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# The Warrior World



Thursday, February 26th, 2026

## Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar

### February

#### Friday, 2/27

Fish Fry 5 - 7 pm - Gym

#### Mon., 3/2 - Fri., 3/6

IREAD Testing Window  
2nd and 3rd Grade

#### Wednesday, 3/4

Alumni Mass 8:30 am  
Class of 2022

#### Friday, 3/6

Fish Fry 5 - 7 pm - Gym  
First Friday Spirit Day  
End of 3rd Quarter

#### Sat./Sun., 3/7- 3/8

Parish Ministry Fair  
All Weekend Masses in  
Gym

#### Friday, 3/13

Irish Dancers 10 am  
Fish Fry 5 - 7 pm - Gym

#### Saturday, 3/14

Trivia Night 6 - 10 pm

#### Monday, 3/16

1:00 pm Dismissal K-8  
Ext Care Available

#### Tuesday, 3/17

Fund-a-Friend for  
Seeds of Hope

#### Wednesday, 3/18

Honors Mass  
Confirmation 7:00 pm at  
SS. Peter & Paul  
Cathedral

#### Friday, 3/20 - Fri., 3/27

Spring Break

#### Thursday, 4/2

7th Grade Last Supper  
2:00 pm in the Gym

#### Friday, 4/3

**1:00 pm Dismissal**  
**NO EXTENDED CARE**  
K - 8 students must be  
in school uniform  
(non-uniform passes  
**not** accepted)

2026 St. Matthew  
Fish Fry

February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, &  
March 13<sup>th</sup>

As this is one of the largest parish events of the year, it is imperative that we have as many volunteers as possible. Please click/tap anywhere on this graphic to access the Sign Up Genius. We need your help! Thank you!

Monday, March 16th  
1:00 pm Dismissal for K - 8  
Extended Care is available for \$5/hour.  
PreK will operate on a normal schedule.

SMS  
Silent Auction

Starts on Saturday,  
March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30!

[Click here](#) to register

## Spring Flower Sale

Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade class is selling spring flowers. Pre-paid orders are due on/ before Friday, April 3. Flower pick-up will be Thursday, April 30 from 1:30 - 2:30 pm and 3:30 - 5:00 pm. [Click here](#) for the order form. See the photos of the flowers on page 8. Thank you for supporting the Class of 2027!

## Attention 2nd and 3rd Grade Parents

### IREAD Testing: March 2-6

IREAD testing will begin on Monday, March 2, for all 2nd and 3rd grade students. Testing is scheduled to be completed by Friday, March 6. There will not be testing on Wednesday, March 4th.

On March 2, 3, 5, and 6, testing will begin **promptly at 8:00 a.m.** and conclude by 9:30 a.m. Please avoid scheduling appointments during these times. To help your child do their best, please ensure they:

- Arrive at school on time
- Get a good night's rest
- Eat a healthy breakfast

Thank you for your support in helping our students be successful!

## What is IREAD?

IREAD is an assessment developed to evaluate the reading proficiency of Indiana students, particularly focusing on foundational skills aligned with Indiana Academic Standards. The test is administered to all 2nd and 3rd grade students. The assessment consists of three segments that measure various reading skills, including phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension of both non-fiction and literary texts.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

## Year-End Tax Statements

2025 year-end tax statements for tuition payments and childcare payments are available online through your FACTS account and your Smartcare Account. Tuition statements can be accessed by logging into your FACTS account and clicking on "**View Details**" and then "**View Payment Summary**." You can then enter a date range and click "**View**."

For instructions on how to access **Extended Care statements**, please [click here](#).

## Social Media

### Facebook:

@stmattschoolindy

### Twitter:

@stmattschool

### Instagram:

stmattschool

## Attendance Line

When a student is absent or will be late due to an appointment, please call (317)251-3997 ext. 3910 by 8:30 am. If you email your child's teacher to report an absence, please also copy Elizabeth Ellis, [eellis@saintmatt.org](mailto:eellis@saintmatt.org).

