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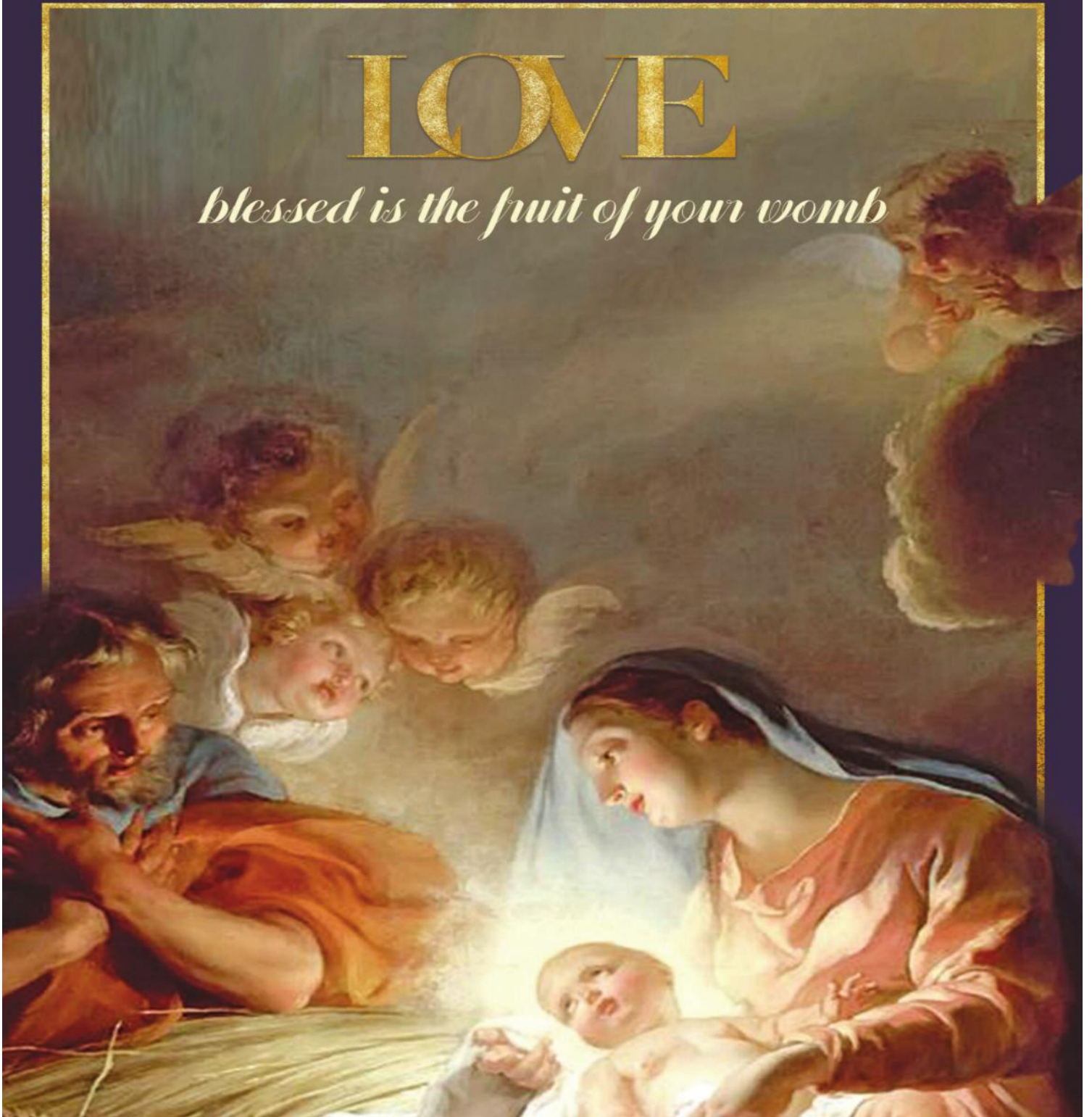
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Fourth Sunday of Advent

LOVE

blessed is the fruit of your womb



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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

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

Contact the parish priest at least 9 months in advance.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE Monday, 10:00 am written or via email*The Weekly Calendar***St. Pius X****Fourth Sunday of Advent**

(†Deceased)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, Christmas Vigil

4:30 The people of St. Pius X parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, Offices closed

No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:40 Rosary (church)

8:00 (no intention)

8:30 Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion (church)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

3:30 Confessions

4:30 † Maxine Sharon by the family

*The Weekly Calendar***St. Matthew****Fourth Sunday of Advent****Traditional Latin Mass: Vigil of the Nativity**

(†Deceased)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:30 Confessions

11:00 The people of St. Matthew parish

1:00 † Fr. Fadi Sarraf by Kishore Jayabalan

11:30 Carols

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, Offices closed

12:00 Midnight † Joe Green by Jane Hogan

10:00 Christians in the Holy Land

12:30 The people of St. Matthew parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

12:10 Intentions of Paulina Kray by the Kray family

6:30 No women's study

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

10:00 No women's study

12:10 † Deceased members of the Jobbagy family by
 Richard Jobbagy

6:30 No Confirmation prep

6:45 No Queen of Heaven study

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:30 No Bible Timeline

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

12:10 † Maxine Sharon by Monica Pung

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

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St. Matthew



St. Pius X

Don Antonio's Dispatch...

