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# The Warrior World



Thursday, May 22nd, 2025

## Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar

### Key Dates 2025-26

#### May

##### Friday, 5/23

Last Day of School  
K-7th  
1:00 Dismissal  
No Extended Care



#### June

**Mon., 6/2 - Thurs., 6/5**  
Vacation Bible School

#### August

**Wednesday, 8/6**  
First day of school  
(K-8)

## Early Dismissal - TOMORROW

Last Day of School (K-7)

1:00 pm Dismissal - No Extended Care



[Choice Scholarship](#)  
**WE NEED YOUR 2024 TAX  
RETURN ASAP!**

If you are applying for a school voucher for 2025-26 school year, please turn in the first two pages of your federal tax return to the school office. [Click here](#) for FAQs and [click here](#) for the eligibility requirements for 25-26.

## Join the St. Matthew Athletic Committee!

We're currently seeking volunteers for the following positions:

- Gym Manager
- Track Coordinator
- Girls Volleyball Coordinator
- Boys Volleyball Coordinator

If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Lizzie Muller at [mullere13@gmail.com](mailto:mullere13@gmail.com). We hope to have all roles filled before the start of next year!

## Summer Care 2025

5/27 to 6/27 - 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

[Click here](#) for the registration form and details. If you have any questions, please contact our Summer Care Director, Sam Padgett, [spadgett@saintmatt.org](mailto:spadgett@saintmatt.org).

Order your 2024-25 yearbook now!  
The cost is \$20. **Last day to order is May 31st.** A limited number are available, so get yours now!

Purchase online at: <https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/SMS25>  
Yearbooks will be delivered in August.



Sponsorships available for Oktoberfest. See flyer on page 7.



## Win Free School Supplies for Life Sweepstakes

👉 Order Here: [1stDay.sale/38235](http://1stDay.sale/38235)

All you have to do is order by May 31st and you'll be automatically entered to win! Hurry, you don't want to miss out on this!



This program is optional. If you don't purchase the kit through 1st Day School Supplies, the supplies listed for your student's grade level will need to be purchased and brought to school on the first day of school. See the 2025-26 list by [clicking here](#).

## IMPORTANT!

All fees (lunch, extended care, and band fees) must be paid in full by TOMORROW. You may not receive your child's final report card if you have an outstanding balance. If you have a question about your balance, please contact Kathy Gray, (317) 251-3997 ext. 3904, [kgray@saintmatt.org](mailto:kgray@saintmatt.org).

[Click here](#) for the faculty and staff directory and email addresses.

[Parent Handbook](#)

[Key Dates 2025-26](#)

Social Media

Facebook: @stmattschoolindy

Twitter: @stmattschool

Instagram: stmattschool

## Sports

SMS Cheerleading Callouts were held on Monday, 5/19. If you were unaware or your incoming 5th - 8th grade daughter was unable to attend, please contact Becky Alerding at [michael.alerding@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michael.alerding@sbcglobal.net) or 317-903-6729 with your daughter's name, incoming grade and an email address to receive information about the program and summer practices.



**IMPORTANT:** Any parent/parents willing to commit to organization/supervision/coaching please reach out to Becky. ***If she does not get a commitment from parents willing to come together to assist with the cheer program, the cheerleading program will not be able to continue.***

### CYO FOOTBALL CALLOUTS

If your incoming 3rd - 8th grade son is interested in playing CYO football for St. Matthew this fall, please contact SMS Football Coordinator Charlie Vannice at (317) 557-4007 or [ckvannice@gmail.com](mailto:ckvannice@gmail.com).

3rd & 4th grade play 7 vs 7 on a smaller field with a focus on safety and fundamentals and all see plenty of playing time.

Join [Devon Summer Swim Team](#)

No Pool Membership required!

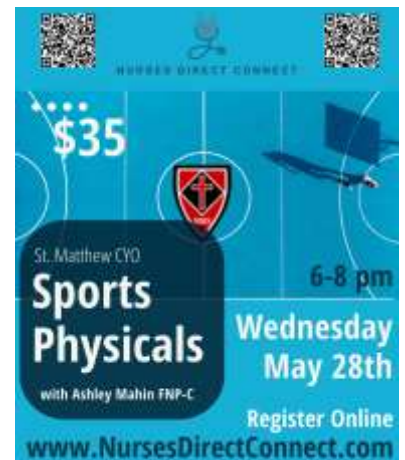
Boys & Girls Age 4-17

[Click here](#) for details.