## Lunch Schedule

K-1	11:00-11:25
2-3	11:30-11:55
4-5	12:00-12:25
MS	12:25-12:55

**Looking for your child's teacher or a staff member's favorite flower, cold drink or restaurant?** Many parents ask for a *Favorite Things* list for our school and parish staff — it's a great way to learn more about our staff! [Click here](#) for the list.

[Medical Authorization form](#)

[Extended Care Information](#)

[Parent Handbook 2025-26](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Faculty and Staff Directory](#)

To receive important text messages from St. Matthew School Messenger, [click here](#) for instruction on how to opt-in.

[Click here for 2026-27 Key Dates](#)

## National Junior Honor Society

Congratulations to our 7th graders who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society yesterday before Mass. This organization recognizes students who excel in scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. We are proud of you, Warriors!

Todd  
Lauren  
Jackson  
Ethan  
Rylee  
Norah Q

Connor B  
Daniel  
Lucas  
Blake  
Aliyah  
David

Ainsley  
Jonah  
Norah W  
Colin  
Connor M  
Sadie



Milk Only: \$0.50  
Student Lunch: \$4.50  
Adult Lunch: \$5.50

### Monday, March 2

- Chicken Leg and Mashed Potatoes
- PBJ
- Chicken Caesar Salad

### Tuesday, March 3

- Chili and Cinnamon Roll
- Yogurt Parfait
- Chicken Caesar Salad

### Wednesday, March 4

- Pancakes and Scrambled Eggs
- PBJ
- Chicken Caesar Salad

### Thursday, March 5

- Beef and Cheese Nachos
- Yogurt Parfait
- Chicken Caesar Salad

### Friday, March 6

- Cheese Pizza
- PBJ
- Lunchie Munchie

### [Lunch Policy](#)

[Free/Reduced Lunch Application in English](#)

[Free/Reduced Lunch Application in Spanish](#)

**USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.**

If your student owes money on their lunch account, they will not be allowed to buy extras.

# Sports

[St. Matthew Athletics Facebook Page](#)

[St. Matthew Athletics Instagram Page](#)

Attention 7th and 8th Graders (age 13+)  
Caddie/Parent Information Meeting  
Hillcrest Country Club  
Sunday, March 8  
6:00 - 7:00 pm

[Click here](#) for details.

## A DAY ON THE SLOPES

North Deanery JH/HS Ski Trip



**A special thank you  
to our chaperones:  
Becky Millsaps,  
Kara Tappel, and  
Nick McCallum!**

Fund-a-Friend  
Tuesday, March 17th

Dress in green for [Seeds of Hope](#) and live like Fr. Glenn O'Connor, SMS Class of '66 and Mrs. Middleton's uncle. For a donation of \$2 or more, students may be out of uniform on Tuesday, 3/17.

## CYO Girls Basketball Home Schedule

Sunday, March 1st

56A 3:00 pm

Cadet A 4:00 pm

56B 5:00 pm



## Tournament Schedule

Monday, March 2nd

56B 6:30 pm at St. Roch

Tuesday, March 3rd

Cadet A 7:00 pm at St. Matthew

Saturday, March 7th

4th Red 10:00 am at St. Louis de Montfort

56A 11:00 am at Little Flower

4th White 1:00 pm at St. Louis de Montfort

Sunday, March 8th

Cadet B 1:30 pm at St. Malachy

## Northside Kickball League Registration is Now Open!

**Calling all boys and girls in grades K - 2 !**  
Join the Northside Kickball League, an exciting opportunity to build social skills, develop teamwork, and stay active. Kids will learn sports fundamentals like kicking, throwing, and catching—all while having a blast!

### League Details:

**When:** Every Wednesday, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

**Cost:** \$65 (includes t-shirt)

**Duration:** 6 weeks: April 8th - May 13th  
(make up date May 20<sup>th</sup> and May 27th)

**Register here:** [https://staindy.formstack.com/forms/northside\\_kickball\\_registration](https://staindy.formstack.com/forms/northside_kickball_registration)  
**by March 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

Please ensure you exit the sign-up screen after completing your entry to avoid duplicate registrations. Teams will be divided by school and age as much as possible.

