

# ST. PIUS X AND ST. MATTHEW PARISHES

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

St. Matthew campus  
701 Church Street  
Flint, MI 48502



## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;  
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

*Matthew 23:12*

**St. Pius X parish****PARISH STAFF**

**Pastor** .....Fr. Anthony J. Strouse  
**Secretary** .....Susana Pettigrew  
**Deacon** .....Dave Jansen  
**Deacon** .....Mark Danaho  
**Bookkeeper** .....Allison Gonser  
**Director of Sacred Music** .....Joseph Dobos

**PARISH PHONE NUMBERS**

Parish Office .....235-8574  
 Powers Catholic High School .....591-4741  
 E-Mail .....susanapettigrew@flintcatholic.org  
 Prayer Warrior Ministry .....235-8574

**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

**St. Matthew parish****PARISH STAFF**

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

11:00 a.m.; 1:00 p.m. Extraordinary Form Mass

**HOLYDAY MASSES**

Consult weekly bulletin.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)**

Mondays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Saturdays 10:30 a.m.  
 Sundays 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

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**BULLETIN DEADLINE** Monday, 10:00 am written or via email*The Weekly Calendar***St. Pius X****31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

(†Mass Intention)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

9:15 Sunday Children's Catechesis (classrooms)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

8:00 † Kevin Gerstenberger by John and Marlene  
 Wojciechowski

1:00 Altar Society meeting (parish center)

6:00 Divine Mercy group (parish center)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

7:40 Rosary (church)

8:00 Intentions of Clara Wylie

8:30 Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion (church)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9****FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

9:00 Carmelites Mass (church)

10:00 Carmelites meeting (parish center)

3:30 Confessions

4:30 † Fred and Agnes Carroll by the family  
 (wedding anniversary remembrance)

*The Weekly Calendar***St. Matthew****31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Traditional Latin Mass: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

(†Mass Intention)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

11:00 † Ethel McCabe by Patrick McCabe

12:00 Coffee and donuts (church basement)

1:00 † Judith LaPlume by Anne Schmitt

2:30 Confessions

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

12:10 (no intention)

12:30 Adoration

5:30 Confessions

6:30 Evening prayer

7:00 Benediction

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

12:10 † Michael Carrigan by Mary Ashley

6:30 No *Athirst for the Spirit* women's study

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

10:00 No *Athirst for the Spirit* women's study

12:10 † Darlene Carpenter by Pat Dailey

6:30 Confirmation prep (church basement)

6:45 Queen of Heaven study (fieldhouse)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

6:30 The Bible Timeline (fieldhouse)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

12:10 Intentions of Jeanette Mansour & children and

† Joseph E. Green by Carol Macksood Nakfoor

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

10:30 Confessions

6:00 Volunteer Appreciation dinner

**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



**Don Antonio's Dispatch...**

Here we are in November! Once November starts, I feel like time speeds up until we arrive at the beginning of the new year. In the midst of this fast-paced time of year, may we make sure that we carve out time for God through daily prayer and adoration (when possible, especially on Mondays when we offer it). Even simply making the sign of the cross as you begin your day at work or a new task at home can sanctify that time.

Thursday the Church celebrates the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Papal Basilica of St. John Lateran, the pope's cathedral in Rome. It's a great day to renew our commitment to the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church which subsists in the Catholic Church, governed by the successor of St. Peter and the college of bishops.

Saturday is Veteran's Day, and though our veterans deserve more than just one day, it is fitting that we honor them. Without men and women putting their lives on hold by serving our country in the military, we would not be secure and safe with the freedoms we are so used to enjoying. God bless you, veterans, and the invaluable service you are providing or have provided for the United States of America!

Saturday we will also honor our volunteers at St. Matthew. We are still a small parish (though growing!), and while families give what they can in our offertory, we rely on many volunteers to do what larger parishes have staff members do. From leading a Bible study, to helping to clean our church, to bringing the Eucharist to those who cannot be with us on Sundays, to ushers, and many others, volunteers make our parish function. Thank you, volunteers, for the stewardship of your time and talent for the good of our beloved parish!

