

# ST. PIUS X AND ST. MATTHEW PARISHES

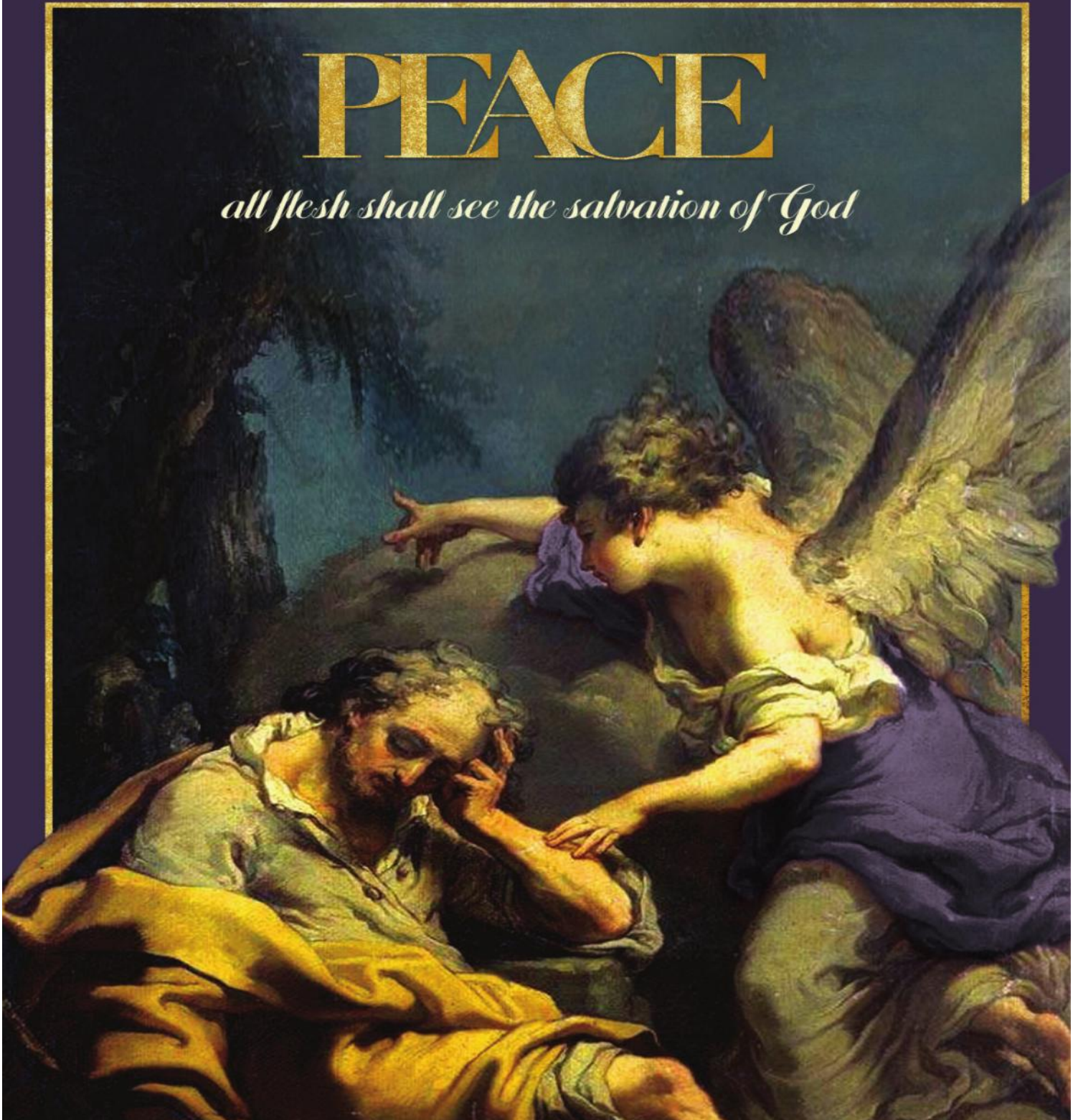
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## Second Sunday of Advent

# PEACE

*all flesh shall see the salvation of God*



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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

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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**

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**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.

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*The Weekly Calendar*  
**St. Pius X**  
*Second Sunday of Advent*  
 (†Deceased)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, Return Giving tree gifts**

9:15 Sunday Children's Catechesis

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**

8:00 † Anthony Eustace by the Christy family

6:00 Divine Mercy group (parish center)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

7:40 Rosary (church)

8:00 † Wayne Menne by Lise' Dickson

8:30 Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion (church)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14****FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**

9:00 North End Soup Kitchen, team 2

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, Third Sunday of Advent**

3:30 Confessions

4:30 † Leona Kirbitz by the Kirbitz family

*The Weekly Calendar*  
**St. Matthew**  
*Second Sunday of Advent*  
 (†Deceased)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**

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

1:00 † Ron and Pam Sneller by Bob and Rita Hodack

2:30 Confessions

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**

12:10 † Judy Lancaster by Fred and Paula Faris & family

12:30 Adoration

5:30 Confessions

6:30 Evening prayer

7:00 Benediction

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

12:10 † Fr. Gerald Ryan by Pat Dailey

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

10:00 *Athirst for the Spirit* women's study (Grand Blanc)