Any questions can be directed to Kristen Moorehead, [kristen.v.moorehead@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.v.moorehead@gmail.com) 317-501-8299 or Jen Hardge, [Jenniferhardge7@gmail.com](mailto:Jenniferhardge7@gmail.com), 463-271-9965.

# Volunteers

## SAFE PARISH Training Program Required for Volunteers

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.

## Library Volunteers Needed

If you are willing to volunteer in our Library, please [click here](#) for the sign-up genius or contact Liz Lichtenberger, [ehv1215@yahoo.com](mailto:ehv1215@yahoo.com).



If you are interested in volunteering in our First Aid Office, [please click here to sign-up](#).

## Volunteer Service Hour Google Form

<https://forms.gle/atrsNZWT8udMSaTH8>

Click on the above link to submit your hours of service.

## Volunteers Needed for Ministry Fair

Our St. Matthew Parish Ministry Fair will be held along with all weekend Masses on March 7-8. We need help setting up and tearing down this important event to help promote ways for our community to become involved and give back to our parish. On Sat., 3/7, we will be setting up the gym (stage, tables, and chairs) from 8 am-10 am, and on Sunday, 3/8, we will be tearing down everything beginning shortly after the 11:30 am Mass.

If you are able to help, please go to the link at <https://forms.gle/GZqLh4H3SGyibyeb8> to sign-up. This is a great way for young people to give back to their parish and earn service hours for high school or Confirmation. If you have any questions, please contact David Smock at [dsmock@saintmatt.org](mailto:dsmock@saintmatt.org).



Friday Night Fish Frys  
5:00 - 7:00 pm  
2/27, 3/6, 3/13

## Volunteers Needed!

We need many volunteers to make our Fish Frys successful. Please click on the link below to sign up for a shift or two!

[Fish Fry Community Fundraiser: 2026 St. Matthew Fish Fry](#)

# Fundraisers



## Enroll Your Kroger Plus Card!

St. Matthew School just received a quarterly check from Kroger for \$546 — all thanks to families who have registered their Kroger Plus Shopper's Card. We can earn even more at **no cost to you** if all of our families sign up! [Click here to register your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card](#). Our organization number is **RQ009** or simply search for **St. Matthew**. Thank you for supporting St. Matthew School every time you shop!

## Box Tops for Education

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



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



Looking for trusted help with home projects, maintenance or the unexpected?

## Join Neighbor Club!

It's never been easier to care for your home. Join or gift Indy's home service club for just \$96 per year, and Neighbor Serve will donate 50% of proceeds back to St. Matthew School.

NEIGHBOR  
SERVE

## Why Neighbor Club?

- VIP access to top, vetted contractors across Indianapolis
- Over \$13 k in member offers and savings
- FREE HVAC tune-up included with membership
- Direct access to local team ready to help anytime

Locally Owned -  
St. Matthew Family

Learn more and join the club [here](#).

# The St. Matthew Parish FISH TASTIC

## Fish Fry

ALL ARE WELCOME

FEBRUARY 27TH, MARCH 6TH, AND MARCH 13TH  
5 - 7:30 PM in the St. Matthew Gym

Please join us for a delectable meal featuring...

\$12 endless fish dinner (includes two sides)

\$50 Family meal (one meal per immediate family member for one  
low price)  
and MORE!

Cash/check only for  
Men's Club beverages  
and 7th grade dessert  
and drink table!

NEW THIS YEAR: CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!  
WE CAN EVEN ACCEPT APPLE PAY!

[Click here for  
full menu  
and pricing](#)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

[Please click here to volunteer!](#)

## 8th Grade Musical - Annie, Jr.

Our 8th graders did an outstanding job with their performance of *Annie, Jr.* last Friday. A special thanks goes out to our director, Mr. Arrowood, music director, David Hammes, choreographer, Susan Reed. Also, thanks to Miss Clark, Mrs. Padgett and Matthew Reifsteck who helped with set design and Meredith Fredrickson and Jenny Hollman who spent many hours on costumes! We would also like to thank Susie Vannice for her talent in hair and make-up, **Mrs. Middleton for being "Ticketmaster" and David Smock** for his assistance with setting up the stage and props. Thanks to 2025 Alumni Dominic Tappel and Alejandro Rodriguez-Cruz for their assistance with lights and sound. We truly appreciate all the time and effort to make this annual tradition so successful!