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

"Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God (St. John Damascene)." But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths (Ps. 130:1)" of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted; *humility* is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought (Rom. 8:26)," are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God (St. Augustine of Hippo)." (n. 2559)



**St. Pius X parish Poinsettias in honor/ memory of—**Acknowledge your loved ones with a gift of flowers to help beautify the church this Christmas season. You will be able to take your flower(s) home on January 6, 2024. **All orders must be received by Monday, November 13. Order forms are also available in the church office.** Thank you!

The Altar Society at St. Pius X will hold their monthly meeting on **Monday, November 6 at 1:00 pm** in the parish center. All women of the parishes are welcome. A short business meeting will be held.

**St. Pius X Weekly Collection**

Week of:	10/29/2023
Anticipated income	\$ 4,500.00
Actual income	\$ 4,253.33
Over (under)	\$ (246.67)

**Lector for November 11, St. Pius X**

4:30 S Rozboril

**Lector for November 12, St. Matthew**

11:00 J Henry

**ALTAR CARE, St. Pius X-Team 4**

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

**Readings for November 5  
31st Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**In you, Lord, I have found my peace.** Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10  
Psalm 131:1, 2, 3  
1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13  
Matthew 23: 1-12

**Extraordinary Form Readings for November 5  
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

Philippians 3: 17-21; 4: 1-3  
Psalms 43: 8-9  
Matthew 9: 18-26

**Monthly Parish Intention**

*Lord, with gratitude for your kindness, open our hearts to have loving concern for all.*

**St. Matthew parish Roses**

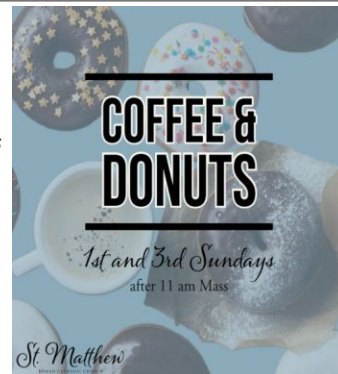
Offering the roses for St. Therese at St. Matthew's Church is a wonderful way to honor the memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. The offering is \$20 or \$60 for all three altars of St. Therese, St. Mary and St. Joseph. Please call or visit the church office (810) 232-0880 to make arrangements.

**Join us** in the St. Matthew parish basement for refreshments and fellowship after Mass every 1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month!

**Join us after the 11:00 am Mass  
Sunday, November 5**

Sign up to bring donuts on the third Sunday of the month, **Nov 19.**

Signing up is a one-time commitment. Use the volunteer sign up online or call the parish office.



Altar flowers for this weekend at St. Pius X are donated by Clarinda Duterte in memory of the Deceased Members of the Duterte and Soriano families.

**St. Matthew Weekly Collection**

Week of:	10/29/2023
Anticipated income	\$ 6,013.46
Actual income	\$ 5,717.05
Over (under)	\$ (296.41)

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, November 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm.**  
*Men and women are welcome!*



**Sunday Catechesis for Children at St. Pius X** is **every Sunday at 9:15 am** (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. Contact Cathy Keroson at [cathyk148@yahoo.com](mailto:cathyk148@yahoo.com) or call (810) 730-6791 with any questions. Come and join our group of wonderful children, parents and grandparents!



**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. Men from a variety of local, Catholic churches gather for great discussions. **Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 8, 2023.** Any questions, contact Sean (231) 350-3620 or Jack at (810) 938-2778.

**To the parishioners of St. Matthew and St. Pius X:**

*Thank You!*

Dear Fr. Strouse,

Hello, I hope you are doing well! I just wanted to briefly let you know how I am doing here at seminary. I am doing well and really enjoy it here. Classes are great and the professors we have are really good. It's taken some getting used to but

for the most part living with 90 other guys is quite enjoyable. There is never a dull moment. We are very blessed to have holy priests here as well, the formation and spiritual direction is very helpful in the growth of both my spiritual and temporal life. The check from the cook-off arrived at my house as you probably already know, and I wanted to express my gratitude for that.