12:10 † John and Catherine Runyan by the Runyan family

6:30 Confirmation prep (church basement)

6:45 Queen of Heaven study (fieldhouse)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14**

6:30 The Bible Timeline (fieldhouse)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**

12:10 Intentions of Jeanette Mansour and children &

† Joseph E. Green by Carol Macksood Nakfor

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**

7:00 (no intention)

10:30 Confessions

**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

**SCAN FOR QUICK  
DONATION, THANK YOU!**



St. Matthew



St. Pius X

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

I'm hoping that, by the time you get this bulletin, we have or are near to having heat again in St. Matthew! It looks like, besides waiting for Christmas, we also get to wait for a boiler. It is certainly giving us an opportunity to grow in the virtue of patience and hope!

Tuesday is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and of the New Evangelization. Not long after the Blessed Mother appeared at Tepeyac, most of Mexico had converted. This was especially a sign of our Blessed Mother's love for the Church, as she appeared in 1531, only 10 years after Martin Luther promulgated his heresies which led to the formation of the Lutheran ecclesial community, into which many Germans broke away from the Church. She continues to guide us to proclaim the unchangeable truths of the faith and draw people to the beauty of the Catholic faith. ¡*Nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe, ruega por nosotros!* You are welcome to join the people of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish and me as Bishop Boyea comes to celebrate Mass that evening at 6 p.m.

Wednesday is also the memorial of St. Lucy. Lucy is especially venerated in Italy and the Scandinavian countries. I am including a link to make traditional bread from Sweden called Lussekatter that is associated with St. Lucy (<https://alwaysusebutter.com/lussekatter-traditional-swedish-saffron-buns/#recipe>). If you're an adventurous baker, feel free to try the recipes (and let me know how it turns out!).

Remember, we'll have the *Rorate Caeli* Mass this Saturday (16 December) at 7 a.m. It's a beautiful Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated only by candlelight.

May God continue to bless your Advent penances and devotions!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Decorating St. Matthew and St. Pius X churches for the Christmas season.

**St. Matthew Christmas decorating** will begin on **Thursday, December 21st around 1:00 pm**. We particularly need volunteers that can climb a ladder and navigate the stairs. Your participation is greatly appreciated!! Please call the church office at St. Matthew if you would like to volunteer and leave your name and contact information (810) 232-0880.

**St. Pius X Christmas decorating** will be on **Thursday, December 21st at 9:00 am**. Please contact Karen Downs if interested in volunteering at (810) 287-2490. You may also call the church office (810) 235-8574.

Together, let's make our churches beautiful for the Christmas season!

**St. Pius X Weekly Collection**

Week of:	12/03/2023	
Anticipated income	\$ 4,500.00	
Actual income	\$ 5,942.33	
Over (under)	\$ 1,442.33	

**Lector for December 16, St. Pius X**

4:30 M Love

**Lector for December 17, St. Matthew**

11:00 M Wilson

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

Lyn Dibble and Mary Hyde

**Readings for December 10  
Second Sunday of Advent**

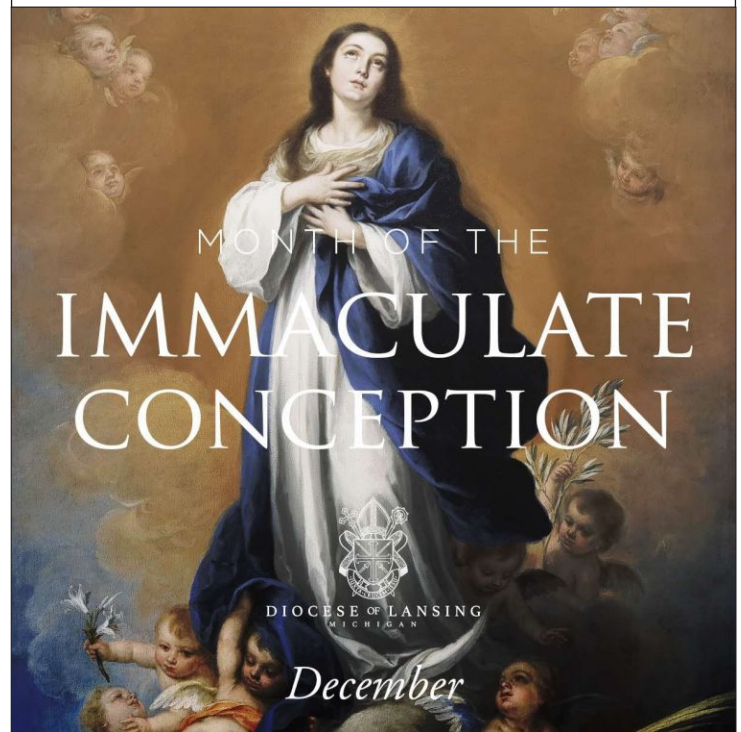
**Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

