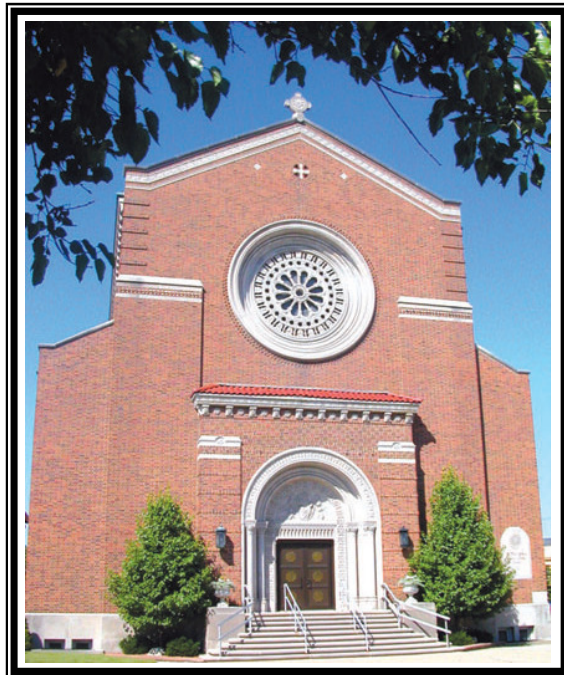


Stewardship

Time & Talent

Reference Resource



St. Matthew Parish

706 Beach Street

Flint, MI 48502

“Thus, every person, through these gifts given to him, is at once the witness and the living instrument of the mission of the Church itself according to the measure of Christ’s bestowal”

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) – Paragraph 913

Stewardship at St. Matthew Parish

Dear Parishioners,

As Catholic Christians, we are bound by Sacred Scripture and Tradition to share the gifts that God has given us. This is Stewardship.

As members of St. Matthew Parish, you and your family have numerous opportunities to share of your Time and Talent. These organizations play a vital role in the well being of your parish and the perpetuation of our Catholic Faith. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to participate to your fullest ability in the many ministries, committees, clubs, or organizations that are available.

Please be generous of your time and talent!

This following summary is meant to accompany our Time & Talent Survey Form. It is a brief outline of the various activities currently functioning at St. Matthew's. It is divided into four categories, including: Parish Service, Worship Ministry, Social Outreach, and Faith Formation. We ask that all parishioners complete a Time & Talent Survey Form for the office to keep on record. Additional forms are available at the Parish Office or our website at www.stmatthewflint.org.

May the Lord Bless and Keep You!

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Parish Service Opportunities

Parish Council (Adults)

Council members meet approximately six times a year to help formulate policy for the parish. Members serve terms of three years.

Finance Commission (Adults)

Commissioners meet bi-monthly to help manage parish finances. Members serve terms of three years.

Council of Catholic Women (Adult Women)

Members assist at special events, raise money for Liturgical items, conduct bake sales, coordinate funeral lunches and maintain altar linens. Meetings are held monthly.

Church Cleaning Crew (Adult or Youth w/Adult)

Volunteers to help clean the church. Two hours, one Saturday per month.

Gardeners (Adult or Youth w/Adult)

Assist in maintaining church gardens.

Maintenance Assistance (Adult)

Volunteers available as needed to help with basic maintenance such as painting & light repair.

Hospitality (Adult or Youth w/Adult)

Assist in providing refreshments, set-up and clean-up at special occasions.

Office Aides (Adult or Youth w/Adult)

Assist in answering phones, typing and general clerical support.

Rectory Driver (Adults)

Driving priest(s) to homebound parishioners, nursing homes, hospitals, etc. Fridays.

Vocations Committee (Adult or Youth w/Adult)

Meet regularly to discuss ways to promote Vocations among parishioners.

Vestments Cleaning (Adult or Youth w/Adult)

Volunteer to wash and iron vestments on a rotating basis.

Library Assistant (Adults)

Care for the parish library.

Worship Ministry

Liturgical Environment Committee (Adults & Young Adults)

Assist in setup and takedown of seasonal liturgical displays.