### CYO Physicals Scheduled at SMS

Physicals are a requirement for CYO athletics and need to be updated every year. Don't delay and get your child taken care for the upcoming 25/26 school year. Please have your child registered with the [link](#) provided and contact [Renee Miller](#) with any questions or if you would like to volunteer! We are in need of any nurses, PTs, ATCs or medical professionals able to take vitals. Volunteers please email [warriorkb123@outlook.com](mailto:warriorkb123@outlook.com) if you can help.



### Offseason Basketball Training

Attention St. Matthew basketball families! Looking to keep your son or daughter's skills sharp over the offseason? Coach Gray, head coach of the Cadet A basketball team, is offering 1-on-1 and small group training sessions this offseason!

Whether your player wants to improve shooting, ball-handling, defense, or overall game IQ, these customized sessions are a great way to grow confidence and elevate performance in a focused, supportive setting.

Training Options:

- Individual Sessions – personalized, high-intensity skill development
- Small Group Sessions (2-4 players) – skill development, competitive drills and team play focus

Open to: St. Matthew students/parishioners (2025-26 boys and girls grades 4 through high school)

When: Weekday evenings & weekends (May-August)

Where: St. Matthew Gym

Cost: Competitive rates – contact for details

Spots are limited! To reserve a spot or ask questions, email Coach Gray at

[dylangray0124@gmail.com](mailto:dylangray0124@gmail.com) or text (317) 408-9249.







Student Council wrapped up a great year with a pizza party. We want to thank these student leaders for their service this school year. Special thanks to Mrs. Middleton and Mr. Ditzler for their time and efforts organizing and moderating.

### CYO City Championship Events

It was a rainy evening at Marian U last night, but these students below represented SMS well landing a 3rd place in the CYO city finals in the 4 x 4 100 meter relay event!



#### Qualifiers

Will Hurrle  
Olivia Jester  
Blake Brownlow  
Miles Greenlee

#### Relay

Blake, David,  
Aiden, Connor

#### Field Events

Lucy Akers: Shot Put 3rd, Kickball Throw 5th  
Miles Greenlee: Long Jump 2nd, Shot Put 1st  
Blake Brownlow: Shot Put 1st

Congratulations to our track participants and to their coaches for making this a great season!



Thank you to all volunteers and for Kevan Behlmer's leadership with keeping our parish/school grounds looking great! We are extremely grateful for your help!

## Congratulations to our 4th Quarter Outstanding Warrior Award Recipients!



**Kindergarten: Kingston**

**1st Grade: Kennedy**

**2nd Grade: Kylie**

**3rd Grade: Gabrielle**

**4th Grade: Teddy**

**5th Grade: Abigail**

**6th Grade: Norah**

**7th Grade: Natalie**

**8th Grade: Sebastian**

At our final All-School Mass for the year this morning, we honored and recognized two of our amazing educators who are retiring from teaching at the end of this year. Thank you, Mrs. Naddy and Mrs. Hvidston, for your many years of service to students and education. We will miss you, and we wish you nothing but the best as you move forward to new pursuits. And remember, you will always be Warriors!



## Back to School Vaccine Clinics Announced

Marion County Health Department is hosting several back to school vaccine clinics throughout July, August and September. Below are the dates and times. **If your children are due for updated vaccinations, these clinics provide an excellent opportunity.**

Eskenazi Grande Clinic: 6002 E. 38th St. 46226  
July 2nd, Wednesday: 3 PM - 7 PM

Pike High School: 5401 W 71 St, 46268  
July 12th, Saturday: 9:30 AM - 12 PM

George Washington High School: 2215 W Washington St, 46222  
July 19th, Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM

Matchbook Learning: 1163 N Belmont Ave, 46222  
July 25th, Friday: 12:30 PM - 4 PM

Shortridge High School: 3401 N Meridian St, 46208  
July 31st, Thursday: 2 PM - 5:30 PM

Eskenazi Grande Clinic: 6002 E. 38th St. 46226  
August 6th, Wednesday: 3 PM - 7 PM

Eskenazi West 38<sup>th</sup> St Clinic: 5515 W. 38th St. 46254  
August 14th, Thursday: 3 PM - 7 PM

Eskenazi Grande Clinic: 6002 E. 38th St. 46226  
August 16th, Saturday: TBD

Eskenazi West 38th St Clinic: 5515 W. 38th St. 46254  
September 11th, Thursday: 3 PM - 7 PM