**Extraordinary Form Readings for December 10  
Second Sunday of Advent**

Romans 15: 4-13  
Psalms 49: 2, 3, 5  
Matthew 11: 2-10

**Monthly Parish Intention**

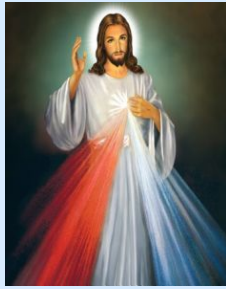
*Lord, direct our choices. Keep us faithful.  
May we follow where you lead us.*

**St. Matthew Weekly Collection**

Week of:	11/26/2023	12/03/2023
Anticipated income	\$ 6,013.46	\$ 6,013.46
Actual income	\$ 7,100.45	\$ 6,613.00
Over (under)	\$ 1,086.99	\$ 599.54

**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, December 11, 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, December 13, 2023.** Any questions, contact Sean (231) 350-3620 or Jack at (810) 938-2778.

**St. Pius X Cookie Drive for the Center for Hope in December is extended! There is always room for cookies!** The Center for Hope Warming Center **continues to be in need of cookies.** Throughout the month of December, three (3) families can sign up each week to donate 3 dozen cookies each. We will deliver them for you! The signup book can be found in the Narthex at St. Pius X, or you may call the parish office for more information. Thank you for your generosity and support! The cookies are greatly appreciated!



**Mardi Gras** *Save the Date*  
St. Pius X Community Room

Saturday, February 10, 2023

**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, Samantha Wright, Nicole Sarriko and David Sphar

(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 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..."**



Calling all singers!

The Saint Matthew Singers will sing at the 11 a.m. Mass next **Sunday, December 17**. If you have not sung with us before, please consider joining us.

All former Saint Pius X Choir members are invited to "come home" for the parish's final Mass, which will be held on **Saturday, January 20**. On that day, we will practice at 3:15 p.m. and sing at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

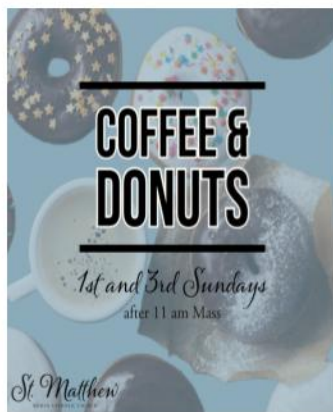
The *Latin Mass Schola* at Saint Matthew Church has three dedicated singers. We need many more voices. If you can read music and especially if you have sung in a choir, please join us.

For all of the above, please contact Joseph Dobos, Director of Sacred Music. [josephdobos@flintcatholic.org](mailto:josephdobos@flintcatholic.org)

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

The next Coffee & Donuts is  
**December 17**

Sign up to bring donuts on either the first or third Sunday of the month. Signing up is a one-time commitment. Use the volunteer sign up online or call the church office!



**OPLATKI, THE CHRISTMAS WAFER** is available in the sacristy at St. Pius X and table at the side entrance of St. Matthew. There is a donation of \$1 per envelope (1 wafer per envelope). The explanation of this Christmas custom is included on the envelope.

**St. Matthew parish Christmas decoration donation**—Acknowledge your loved ones with a monetary donation to help beautify the church this Christmas season. **Donations must be received by Wednesday, December 13 for names to be included in the Christmas bulletin.**  
Thank you!



(Forms are also available in the church office)



**THANK YOU SO MUCH** to St. Matthew and St. Pius X parishioners for your generosity and support of the Thanksgiving drive to help the St. Mary's Eastside neighbors. The community is very grateful for your continued support! A special *Thank You* to Tiffany, Amanda and Judy and their families for collecting, donating, and organizing the distribution of donated items. We are extremely grateful!

*Sr. Christina and St. Mary's Mission*



Every year Catholic Charities' North End Soup Kitchen makes 39,000 sandwiches, that's 750 every week! They don't just provide sandwiches to our guests, we also provide them to My Brothers Keeper & South Flint Soup Kitchen. We will soon be providing them in our Warming Centers. **We are in desperate need of sandwich bread!** If you are able to donate, please contact our North End Soup Kitchen at (810) 785-6911.

**Holy Family School, Grand Blanc, MI is seeking a Long-Term Substitute Teacher for Kindergarten** to instruct and write lesson plans for students while the teacher is on family medical leave. This position will begin January 3, 2024. Applicants must have a valid State of Michigan teaching certificate (elementary or ZA endorsement) or have completed at least 90 hours with a minimum 2.0 GPA through a four-year state approved institution, pass a criminal background check and complete the Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) Program. Please attach your cover letter, resume and references to the online application at: <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers>. Please contact Mrs. Theresa Purcell with questions: [tpurcell@hfsgb.org](mailto:tpurcell@hfsgb.org) to the *Attn: Long-Term Substitute Teacher*. To learn more about Holy Family School, please visit the website: <https://hfsgb.org>.

### 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 Thursday, December 14 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 on **Wednesday, December 13 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. Join us on **Tuesday, December 12 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.** Our **Wednesday morning, *Athirst for the Spirit* study, meets on December 13 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.

The Rorate Mass is a Votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother for the season of Advent. It is a beautiful tradition in the church that helps us celebrate Mary in a special way as our leader through Advent to Christmas



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