SMS Student Council  
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# Canned Food Drive & Coloring Book/ Crayons Collection Lenten Challenge

Monday, March 2nd-  
Friday, March 13th

- Student Council will collect all items on 3/13 from each classroom.





Geranium Planter

Combination Sun Loving Planter



Gerbera Daisy, Mixed Colors, 12" Patio Pot

# St. Matthew FLOWER SALE

[Click here](#) for the order form.

Combination Planter \$35

Gerbera Daisy Planter \$35

Red Geranium Planter \$35

Begonia—Green Leaf Flat \$25

Begonia—Bronze Leaf Flat \$25

Impatiens Flat \$25

Spring Mix Hanging Basket \$25

Impatiens Hanging Basket \$25

Geranium Hanging Basket \$25

Petunia Hanging Basket \$25

Dragon Wing Begonia Basket \$25

6 in Geranium flat:  
red, white, pink, violet, salmon  
(6 plants/flat) \$50



Petunias, Various Colors



Spring Mix, Various Mixes



**FUNDRAISER FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE'S  
WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP**

**PAYMENT DUE UPON ORDERING**



1801 Bedding Impatiens



1801 Bedding Begonias



Dragon Wing Begonias



Impatiens, Various Colors

St. Matthew Catholic School

# Trivia Night

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**March 14th, 2026**

**6pm - 10pm**

St. Matthew School Gym

**\$350/Table of 8**

-Beer, Wine and Liquor included with purchase of table-  
Guests can bring in their own food

**Prize for Best  
Table Decor**



**Silent Auction,  
50/50 & more!**

To purchase tickets, please contact Kelly Miller at [kelljmill@gmail.com](mailto:kelljmill@gmail.com)

## Choice Scholarship Information

Many of you may be aware that beginning in the 2026–2027 academic year, all Indiana families with students in kindergarten through 12th grade will be eligible for the Choice Scholarship (voucher program). This change removes previous income restrictions and allows every family to apply for vouchers to help cover tuition costs at participating private schools.

We have recently received clarification regarding the documentation required to process student applications.

- Choice scholarship (voucher) will open later in the spring.
- Every family requires proof of address / residency.

**Any of the following documents with a printed address on it are acceptable as proof of residency:**

- o Copy of Driver's License
- o Bank statement
- o Credit card statement
- o Loan statement
- o Lease agreement
- o Mortgage / rental contract
- o Property deed
- o Voter registration
- o USPS change of address confirmation

**Please turn in this documentation as soon as possible, so that we can be prepared to process student applications when the window opens.**

Parents will still need to sign paperwork after it is processed in the school office.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Ellis, [eellis@saintmatt.org](mailto:eellis@saintmatt.org).

Mark your Calendars! Ignatius Book Fair at Christ the King Parish

March 3rd - 8th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm and immediately following all Masses that week

The Ignatius Book Fair returns to Christ the King Parish from March 3rd – 8th with an incredible selection of Catholic and secular books designed to inspire, educate, and spark a love of reading in students of all ages.

**St. Matthew Ministry Fair**  
**MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MASS HELD IN THE GYM**

**Get a "Taste" of St. Matthew's 35+ Ministries**

**LEARN ABOUT OPTIONS TO SHARE YOUR TIME & TALENT**  
**SNACKS & INFO @ EACH BOOTH & RAFFLE PRIZE**

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**CALLING All DADS! Free Breakfast TOMORROW and March 13th !**

**Northside Fraternitas House:** Join other men and dads for an event each month this year at Liter House in Broad Ripple. The next event will be TOMORROW from 6:30 am to 8:15 am. The theme: "Blessed Are Dads Who Mourn". [Click here](#) for details.