## BLAZE: Bible Study for Middle School Girls

Calling all parents of 7th and 8th-grade girls! We are excited to offer our second year of BLAZE, a Catholic Bible study program from "Walking with Purpose" designed specifically for middle school young women. BLAZE provides a welcoming space for girls to connect with each other and explore their faith through relevant discussions on topics like relationships, social media, and their identity as daughters of God, all rooted in Scripture and Catholic teachings. Our first year was a wonderful experience, and we look forward to another enriching year starting in September (ending around April/May 2026). Sessions will likely be held every other week in the evening, starting around 5:30 PM. The cost for the 20-week study is \$50 to help offset the cost of materials needed for the study. If your daughter is interested, please email [theresa.r.neff@gmail.com](mailto:theresa.r.neff@gmail.com) to register and indicate your preference for Monday, Friday, or Sunday evenings as a meeting time. Please also let me know if you'd like to host Blaze or help with this ministry. I'm more than happy to help onboard anyone who feels particularly called to this ministry. For more information or to register, please email Theresa Neff, [theresa.r.neff@gmail.com](mailto:theresa.r.neff@gmail.com).



## SAVE the DATE! Electronics Recycling Event St. Matthew Bus Barn Saturday, June 21st

St. Matthew Parish is hosting an electronics recycling event on Saturday, June 21, from 9:00 am to 12 noon in the Bus Barn. [Click here](#) to see a list of acceptable items. Recycle Force does ask for a donation if you are dropping off a TV or refrigerator as they incur additional costs on those, but everything else is free.

## Indianapolis Public Library 2025 Summer Reading Program

Reading should be a part of everyone's summer! With the library's **free** summer reading program, kids can accelerate their reading, explore great stories, and be ready to learn in the fall — all while earning prizes!

Students can now register online at [indypl.beanstack.com](http://indypl.beanstack.com) or visit any Indianapolis Public Library branch to sign up. Go to [indypl.org/srp](http://indypl.org/srp) to learn more!

## Supporting Your Child in a Tech Driven World

Missed last month's presentation? Dive into these highlights:

- The Science of Why We Can't Stop Scrolling
  - A Healthier Way to Use Tech
  - Books, Apps, and Experts Worth Following
- ..and more in the presentation handout

@ [bit.ly/smstechdoc](https://bit.ly/smstechdoc)

Send your thoughts to the PFA to help us plan future events like these for parents and students @ [bit.ly/smstechsurvey25](https://bit.ly/smstechsurvey25)

## Northside Fraternitas House

Join other men of St. Matthew and the north deanery for a breakfast event at Litter House (5301 Winthrop Ave.) in Broad Ripple on Friday, May 30th, 6:30 am-8:30 am. Our featured speaker will be Mark Erdosy, a Little Flower parishioner, husband, father of two, and 20 plus years of missionary discipleship. He's the "voice of Marian" as an athletics PA announcer. Don't miss his discussion of the race and handing on tradition. Pray, learn, and discuss how to be a better father... and enjoy a delicious FREE breakfast! The mission of Fraternitas is to help dads pass on their faith to their families. Hosted by Marian University. Please RSVP here: [https://marian.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_55d2Tq6qFr6prQa](https://marian.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_55d2Tq6qFr6prQa). For more information contact Mark Bridenstine, St. Matthew parishioner, at [mbridenstine@marian.edu](mailto:mbridenstine@marian.edu) or 317-361-8084.



# Volunteers

## Volunteer Service Hour Form

[Click here](#) for the form that can be completed and dropped off at the school office.

## SAFE PARISH Training Program

### Required for Volunteers and Coaches

St. Matthew Catholic Church and School and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis utilize Safe Parish as part of our ongoing commitment to the care and protection of children. All employees and volunteers who have contact with children (including but not limited to coaches, classroom volunteers, field trip chaperones, nurses, and café workers) are required to complete the training prior to their first day of employment, service, or ministry, even if they have taken Virtus, Safe & Sacred, or other child protection programs. The course takes about 45 minutes to one hour to complete and includes video training and quizzes, a background check, and acknowledgement of a Code of Conduct. [Click here](#) for details and the link to Safe Parish. [www.ArchindySAFEparish.org](http://www.ArchindySAFEparish.org) Passcode: Archindy2021

# Fundraisers



fundraiser. For more information on how to enroll, please email: [raiseright@saintmatt.org](mailto:raiseright@saintmatt.org) or stop by the school office.

Wish your student Happy Birthday with a message on the St. Matthew School sign on Forest Manor. The cost is \$10 per name. The funds will support Student Council. [Click here](#) for info.



**haulstr**

Spring is here! If you purchase mulch from Haulstr, they will donate back to St. Matthew! Haulstr also has other services. Click on the following link.