Thank you very much for all of your support and that of the faculty and parishioners of St. Matthew's and St. Pius X parishes. I am extremely grateful and humbled at the generosity of all those who have devoted their time, money, and prayers to support me in following this call from God. It brings to me a deeper appreciation and realization of the power of God's goodness working through others. You and all of the parishioners are in my prayers, God bless!

In Christ, Joseph Wilberding

Dear Fr. Strouse,

Thank you so much for your incredible generosity! The money that you have raised for my sake has helped me to afford this year in formation at St. John Vianney (SJV). I thank God for you all! I ask that you pray for me as I discern my vocation. Know of my prayers for all of you!

God Bless, Glen Hart

"Then they cried to God; and from their cry, as though from a tiny spring, there came a great river, with abundant water." Esther 11:10



**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, Samantha Wright, Maxine Sharon and Nicole Sarriko

(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** - 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 have begun at St. Matthew. *The Bible Timeline* study is on **Thursday nights**. A study on the *Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle For You* where we will learn about Mary from apparitions is on **Wednesday evenings**.

Learn more about these studies and more at [www.stmatthewflint.com/bible-studies](http://www.stmatthewflint.com/bible-studies).

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



## *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Mondays at St. Matthew**

**12:30 pm to 7:00 pm**

*(Confessions at 5:30 pm)*

*"Spend one hour with Jesus, adoring the Blessed Sacrament"*

*Adoration sign up available online*

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



Last Sunday, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Saint Matthew, we sang the Gregorian chant "Kyrie" from Mass XI, which dates back to the Tenth Century. A visitor, who is not Catholic, took the time to write, "I had never experienced music like this before. I didn't know the words, but the music spoke to me." ("Kyrie eleison," by the way, is not Latin; it is Greek!) The Archbishop of San Francisco, Salvatore Cordileone, wrote: "In the times we're living in now, there's such a need for timeless beauty. This is what sacred music does. When people see and experience something beautiful, maybe they will do something similar in their lives."

Joseph Dobos, Director of Sacred Music  
[josephdobos@flintcatholic.org](mailto:josephdobos@flintcatholic.org)



## Just a NOTE:

Parishioners of St. Pius X and St. Matthew: If your address and contact information has changed, please notify the office. **Also**, If you find that you are in need of offering envelopes or would like to receive the monthly issue of FAITH Magazine, or **no longer** need to receive them, kindly let us know by calling the parish offices. Thank you!



**Attention Bakers!!** Once again we are calling on all of the talented bakers in our parish to donate delicious treats for our Fall bake sale taking place on **Sunday, November 19 after both Masses**. Proceeds from the bake sale will go toward Christmas flowers and decorations. Donations can be brought to the church basement before each Mass or on **Saturday, November 18** during Confessions from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. You can sign up and see more details by using the link below. Sign up sheets will also be placed in the vestibule of the church.

Thank you!

<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/JYCD9734>

# Thanksgiving Drive

October 21st - November 10th

St. Mary's Mission

### Drop Off Location

**St. Matthew - By Confessional**  
**St. Pius X - Entrance**

- Oatmeal
- Cereal
- Toilet Paper
- Hand Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner

- Kroger Gift Cards

- Body Soap
- Body Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Dish Soap

## The Bible Timeline Study at St. Matthew

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.

**Join us at St. Matthew on November 9 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Fieldhouse.**

Participants will continue to meet on Thursdays, 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](http://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. Join us **November 8 from 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm in the Fieldhouse at St. Matthew.** Participants will continue to meet on Wednesdays to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. The cost of the workbook is \$30 and can be picked up and paid for at the parish office.



**Ladies of the parish - Our Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning groups, *Athirst for the Spirit* study, Biblical Wisdom for Desert Times, by Nina Sophie Heereman continue to meet. We resume on Tuesday,**

**November 14 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Our Wednesday morning, *Athirst for the Spirit* study, resumes November 15 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.** The book is available on Amazon and Emmaus Press for \$24.95. Both meetings are at the home of Rae Ann Houbeck, Grand Blanc (810) 919-8696.

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