There is also an event on Friday, March 13th, from 6:30 AM to 8:15AM. The theme: "Too Busy to Pray?". Join us for an exciting discussion with Todd Dailey, who is a husband, father, and parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and founder of Eternize, the world's first haptic cross that uses modern technology to help you build a rhythm of prayer in the middle of daily life. Todd will reflect on his struggle to maintain faith amid distraction and how he is now living as a prayerful example to his kids. The mission of Fraternitas is to empower dads to pass their faith to their families. Pray, learn, and discuss how to be a better father... and enjoy a delicious FREE breakfast! Hosted by Marian University's Franciscan Leadership Institute. RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/FraternitasNorthside>. For more information [click here](#) or contact Mark Bridenstine, Director of Fraternitas, at [mbridenstine@marian.edu](mailto:mbridenstine@marian.edu) or 317-361-8084.

## Weekend Mass Schedule

- Saturday at 5:00 pm
- Sunday at 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am

Coffee and Donuts in the Café after 9:30 Mass on Sundays. Meet other families and donations for donuts help support our 8th grade.



Parents and kids of all ages are invited to join us for the Children's Rosary. Meetings are held in the Chapel on the first Saturday of every month at 9:00 am. Donuts and fellowship follow the Rosary. Please direct any questions to Kara and Tim Tappel at (317) 914-7028. **The next meeting is Sat., 3/7 at 9 am.**

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Vacation Bible School 2026

June 1 – 4

### Jesus, Tell Us a story



## St. Carlo's Corner

Join us in our St. Carlo Acutis Family Lenten challenge! [Click here](https://stcarlo.link/lent-2026) to see the challenge <https://stcarlo.link/lent-2026>. The challenge is designed to help start conversations and let you talk as a family about your technology use!

For week 2 of the Challenge the topic is "Created for Relationship, Not Comparison." We challenge you to think about some screen-free activities you can complete as a family. Here are a few ideas - play a board/card game, bake or cook something new, pray the rosary, go for a hike (if we get spring-like weather again!)

Please join us to learn and grow healthy digital habits at home.

Missed a Corner? [Find previous ones here.](#)



## St. Matthew Ministry Fair - March 7th and 8th

Join us on March 7th and 8th for the Ministry Fair. Representatives from every parish ministry will be present to answer questions. This is a terrific way to become more involved in St. Matthew Catholic Church. All Masses will be in the Gym that weekend--as will the Ministry Fair. Refreshments will be served as well!

## Jesus is waiting for YOU!

Every Thursday during Lent **Eucharistic Adoration will be available in the chapel 9:00 am - 6:00 pm.** Pop in for a few minutes or stay for one hour but don't miss this special opportunity. The Saints have often spoken of the importance of adoration.

Volunteers are needed to cover each hour. If you are able to volunteer, please use the link below or contact Margaret Stempky (317-775-5080) or Maureen McHugh (317-910-9784). A hard copy sign-up is also available in the back of church. Remember, Jesus is waiting for YOU! <https://tinyurl.com/4e3dss98>

*"Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you."*  
- St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei

## High School Information

### Wednesday Walk-Thru

Apr. 8 & 22

Time: 8:15 – 10:00 am



Parents/Guardians of 7th and 8th-grade students, are invited to spend a morning getting to know Bishop Chatard High School. During the Wednesday Walk-Thru, parents/guardians will hear a brief presentation from school leadership and current students, followed by a tour of the school. Throughout the morning, there are opportunities to ask questions. [Click here](#) to register.

### BCHS Summer Camp Registration is now Open

It's a great time to start thinking about summer! We're excited to offer an awesome lineup of summer camps for students in grades 1-8, featuring several new options along with all of our longtime favorites. Click [here](#) to learn more.



## FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

Thanks to all the parents  
for your assistance and support!  
A special thank you to the Donnenhoffer  
family for sharing their faith with the  
children through word and deed.

*A spiritually enjoyable time was had by all!*

# Thank You to our Trivia Silent Auction Donors!



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