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(317) 251-3997
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The Warrior World



Thursday, April 17, 2025

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar

Key Dates 2025-26

April

Now - Fri., 5/9

I-Learn Testing window for Grades 3-8

Thursday, 4/17

7th Gr. Reenactment of the Last Supper
2:00 pm in the Gym

Friday, 4/18

1:00 pm dismissal
No Extended Care

Good Friday
Live Stations-10:00 am

Monday, 4/21

No School
Easter Monday

Tuesday, 4/22

PFA Speaker
6:30 pm

Thursday, 4/24

Middle School Music Program 6:30 pm

Friday, 4/25

Fund-a-Friend

Mon. - Fri. 4/28 - 5/2

Teacher Appreciation Week

Wednesday, 4/30

Flower Pick-Up
Bus Barn 1-5 pm

Thursday, 5/1

Walk-a-thon 1:45 pm

Friday, 5/2

May Crowning 1:30 pm

Saturday, 5/3

First Communion

Mon., 5/5-Fri., 5/9

8th grade to DC

Thursday, 5/15

Last Day of Preschool

TOMORROW, April 18th

Good Friday - 1:00 pm Dismissal
No Extended Care

Students must be in school uniform

Monday, April 21

Easter Monday - No School

Fund-a-Friend 4/25!

We are having a Fund-a-Friend on Friday, April 25th to benefit the [Village of Merici](#). Village of Merici provides residential and community opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities. For a donation of \$2 or more, students can dress in non-uniform.

Walk-a-Thon Thursday, 5/1

Last chance to be a sponsor!

If you'd like to become a family or corporate sponsor for the Walk-a-Thon you can do so with a donation of \$300 or greater! Your family or business will be recognized on our walk t-shirts which will be worn for both Walk-a-Thon and Field Day. [Click here](#) for a sponsorship form. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jen Hurrle, jenhurrle@gmail.com or Shannon Everly shmcnulty@aol.com. Please forward [sponsorship forms](#) and checks to the school office by today. Thank you!

Please join us for these dynamic speakers
next week on 4/22 at 6:30!!



Supporting Your Child in a Tech-Driven World

As technology becomes an even bigger part of our lives, it's important to understand how it affects children. As clinicians, Laura and Sherria will share insights from their work and the latest research to help you support your child's well-being.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **What We're Hearing:** Learn about the challenges families face and how they align with current research on technology's effects.
- **Spotting the Signs:** Identify when tech use impacts your child's mental health and how to address it.
- **Practical Tools for Parents:** Get research-backed strategies to support healthier tech habits at home and school.

ALL PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND CAREGIVERS ARE
WELCOME TO ATTEND.
HOSTED BY ST. MATTHEW PFA.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

St. Matthew
Community Room

6:30pm



Join therapists Laura Weaver, LMHC & Sherria Dickerson, LMFT for this event and conversation.

THE CABIN
Counseling & Resource Center, Inc.

Babysitting Provided for the **FIRST 20** Kiddos that are signed up.
Please email Kathy, at kgray@saintmatt.org to sign up!!

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, eellis@saintmatt.org.

Social Media

Facebook: @stmattschoolindy

Twitter: @stmattschool

Instagram: stmattschool

Parent Handbook

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar

Key Dates 2025-26

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

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

[Click here](#) to review the policy on when a student should stay home or return to school after an illness.

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.

Summer Care 2025

May 27th to June 27th
7:00 am - 5:00 pm

\$35 Registration fee per family

Register before May 16th with the \$35 registration fee and receive a free camp shirt.

One Child
Weekly Rate \$225
Daily Rate \$50

Sibling Rate
Weekly - 2nd Child \$190,
3rd Child \$180
Daily - 2nd Child \$45, 3rd Child \$40

[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 2025-26 School Year

It's time to buy your 1st Day School Supplies. I know it seems early, but before you know it, summer will be here. Start the school year with the exact supplies your teacher requested, and give your child the confidence they need to conquer next year! Plus it is so convenient! The supplies will be in your child's classroom on the first day of school. [Click here](#) to place your order!

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](#).



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

Monday, April 21 **Easter Monday** **No School**

Tuesday, April 22

- Hamburger and Baked Beans
- Chicken Wrap
- Chef Salad

Wednesday, April 23

- Italian Sub and Cole Slaw
- PBJ
- Chef Salad

Thursday, April 24

- Beef and Cheese Nachos
- Chicken Wrap
- Chef Salad

Friday, April 25

- Cheese Pizza
- PBJ
- Lunchie Munchie

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](#)

USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

ATTENTION 5th Grade Parents

As we begin planning for next school year, Mr. Arrowood wanted to share some exciting information about **Band in 6th Grade at St. Matthew!** Band is a required part of the 6th grade curriculum, and we are so blessed to be able to offer this opportunity for all students.

We are fortunate to have a limited number of school-owned instruments available for rental (\$160 per year), which helps make band accessible to everyone. However, many families choose to rent or purchase an instrument for their child, and we partner closely with **Paige's Music** to make that process easy and affordable.