On behalf of the entire pastoral staff of St. Pius X and St. Matthew parishes, Merry Christmas to you and your families! May the light of Christmas always shine in our hearts and dispel the darkness that come from grief.

Our offices will reopen on Tuesday, 26 December, though we do have some staff vacation that week, so please be patient if you're trying to get ahold of anyone at either parish.

Last, but not least, we will be celebrating the blessing of wine for the Feast of St. John after the 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew on Wednesday, 27 December. You have to bring your own wine, but I will bless it according to the Roman Ritual. This is one of the devotional aspects of our faith, and we're going to try to do more with devotions throughout the years, to help bring more of the fruits of the Mass into our homes. Stay tuned!

Come celebrate Christmas with your parish family!

Twelfth Night is commonly celebrated on the eve of Epiphany (January 5th). We will start with an Epiphany water blessing in the church - bring your own water and salt to be blessed if you desire. Then join us for a potluck dinner in the fieldhouse. Scan the QR code for potluck sign up.



A TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATION

*Celebrate the Eve of Epiphany
at St. Matthew*

January 5th, 2024

6:00 pm - Epiphany Water Blessing
7:00 pm - Potluck Dinner & Celebration

St. Pius X and St. Matthew Weekly Collection

Due to Diocesan Publications' Christmas schedule and deadlines, please watch the bulletin for the weekly collection.

Thank you!

Lector for December 30, St. Pius X

4:30 A Jamison

**Lector for December 31, St. Matthew**

11:00 J Henry

ALTAR CARE, St. Pius X-Team 3

Kathy Hartner, Linda Helmka



Readings for December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Forever I will sing
the goodness
of the Lord.** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Psalm 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Romans 16: 25-27
Luke 1: 26-38

Extraordinary Form Readings for December 24 Vigil of the Nativity

Romans 1: 1-6
Exodus 16: 6, 7
Matthew 1: 18-21

Monthly Parish Intention

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

SAVE THE DATE!

**St. Pius X Farewell Dinner
Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 5:30 pm
Bishop Povish Community Room**

To all current and former parishioners of St. Pius X parish please join us to celebrate St. Pius X with dinner and soft drinks on Saturday, January 13, 2024 after the 4:30 pm Mass in the community room. Tickets are free but limited due to occupancy restrictions.

**Tickets will soon be available! -
Watch the bulletin for more details**

Christmas Office Hours:

The parish offices will be closed on Monday, December 25 for Christmas. The office will reopen on Tuesday, December 26. Please be patient while there is staff vacation during the week. Thank you!

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, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Men and women are welcome!

Merry Christmas!



Sunday Catechesis for Children at St. Pius X is every Sunday at 9:15 am. Note: There will be No Sunday Catechesis on December 24, December 31. **Classes resume on January 7.** 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!



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 27, 2023.** Any questions, contact Sean (231) 350-3620 or Jack at (810) 938-2778.

Wishing you and your family
a Blessed Advent
and a Christmas Season
filled with Joy
Fr. Anthony and the
entire parish staff of
St. Matthew and St. Pius X



Merry Christmas

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, 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 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.

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..."



Midnight Mass at Saint Matthew Church will be at...Midnight. The tradition of midnight Mass appears to have started in the fourth century in Jerusalem. This celebration was observed by visitors from Rome who saw Christians in Jerusalem taking part in a midnight vigil to honor the birth of Jesus. The custom didn't take long to spread throughout the Roman Empire. At Saint Matthew, Mass will begin at 12 a.m., midnight, but you will want to be in church at 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve. There will be a special prelude of carols in classic settings to prepare for the celebration of Holy Mass.

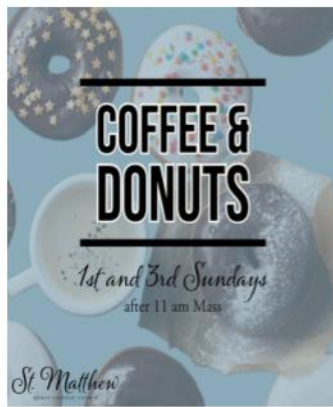
Joseph Dobos, Director of Sacred Music
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Join us in the St. Matthew parish basement for refreshments and fellowship after Mass every 1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month!

Sign up to bring donuts on either the first or third Sunday of the month,

January 7 / January 17, 2024.

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



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, January 11, 2024 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.



Ladies of the parish - Our Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning groups, *Athirst for the Spirit* study, will return after Christmas. Enjoy time with your family. Merry Christmas!

OPLATKI, THE CHRISTMAS WAFER is available for a \$1 donation. Please check the sacristy at St. Pius X or the table at the side entrance of St. Matthew. The explanation of this Christmas custom is included on the envelope.



Thank You for Your Gifts



Thank you to St. Matthew and St. Pius X parishioners and families for your generous gifts and donations toward our Giving Trees this

Christmas season. You helped make Christmas special for people in our area. Thank you to Christa Danic for volunteering her time and efforts in organizing the Giving Tree gifts. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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Dinner &
Dance

Saturday, February 10, 2023

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