Weekend Altar Servers (Youth 11yrs or Adult)

Select a weekend Mass at which to serve.

Daily Altar Servers (Youth 11yrs or Adult)

Select a weekday Mass at which to serve.

Funeral Altar Servers (Adults)

Volunteers to serve on an as-needed basis.

Cantors (Adults)

Accomplished vocalist - Select a Mass at which to serve. Practice required for scheduled Mass.

Choir Members (Adults & Youth)

Practice at 10:00AM Sundays September to June. Sing at 11:30 Sunday Mass and other special Masses September to June.

Musicians (Adults & Youth)

Accomplished Musician. Select a weekend Mass to be available for occasional playing.

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers (Adults & Youth)

Assist at Communion during Mass or distribution to homebound parishioners. Certification obtained by a workshop once every two years. Select a Sunday Mass at which to serve.

Weekend Lectors (Adults & Young Adults)

Select a weekend Mass to read at. Certification obtained by a workshop. Readers should prepare readings prior to the Mass.

Daily Lectors (Adults & Youth)

Select a weekday Mass to read at. Certification obtained by a workshop.

Funeral Lectors (Adults)

Select a weekday to be available. Certification obtained by a workshop.

Usher (Adults & Young Adults)

Assist Mass attendees with seating, collections, and Communion lines.

Greeters (Adults & Young Adults)

Parishioners stationed at church entrances to greet people as they arrive and assist newcomers.

Social Outreach

St. Vincent de Paul (Adults & Older Youth)

Volunteers needed two days per week (about two hours) to monitor and direct financial and service requests coming into the rectory.

Downtown Spiritual Alliance (Adults)

Persons representing the parish at the alliance of downtown churches

Crossover mission (Adults)

Person representing the parish at the mission's meetings.

Regional Jail Ministry (Adults)

Team member representing the parish, helping with masses and bible studies. Requires training and certification through the Genesee County Jail Chaplain's Program.

Eucharist Ministers to Homebound (Adults)

Take Communion to parishioners who are at home or in a nursing home, frequency determined on an individual basis.

Right to Life (Adults & Older Youth)

Help raise awareness in the parish about "respect for life" issues. Participate in "praying for Life" on 3rd Saturday each month at local abortion site.

Rides to Church (Adults)

Provide transportation to parishioners in need

Serve While Homebound (All Homebound Parishioners)

Homebound parishioners pray for St. Mathew Parish Family at noon each day and send holiday cards to other homebound and nursing home residents.

Prayer (All)

Make a commitment to pray for St. Matthew Parish by either praying at home, praying the "Office of Christians" at 11:50 each day prior to daily Mass or by praying the Rosary after daily Mass.

Faith Formation

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Sponsor (Adults)

Volunteers to be a witness and guide for an adult joining the Catholic Church.

RCIA Team Member (Adults)

Attend RCIA sessions for adults joining the Catholic Church. 26 sessions of 90 minutes each. One ½ day retreat, and 10 RCIA celebrations in church.

Intercessor for a Faith Formation Group (Adults & Youth)

People pray daily by name for all involved in a specific faith formation group such as the Children's Liturgy of the Word; Family Faith Formation; First Reconciliation/First Eucharist preparation; RCIA; Vacation Bible School; and Youth Group

Vacation Bible School (Adults & Teens)

Assistant for preparing and leading learning – games or snacks. Bible school is held the third week of June, Monday through Friday.

Youth Ministry (Adults)

Assist in planning and facilitating parish youth (grades 8-12) on various activities and events. Approx. two monthly events. Some training required

Children's Liturgy (Adults & Young Adults)

Teach 4-8 year olds in the Liturgy of the Word during the Sunday, 11:30 a.m. Mass. Training required.

Family Faith Formation (Adults & Young Adults)

Teach students twenty four Sundays per year, September through May. Training and attendance at annual parish staff meeting required.

College & Young Adult Ministry (College & Young Adults 18-28yrs)

Work with other parishes planning social and liturgical programs for young adults

If you can think of another way to share of your time or talent, please call the Parish Office!