

# Living on MISSION

As Stewards of God's Gifts



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You may have heard the saying "When God closes a door, He opens a window" but in the case of Matt Flint "When God cancels a class, He schedules a new one".

This Fall, Matt was preparing to teach an EMT class at Lansing Community College when he got word that due to decreased enrollment, the class would not be offered. "I felt like God had opened a door and all I did was walk through it".

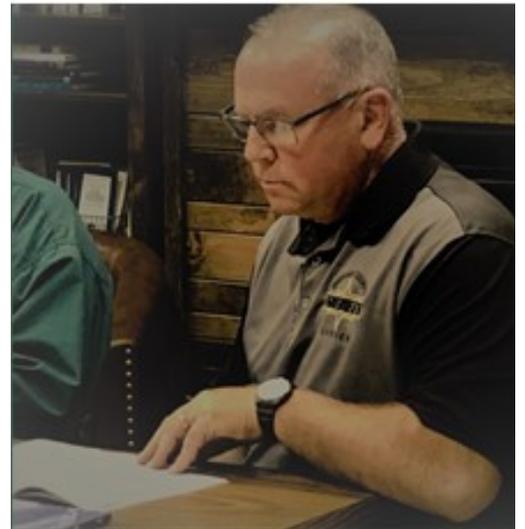
Matt, a retired Sheriff, had recently completed the parish's Ananias Training and was considering ways he could share a greater portion of his time with the parish community.

"I had attended a Bible Study a few years back and really enjoyed the fellowship. I wasn't sure I was ready to *lead* a small group, but another parishioner told me about the study she was leading using *The Word Among Us*. I had used that booklet myself and really liked it so I thought, 'I can do this!' and that is how it began".

The group meets for an hour each week, reading the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday along with a short reflection and then sharing their own thoughts, questions and insights. The easy to follow format and guided reflections makes facilitating easy and Matt is happy to spend the time with his parish family.

"When I retired from the Sheriff's Department a few years back, I saw my daughter, Emily, sharing so much of her time and her gift of music with the church and how happy it made her. To see her giving like that, at her age, was really an inspiration to me".

Attending or facilitating a small group is a great way of growing your faith while sharing your time with your parish and community. Check the bulletin for a list of all the weekly Bible studies available at St. Mary.



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Matt Flint shares his time leading a weekly study of *The Word Among Us*.