisfies man's heart.

The God of the promises always warned man against seduction by what from the beginning has seemed "good for food...a delight to the eyes...to be desired to make one wise (Gen. 3:6)." (n. 2541)



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: Have you witnessed a miracle?

Fr. Anthony: I get to witness the miracle of the Eucharist each time I celebrate Mass. I have also seen people who were prayed over have a miraculous healing (though it wasn't known for a few weeks).

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:	9/17/2023
Anticipated income	\$ 4,500.00
Actual income	\$ 4,581.00
Over (under)	\$ 81.00

Lector for September 30, St. Pius X

4:30 K Downs

Lector for October 1, St. Matthew

11:00 K Gubert

**ALTAR CARE, St. Pius X-Team 2**

Ramona Ranville, Mary Hyde,
Leslie Keil, Rose Mary Gorke

**Readings for September 24
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Lord is near to
all who call upon Him,** Isaiah 55: 6-9
Psalm 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1:23c-24, 27a
Matthew 20: 1-16a

**Readings for September 24
External Solemnity of St. Matthew**

Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13
Psalm 84: 3, 4, 5, & 10, 11
1 Corinthians 15: 1-8
Matthew 9: 9-13

**Extraordinary Form Readings for September 24
External Solemnity of St. Matthew**

Ezekiel 1: 10-14
Psalms 111: 1-2
Matthew 9: 9-13

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 weekend are donated by Pat Dailey
in memory of Robert and Valeria Bartley**



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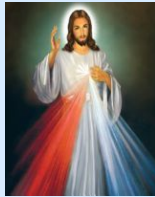
Wednesday, September 27th –
Sunday, November 5th
Daily at 3371 Beecher Road
Flint, MI Details at
www.40daysforlife.com/en/flint

or contact Sue Boyd at (616) 802-8020
Email: Flint40days@yahoo.com

St. Matthew Weekly Collection

Week of:	9/17/2023
Anticipated income	\$ 6,013.46
Actual income	\$ 5,000.76
Over (under)	\$ (1,012.70)

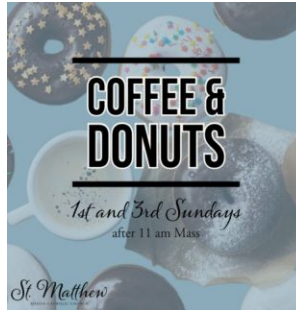
The Divine Mercy Apostolate is a Eucharist Apostolate active at St. Pius X. We meet on Mondays in the parish center at 6:00 pm.
Our next meeting is on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm.
Men and women are welcome!



Sunday Catechesis for Children at St. Pius X is **every Sunday** (unless noted). Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is offered for children Pre-K through Kindergarten; Level 2 for 1st - 3rd grade and Faith Explorers for 4th through 6th grade. We will meet in the St. Pius X school building on **Sundays at 9:15 am**. Please register your child or grandchild (if you have not done so) 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. Come and join our group of wonderful children, parents and grandparents!



Join us in the St. Matthew parish basement for refreshments and fellowship after Mass every 1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month! If you are interested in signing up to bring donuts, please sign up using the volunteer sign-up found online or call the church office!
Sign up to bring donuts **October 1st / October 15th**. Signing up is a one-time commitment.



St. Matthew Parishioners - Being a lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) is a temporary permission granted to laypeople that must be renewed each two years. Both are important ministries in the church and assist for the reverent worship of God at Mass and EMHCs also help bring Christ to others in the Eucharist. Those who were trained two years ago, will need to go through a refresher if they wish to continue in these ministries.

For those who are interested, but have not yet been trained, there will also be training. Lectors will be able to read at Sunday/Holyday Masses (men and women) and weekday Masses (men, only, since it also can involve serving). EMHCs help distribute the Body and Blood of Christ when there are not enough Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (deacons or instituted acolytes) present at Sunday and Holyday Masses.

Please attend the appropriate refresher or training. Those who do not go through the refresher and who do not make other arrangements with Fr. Anthony, will no longer be able to assist in the respective ministries.

Take Note:

Current Lector Refresher: Saturday, Sept 30 at 11:45 am in the church

New Lector Training: Saturday, Sept 30 at 12:30 pm in the church

Current EMHC Refresher: Saturday, October 14 at 11:45 am in the church

New EMHC Training: Saturday, October 14 at 12:30 pm in the church

St. Pius X Parishioners - Due to the uncertain future of St. Pius X parish, those who have been trained in the past two years will be able to continue to serve in the ministries. If that changes, and a refresher/training is needed, it will be scheduled in the future.

Thank you!

