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The Warrior World



Thursday, May 8th, 2025

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar

[Key Dates 2025-26](#)

May

Thursday, 5/15

Last Day of Preschool

Friday, 5/16

1:00 Dismissal
No Extended Care
Field Day
Last Day of PreK

Wednesday, 5/21

Graduation 6:00 pm
Church
8th Grade Awards and OWA at 9:30 am in the church
No All-School Mass

Thursday, 5/22

Last All-School Mass
8:30 am

Friday, 5/23

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

All non-uniform passes will expire at the end of this school year. We will have new passes for next school year.

June

Mon., 6/2 - Thurs., 6/5

Vacation Bible School

August

Wednesday, 8/6

First day of school (K-8)



[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. We hope to have all roles filled before the start of next year!

Join us for our Awards Day on Wednesday, May 21st at 9:30 am and help us congratulate our 8th grade class as they will be presented with academic awards. Awards will also be presented for Outstanding Warrior. Lastly, our 8th grade students will share words of wisdom and pass leadership over to the 7th grade class. St. Matthew School families are welcome to attend.



Order your 2024-25 yearbook now! The cost is **\$15 if ordered before May 9th** or \$20 if ordered between May 10th - May 31st. 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 the first part of August.

Upcoming Early Dismissals

Friday, May 16th - Field Day

Last Day PreK

1:00 pm Dismissal (K-8)

No Extended Care

Friday, May 23 - Last Day (K-7)

1:00 pm Dismissal

No Extended Care

[Summer Care 2025](#)

May 27th to June 27th

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Register before May 16th

with the \$35 registration fee and receive a free camp shirt.

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

School Supplies 25-26 School Year

Order Here: 1stDay.sale/38235

Get everything your child needs hassle-free! [Click here](#) to place

your order! Super easy! The supply box will be delivered to your child's classroom by the first day of school.

Deadline is July 1st.



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](#).

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, please also copy Elizabeth Ellis, ellis@saintmatt.org.

Social Media

Facebook: @stmattschoolindy
Twitter: @stmattschool
Instagram: stmattschool

Parent Handbook

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar
[Key Dates 2025-26](#)

Medications

If your student needs medication (prescription or over-the-counter) at school, please complete the [Medical Authorization form](#) and drop off at the school office. All medication must be in its original bottle.

Please [click here](#) for our Extended Care Policies.

Attendance Clarification

Per Archdiocese of Indianapolis guidance, students who are more than 45 minutes late OR leave more than 45 minutes early will be recorded as a half day of attendance.

We had a great Walk-a-thon! Thanks to all who participated and collected donations! We will announce the total amount collected at Field Day!

A huge THANK YOU goes out to former SMS parent, Shannon Everly and current SMS parent, Jen Hurrel for co-chairing this annual event! We appreciate their time and leadership!



Lunch Schedule

K-111:00-11:25
2-311:30-11:55
4-512:00-12:25
MS12:25-12:55

Milk Only: \$0.50
Student Lunch: \$4.10

Monday, May 12

- Chicken Parmesan
- PBJ
- Chef Salad

Tuesday, May 13

- Hamburger and Baked Beans
- Chicken Wrap
- Chef Salad

Wednesday, May 14

- Cheese Pizza
- PBJ
- Chef Salad

Thursday, May 15

- Beef and Cheese Nachos
- Chicken Wrap
- Chef Salad

Friday, May 16

FIELD DAY

1:00 Dismissal

No Extended Care

- Italian Sub Only - no other options

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

Lunch Policy

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

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

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Sports

CYO Girls' Softball

Tournament Games

Tuesday, 5/13 - 6:00 pm at The Orchard School

If we win on Tuesday, the next game is on **Wed., 5/14**
6:00 pm at Bishop Chatard HS

Summer Tennis

In cooperation with the City of Indianapolis, Indy Parks, and area schools, National Junior Tennis & Learning ([NJT](#)) will operate a six-week recreational tennis program for youth ages 5 - 18 at 15 locations throughout Marion County. The classes are June 2 - July 18.

[Click here](#) to view the flyer in English and [click here](#) to view the flyer in Spanish. Scholarships available.



Join [Devon Summer Swim Team](#)

No Pool Membership required!

Boys & Girls Age 4-17
[Click here](#) for details

CYO Boys' Baseball

8th Grade - Monday, 5/12- 6:00 pm at Optimist Park

7th Grade - Monday, 5/12 - 5:45 pm at Scecina Memorial HS

CYO Championship Track Meets

Friday, May 16 - 5:00 pm

Field Events at Guerin Catholic

Saturday, May 17 - 9:00 am

Prelims for Running Events at Guerin Catholic

Wednesday, May 21 - 5:30 pm

Finals for Running Events and Relays at Marian University

CYO FOOTBALL CALLOUTS

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

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

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 if you can help.



Offseason Basketball Training

Attention St. Matthew **basketball families!** Looking to keep your child's skills sharp over the off-season? 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 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 or text (317) 408-9249.

Field Day - Friday May 16th
1:00 pm Dismissal
No Extended Care

Our goal is to make the day fun, inclusive, and memorable for all students. To that end, we're refreshing a few aspects of Field Day to promote leadership, teamwork, and celebration.

What's Changing:

- **Student Leadership Focus:** This year, we're proud to introduce a student-led format! Our 8th graders will lead the activity stations, while 7th graders will serve as team "coaches"—motivating and supporting their peers throughout the day. This shift gives students meaningful leadership roles and helps them contribute to the day's success.
- **New Rotations & Challenges:** We're adding new, creative activities—from water relays to bounce houses to team-based problem-solving games—while keeping some traditional favorites. These rotations are designed to encourage movement, collaboration, and lots of smiles.
- **Celebration Over Competition:** While friendly games remain, the emphasis is shifting from prizes to recognizing effort, spirit, and participation—reflecting *The Warrior Way!* Everyone's contribution matters.