To help you understand the options and get all the necessary details, we ask that at least **one parent attend an important Band Information Meeting on:**

Tuesday, April 30th

6:00 PM

St. Matthew Community Room

Representatives from **Paige's Music** will be there to walk you through the rental process, answer questions, and share helpful advice as your child begins their band journey. This evening will be packed with valuable information, so your attendance is strongly encouraged.

Thank you for supporting your child's musical growth! We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions before the meeting, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Arrowood, narrowood@saintmatt.org

Spring Flower Pick-Up
Flower pick-up will be
Wednesday, 4/30 in the
back parking lot from 1:00 - 5:00
pm. Thank you for supporting
the Class of 2026!



[Choice Scholarship](#)
Information Needed!
[2025-26 Eligibility](#)
[Requirements Released](#)

When you get your 2024 taxes completed and you are applying for a school voucher, 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.

Attention 8th Grade!

The North Deanery Youth Ministry Association, a collaboration between the ten North Deanery Parishes, along with financial support from the North Deanery Priests; awards up to ten scholarships to North Deanery 8th Grade Students. This award is presented to an outstanding young person who will be a freshman, at any high school, in the fall.

The scholarship is for the amount of \$250.00, to be used at an Archdiocesan event (ie: National Catholic Youth Conference - NCYC), at a Deanery event (ie: March for Life Trip, Retreat) or at a Parish sponsored spiritual event, during your freshman or sophomore year. [Click here](#) for information.

Saint Matthew
TEACHER & STAFF
Appreciation Week
Save the Date
April 28th- May 2nd
Full details coming soon!



**All non-uniform passes will expire
at the end of this school year.**

Sports

CYO Girls' Softball

Cadet

Thurs., 4/17 6:00 pm at Brebeuf
 Tues., 4/22 6:00 pm at Guerin
 Thurs., 5/1 6:00 pm at Bishop Chatard
 Thurs., 5/8 6:00 pm at Bishop Chatard



CYO Boys' Baseball

7th Grade

Tues., 4/22 5:30 pm at Midwest Sports #1
 Tues., 4/29 5:30 pm at Midwest Sports #1
 Mon., 5/5 5:30 pm at Midwest Sports #1



8th Grade

Wed., 4/23 6:00 pm at St. Simon
 Mon., 4/28 6:00 pm at Optimist Park
 Mon., 5/13 6:00 pm at Optimist Park

i9Sports

Summer and Fall Registration

Organized Programs for Boys and Girls Ages 3 - 14



[Click here](#) for details and information about registering for spring and summer sessions.

A big thank you goes out to [Indy Titans Baseball Club](#) for allowing our 7th and 8th grade baseball teams practice on their field at no charge.



CYO Track Meets



Sunday, April 27

at Roncalli 1:00 pm

Sunday, May 4

at Clark Pleasant Middle School 1:00 pm

CYO Championship Meet Times to be announced

Friday, May 16

Field Events at Guerin Catholic

Saturday, May 17

Prelims for Running Events at Guerin Catholic

Wednesday, May 21

Finals for Running Events and Relays at Marian University

Bishop Chatard North Deanery Sports Nights

Baseball North Deanery Night

Saturday, April 26

The BCHS JV baseball team takes on Westfield on Saturday, April 26 at 10:00 am. Come cheer on the Trojans and see the team in action!

Softball North Deanery Night

Tuesday, April 29

Join us on Tuesday, April 29 as the BCHS softball team takes on Brebeuf. North Deanery kids can arrive at 4:30 pm to meet the Trojan players and coaches. We'll have drawings for prizes, snacks and drinks at the pavilion during the game, and North Deanery players will have the opportunity to join the Trojan team for pregame introductions and hype!

Boys Volleyball North Deanery Night

Thursday, May 1

Mark your calendars! The Boys Volleyball North Deanery night is Thursday, May 1 versus Covenant Christian. The JV game starts at 5:30 pm with varsity to follow at 6:30 pm. North Deanery players will receive free admission to the game, a BCHS volleyball t-shirt and they can join our Trojan fans for dinner from the Trojan horse!

Our second grade class visited a nursing home yesterday and brought the residents hand made Easter Baskets!



For our Movin' For St. Matthew Walk-A-Thon, we're using a [web based fundraising system](#) that makes it easy for you to request pledges from your family and friends, and for them to make secure credit card donations online.

Our Walk-A-Thon is May 1, so please **register now** to help our school raise as much as we can for continued technology improvements including implementing a STEM computer lab with modular desks and flexible seating for the use of iPads and Chromebooks. **Using your computer or phone's browser:**

Go to <http://pledgestar.com/stmatthew>

- Click "Not Registered For This Year's Event"
- Enter your name and email address, then click "Submit"
- Follow the instructions on-screen to register Student(s) and add family and friends

When you finish, the system emails pledge requests to your family and friends, and allows them to make secure credit card donations online. You get notified each time a pledge is made, and you can track your pledge progress online. Call 1-888-598-7510 if you need help.