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:

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 - St. Matthew

Confirmation - Confirmation prep has begun! If your child is needing confirmation prep, it is not too late to join the class. Call the office and get him/her signed up! **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 to get the process started. If you believe your child is ready, but has not gone through any First Communion prep, call us and we can help you with finding the resources that you need.

Adult Formation - We have a few options for new studies that will begin in October. 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 are offering this study again on **Thursday nights starting October 12**. We will also be starting a study on the *Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle For You* where we will learn about Mary from apparitions. This study will be on **Wednesday evenings starting October 18**. Learn more about these studies and more at www.stmatthewflint.com/bible-studies.

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

"And sing the love amazing..."



"...and sing the love amazing..." [There aren't too many hymns about Saint Matthew. This hymn can be sung to the tune of, "God, We Praise You; God, We Bless You"]

1. At the entry to the city at Capernaüm of old, the inspector, tax collector, counted out his Roman gold. *Holy Matthew saw the glory of Christ Jesus and his fame, Told the Good News of His story: help us, LORD, to do the same.*
2. As he sat, receiving custom, came that man of Galilee, soft, demanding, firm, commanding "Matthew, rise and follow me" *Holy Matthew...*
3. Matthew answered, unresisting to that sweet compelling voice. *Marveled greatly – sinner lately, yet the Master's blessed choice! Holy Matthew...*
4. Lord, we thank you that Saint Matthew your true follower became.

And remember, each September, in this church that bears his name. *Holy Matthew...*

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



St. Matthew
TRIVIA NIGHT
SEPT 30 | 6 PM | \$5/PERSON

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.

Greater Flint Catholic Men's Group at St. Pius X - 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. **Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 27, 2023.** Any questions, please call Jack at (810) 938-2778.

St. Pius X Altar Society is having another Luncheon/Bunco on **Thursday, September 28 at 12:00 Noon** in the parish center at St. Pius X. The cost for lunch and Bunco is \$10.00. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling or texting Kathy at (810) 655-8762. **RSVP deadline is on Monday, September 25.** Come and enjoy fun and fellowship!



ATTENTION WOMEN Ladies of the parish - Join our **Wednesday morning Interior Freedom** study by Jacques Phillipe on **September 27 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.** We gain possession of our interior freedom by connecting to God himself, as we grow in faith, hope and love.

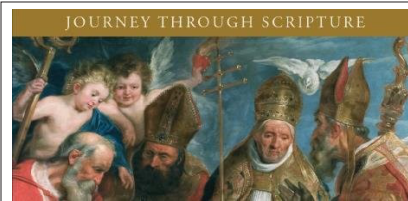
Our Tuesday evening study group, **Athirst for the Spirit**, Biblical Wisdom for Desert Times, by Nina Sophie Heereman. The book is available on Amazon and Emmaus Press for \$24.95. Join us **Tuesday evening, September 26 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.** Both meetings are at the home of Rae Ann Houbeck, Grand Blanc. Please call if you are interested (810) 919-8696.



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Join us on Wednesday, September 27, 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: lmargy802@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. Let's journey together.

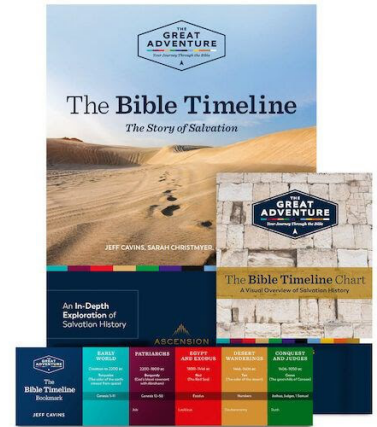


The Bible and the Church Fathers - Embrace the Faith of our Fathers! Join us **Wednesday, Sept 27 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** in St. Matthew fieldhouse. email:

amandawilliams@flintcatholic.org to register!

The Bible Timeline Study at St. Matthew 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.



Queen of Heaven Study -

She is history's most famous woman. Those who come to her at their hour of need are welcomed with a mother's love,

compassion and care. She is gentleness itself to all who turn to her, save one: To Lucifer, the devil, she is an implacable foe. Queen of Heaven is an encounter with Mary as you have never had before. Accompany Mary from her Immaculate Conception through her Assumption and beyond. Join her as she defends Christendom at Lepato, frees a captive people at Guadalupe and heals a broken nation at Lourdes. Listen to her at Fatima as she predicts the rise of Communism - and watch as she defeats it through her beloved Pope. The **8-session study on the Queen of Heaven** will be offered at St. Matthew **beginning October 18 from 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm.** Participants will continue to meet on Wednesdays to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. There is a workbook needed to follow along fully with this program, the cost is \$30. The workbook can be picked up and paid for at the parish office. We will contact you when they are available.

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