Lunch / Snack: A sack lunch will be available for purchase from the cafeteria on Field Day or students can bring their lunch from home. **Home lunches should be in something that can be thrown away.** Every student will receive a refreshing treat at one station during the morning – no need to bring money.

How You Can Help: While I won't be asking parents to run stations this year, I would still love to have you join us as spectators and cheerleaders! Your presence adds so much energy and joy to the day. I feel this allows you to truly be a part of your child's day without the stress of being responsible for a station.

**Field Day is scheduled for May 16, 2025, with a Superhero theme
a fun way to celebrate the everyday heroes in all of us!**

- Students should wear their Field Day/Walkathon t-shirts, school-appropriate shorts or sweats and sneakers. Please bring a water bottle. Because of some water activities, students may want to bring an extra set of clothes. Students may also wear a Superhero cape or accessories (no weapons, please) – Label with their name; they are responsible for keeping track of their items throughout the day.
- **Please apply sunscreen at home** before school. Students will be outside for extended periods, and we want everyone to stay safe and comfortable.
- **In case of inclement weather**, information about a Rain Out plan will be communicated in advance to homeroom teachers. We will enjoy modified activities, but we will not reschedule our day. The first Field Day event will begin at 8:30am and end at 11:00am. Lunch will be from 11:10-11:50 with the 7th Grade Kickball game starting at 11:55am.
- **Dismissal is at 1:00pm with No Extended Care.**

As this will be my first Field Day at SMS, I'm truly looking forward to making it a fun, uplifting day with your support. Thank you for helping us create a Field Day that celebrates leadership, community, and joy for every student.

Miss Sawyer
Physical Education Teacher



Mrs. Stephanie Mills and Mrs. Jeanna Greene recently completed a year-long Teacher Renewal Fellowship with Indiana Educator Fellowships. This program is designed to allow teachers to explore a proven education ideology; observe teaching tools in action; gain practical tools and resources; learn to create a joy-filled classroom; engage in meaningful dialogue with peers; and have time to reflect on best practices.

From Stephanie: TRF gave me the opportunity to reflect on my classroom practices and how I can best support SMS students. I gained valuable insight into the power of habits and how consistent routines can positively shape the learning environment. My hope is to introduce these habits school-wide, starting with a strong foundation in Pre-K.

From Jeanna: Teacher Renewal was a true time of reflection and came at a perfect time for me as I transitioned from being a 4th grade homeroom teacher to a resource teacher. I really enjoyed learning about habits that will help students find success here in the school setting and in their future outside of the classroom, and I hope to help implement those characteristics here at St. Matthew over time.



Fifth grade participated in mock papal conclaves with Miss McAllister last week!

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 or visit any Indianapolis Public Library branch to sign up. Go to indypl.org/srp to learn more!



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 a.m. - 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.

Congratulations to SMS Class of 2019 Alum, Sarah Semon! She has been cast in the role of Mary Magdalene in "[Civic in Concert: Jesus Christ Superstar](#)". The performance is at the Palladium in Carmel on Saturday, June 14 at 7:00 pm. Break a leg, Sarah! We are Warrior Proud!



Service Opportunity for High School and 7th & 8th Grade Students

WHERE: St. Vincent de Paul
WHEN: Saturday, May 17th
9:00 am - 12:00 noon
WHY: To be the hands and feet of Jesus



If you are interested in helping with the St Matthew SVdP ministry, please meet in the St. Matthew Parking lot at 8:30 am for prayer and carpooling. For more information and Travel Guidelines, [click here](#) or contact Kara Tappel, 317-914-7028.

There will be an opportunity to go to lunch afterwards. If you'd like to go, please bring money for food.

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://Archindysafeparish.org) Passcode: Archindy2021



A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Cristina Aparicio and her team of Lisa Lecher, Palak Effinger and Sarah Zurschmeide for organizing and running our Teacher Appreciation Week. Also, a special thank you goes out to YOU for all your donations and support this past week in recognizing our faculty and staff. The lunches and treats were amazing!

Fundraisers

 **RaiseRight!** RaiseRight! It is a gift certificate fundraiser. For more information on how to enroll, please email: 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.



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.



Once a month, students in grades K - 8 spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration.



"Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth!" St. Teresa of Calcutta

Community

VBS
2025

Mama Mary: Holy & Blessed

REGISTER NOW!

VOLUNTEERS (\$0)

PARTICIPANTS (Ages 3 - completed Gr. 2)

MARCH 1 - APRIL 20 (\$25 per child)

APRIL 21 - MAY 23 (\$30 per child)



[Click here](#) for VBS registration form.



Some of the SMS Class of 2023 gathered for a photo after BCHS's May Crowning.

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

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



All Parishioners are invited to a special celebration

for our beloved Pastor, Rev. Msgr. William F. Stumpf.

After the 5pm Mass on Saturday, May 31st, 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. Thank you!

Congratulations to all who celebrated
their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 3.

Cooper Blakley
Josie Helton
Thomas Jones
Charles Lesch
Logan O'Brien
Ben Riedle
Naomi West

Isabella Cazares-Olivares
Tommy Helton
Harry Kelly
Imogen McGarry
Artie Padgett
Sebastian Shipley
Camryn Yeadon

Josephine DeFazio
Lucas Hurrel
Kylie Latos
Jon McGinley
Eve Phillips
Avery Snyder-Moosbrugger
Quin Yeadon



"Do this in remembrance of me." Jesus