[Saint Matthew Indianapolis - Haulstr](#)



## Box Tops for Education

[Click here](#) to read more on how you can help SMS earn money!

## Enroll Your Kroger Plus Card!

[Click here to register your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card.](#) Our number is RQ009 or search for St. Matthew. Contact [Kathy Gray](#) with questions.

# Community

**Happy Anniversary, Fr. Bill!**

All Parishioners are invited to a special celebration for our beloved Pastor, Rev. Msgr. William F. Stumpf.

After the 5pm Mass on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have a gathering in the Gym to celebrate his 40 years of service in the Priesthood. Fr. Bill, we thank you for all you do!

*If you plan on coming, Please RSVP by sending an email to [bulletin@saintmatt.org](mailto:bulletin@saintmatt.org). Thank you!*

## Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00 pm

- Sunday at 7:30, \*9:30, 11:30am

\*Coffee and donuts in the Café following 9:30 Mass.

Help is needed for Fr. Bill's celebration! You can sign up for setup in morning, final prep before party, runners during party and cleanup. Thank you!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA9A92BA20-57008727-father>

### Summer EBT (SUN Bucks) Discontinued

The Summer EBT (SUN Bucks) program will be discontinued in 2025. Certain locations throughout the city will offer the SUN Nutrition meals program. [USDA Site Finder Map](#)

**Hunger Hotline** - families seeking food assistance for their children can contact the USDA National Hunger Hotline, operated by Hunger Free America.

- **By phone:** Call 1-866-3-HUNGRY (1-866-348-6479) (for English) or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (1-877-842-6273) (for Spanish). The line is available Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 8:00 pm ET.
- **By text:** To receive an automated response to resources located near an address or zip code, text keywords such as "food," "summer," "meals," to the automated service at 914-342-7744.

# THANK YOU

## to our Walkathon Sponsors



**The Mark Sergi Family**



**The Jelev Family**



**The Latos Family**



**The Everly Family**



**The Tom Jones Family**



**The Walsh Family**



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# St. Matthew Parish Oktoberfest

## September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Raise a Stein and join us for our Annual Oktoberfest!

Oktoberfest is a family friendly event and is open to public. There will be live music, food trucks, local craft brews from St. Joseph Brewery, as well as domestic beer and wine. The Kinder Area will keep the kiddos busy with live entertainment, inflatables, face painting and games. This year's Oktoberfest's attendance is expected to exceed last year's attendance of 300 people.

We appreciate your support in continuing to make this event a success!

### **\$2,000 Spitz Sponsor (1 available)**

- Event to be named "St. Matthew Oktoberfest, presented by "Company Name" in all references and promotions
- Company Logo/Name on back of T-shirts
- Company Logo/Name on music stage
- Reserved Parking Spot and Reserved Table
- \$40 Food/drink tickets, 3 kid's area wristbands or combination
- Verbal recognition during the event
- Opportunity to distribute company branded merchandise

### **\$1,000 Biergarten Sponsor (3 available)**

- Company Name/Logo prominently displayed in Biergarten
- Reserved Parking Spot and Reserved Table
- \$30 Food/drink tickets or 2 kid's area wristbands
- Company logo displayed on all promotional materials
- Verbal recognition during the event
- Opportunity to distribute company branded merchandise

### **\$1,000 Prost! Sponsor (2 available)**

- Company Name/Logo prominently displayed in Designated Area (Kid's Area or Technology Area)
- Reserved Parking Spot and Reserved Table
- \$30 Food/drink tickets or 2 kid's area wristbands
- Company logo displayed on all promotional materials
- Verbal recognition during the event
- Opportunity to distribute company branded merchandise

### **\$750 Signature Bier Sponsor (1 available)**

- Family Name, Company Name, Logo or Custom Name prominently displayed on Beer Pull/Tap
- Signature Bier to be requested as named, ie "I'll take a Warrior Wheat"
- Keepsake Pull/Tap is yours to keep
- Reserved Parking Spot and Reserved Table
- Company logo displayed on all promotional materials
- Opportunity to distribute company branded merchandise

### **\$500 VIP Tent Sponsor (4 available)**

- Reserved Table under Individual VIP Tent
- Company Name/Logo/Family Name displayed on Individual VIP Tent
- \$20 Food/drink tickets or kid's area wristband
- Company logo/Family Name displayed on all promotional materials
- Opportunity to distribute company branded merchandise

**Sponsor Questions?**  
Ask John Walsh:  
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or 317-340-1423