A vibrant, comic-book style poster for the St. Matthew Walk-A-Thon 2025. The background is a bright red with yellow and white halftone dots and dynamic yellow and white diagonal streaks. In the top right, a blue square with a white border contains the text "MAY 1" in white, with "1" being larger and bolder. Below this, the year "2025" is written in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. The central focus is a large white speech bubble with a black outline, containing the text "ST. MATTHEW WALK-A-THON" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the title, inside the speech bubble, is the text "Register now to help our school reach this year's goal of \$20,000!" followed by "We will continue raising funds for the improvement of technology within our school by implementing a STEM computer lab featuring modular desks and flexible seating with the use of Ipads and Chromebooks." At the bottom left, a group of approximately 15 children of various ages are posing in blue t-shirts. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code inside a blue square frame. At the very bottom, a green banner contains the URL "http://pledgestar.com/stmatthew" in white text.

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WALK-A-THON**

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<http://pledgestar.com/stmatthew>

Volunteers



Library Volunteers Needed

If you are willing to volunteer in our Library on Wednesdays and Fridays, please [click here](#) to sign-up. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Lichtenberger, ehv1215@yahoo.com.

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

Passcode: Archindy2021

THANK YOU for your Time!

We had a really nice and hard-working crew here this past Saturday to help spread mulch. We were able to get some other things done including weeding all the way around the property, including the rectory patio...AND

we even got a couple dads to put yellow reflective tape on the security gates. When the mulch arrived, the crew really attacked it, and most stayed extra than the 12 noon shift end time and we finished it all by 12:30 pm.



Thanks to Kevan Behlmer for his organization of this major project!

Also, special thanks to the Men's Club for getting the Fish Fry tent disassembled and put away as well as cleaning the fryers.



Jenna Latos was the "Assistant Principal" last Thursday. This opportunity was an item in the Trivia Night silent auction in February. Thanks, Jenna for your help!

Fundraisers



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.



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.

SMS Parents,

Many of our SMS families participate in the Choice Scholarship (voucher) program. **It will benefit our community as a whole if ALL FAMILIES have the opportunity to access the Choice Scholarship (voucher) program.** Please see the information below on how you can help make our voices heard.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Swinefurth
Principal

From the Indiana Non-Public Education Association:

Earlier this week, the Senate approved its version of the budget and unfortunately, it did NOT include universal choice. This was somewhat expected – the Senate took the Choice expansion out of the 2023 budget as well. Now, the Senate's version of HB 1001 heads to a conference committee for legislators to work through the differences between the House and Senate versions of the budget. Additionally, the state budget committee heard a dismal revenue forecast yesterday, which poses even greater challenges for our choice expansion in the upcoming budget. It is even more critical that state legislators hear about the importance of the program and its expansion to universal eligibility.

The House and Senate fiscal committees will be working feverishly this weekend to agree on a budget that is realistic and still gives priority to K-12 education. NOW is the time that legislators need to hear from their constituents that universal choice is important! We need you to reach out to your state representative to encourage them to find the funding to add universal choice back into the budget. All Hoosier taxpayers should be able to use a portion of their tax dollars to pay for their child(ren)'s education in the school of their choice. We need universal choice in Indiana!

Send your personalized message today at the link below. **Please edit the message to include the impact that universal choice will have on your family or school.** Real stories from Hoosier families and school leaders will make a difference and help get universal choice across the finish line! Please send your message today!

<https://shorturl.at/wC4Tx> (scroll to the bottom)

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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, 5/2
Gr 6 - 8

Youth Gathering
at St. Joan of Arc

Nov. 20-23
High School Students

NCYC at Lucas Oil

For more information, contact
Pam Fleming, pfleming@saintmatt.org.



Congratulations to our parish
young people who received
the Sacrament of Confirmation!

Eduardo Angeles
Sebastian Aparicio
Reagan Bartenbach
Dylan Beard
Miles Cain
Ex Coleman
Rocio Cuatlatl
Raymond Effinger
Allison Fazio
Daniel Ferris
James Ferris
Jacob George
Miles Greenlee

James Hanrahan
Cole Heisserer
Emma Jennings
Meg Jennings
Clara Manville
Blake Phillips
Cooper Riffel
Alejandro Rodriguez Cruz
Alexandra Torres-Rosas
Dominic Tappel
Finn Trentanove
Jessie White

April 9, 2025

Cathedral High School News

Becoming Irish

Start your journey to becoming Irish - the application period is open!

Visit gocathedral.com/admissions to learn more about life at Cathedral, the value of a Cathedral education, and the application process. Students applying now will be considered on a rolling basis.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

May 1 - 3, 7:00 p.m., May 4, 2:00 p.m.

Based on the Victor Hugo novel and songs from the Disney animated feature, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* showcases the film's Academy Award-nominated score, as well as new songs by Menken and Schwartz. Peter Parnell's new book embraces story theatre and features verbatim passages from Hugo's gothic novel. [Click here to purchase tickets!](#)