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The Warrior World



Thursday, August 7th, 2025

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the
School Calendar

August

Wednesday, 8/13

First Day of Preschool
and PreK

[Mum orders](#) due

Friday, 8/15

First All-School Mass
8:30 am

Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, 8/16

BINGO to benefit Haiti
Adults Only

6:00 pm in the Gym

Wednesday, 8/20

8th Grade Leadership
Mass 8:30 am

Thursday, 8/21

Parent Info Night
Preschool - 8th
6:00 pm in the Church

Wednesday, 8/27

Picture Day 8 - 11 am
Preschool - 8th

September

Monday, 9/1

Labor Day - No School

Thursday, 9/4

Mum Pick-up 2:30 -
6:00 pm - Football
Field

Friday, 9/5

First Friday Spirit Day

Wednesday, 9/10

1:00 pm Dismissal
(K - 8)

Wednesday, 9/17

Feast of St. Matthew
Kindergarten Medals at
8:30 am during Mass

Thursday, 9/18 and

Friday, 9/19

No School - Teacher
Professional Days

New this year.....

Physical Education Attire:

Students will not be changing clothes for PE class. If a student needs deodorant for after gym use or other times in the building, he/she will be permitted use of roll-on or stick deodorants only provided from home. Spray aerosols are not permitted.

Calling All Chess Warriors!

If your student (2nd - 8th grade) would like to participate in the CYO Chess Team League please contact Coach Brie Schaller no later than Friday, Aug 29th, at 317-445-0493 or

brie.schaller@gmail.com. Fees are \$75

The season starts on Sept 8th and consists of practices on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00pm. There are five chess meets on Wednesdays (4:30- 6:15pm), and a post season tournament (Saturday, Nov. 8th).

Please let Brie know if you are interested in helping with practices or being a co-coach. Thank you!



Extended Care Information

Please [click here](#) for our Extended Care Policies and Procedures. If you have any questions about our Extended Care program, please email Mrs. Brooks, mbrooks@saintmatt.org.

All School Mass

Typically our All-School Masses are on Wednesdays at 8:30 am. Occasionally they are on different days due to Holy Days. We will have Mass on Friday, August 15th at 8:30 am for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We will not be having an All-School Mass on Wednesday, Aug. 13th.

Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-Up for K - 8th

All morning drop-offs (which start at 7:00 am) will enter the St. Matthew parking lot at the first entrance from 56th St. (south parking lot entrance). The line will head to the back lot that winds around the back of the church and gym. The drop-off point is the gym doors. [Click here](#) for a map of morning carpool. The gym door locks at 7:50 am. If your student is later than 7:50 am, students will need to be walked in the front door and signed in at the school office.

Students should not be dropped off in front before 7:50 am unless an adult needs to speak with the office staff.

Fourth - 8th grade afternoon pickup line is in front the parking lot. Kindergarten - 3rd afternoon pickup is the same location as all morning drop-off (north side of school/gym entrance). Students will group with family members and will be pickup with the youngest student. Please pay close attention to staff instructions during pick up time. SMS utilizes a one-way loop system so all cars will exit the school going north on Forest Manor through the neighborhood. [Click here](#) for the afternoon carpool procedures.

Picture Day - Wednesday, 8/27

Tiffany Photography Studio will be here on Wednesday, 8/27 to photograph all students, Preschool-8th. If you would like to purchase pictures, they must be pre-paid. An [envelope/flyer](#) with the photo package information and prices will be sent home with students the week of Aug. 18th. You can also [click here](#) for a form.

Students are not required to wear school uniforms for these pictures, but dress must be modest and appropriate. The shoe policy in the handbook must be followed. Sandals are not permitted.

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.



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

Social Media

Facebook: @stmattschoolindy
Twitter: @stmattschool
Instagram: stmattschool

[Parent Handbook 2025-26](#)

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar

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



If you are interested in being a room parent (Preschool through 5th grade) contact Jennifer Jester at jemschae@yahoo.com for more information or to have your name added to the list to be a room parent. This is a great opportunity to be involved in your child's class and to support teachers. Once class assignments have been made you'll be contacted to ensure we have parents for each class.

Class treats in the cafeteria for students are not allowed. If you want to bring in treats for your student, please communicate with your child's teacher in advance. Thank you!

Lunch Information

Students may bring or purchase their lunch at school each day. St. Matthew Catholic School offers lunch and milk under the Federal Government Lunch Program. Lunch is \$4.50 for students and includes milk. Milk may also be purchased individually for students who bring their lunch for \$.50. Various a la carte snacks may be purchased for \$1.00. Lunch for parents and visitors is \$5.50. [My MealTime](#), an online payment system and cafeteria software, is in place which allow parents the ability to place money in their student's account. You will be receiving your student's MyMealTime code at Orientation, along with the classroom assignment.



[Click here](#) for the lunch policies which includes the links to the Free/Reduced lunch application. If you are directly certified for free or reduced lunches, you will be receiving a letter

Please contact Cafeteria Manager Angelina Jimenez, ajimenez@saintmatt.org or Kathy Gray, kgray@saintmatt.org if you have any questions.

Parents may bring an outside lunch for their child only. Parents may not bring outside lunches or drinks for any other students. Also, no delivery drivers from a commercial establishment may be utilized to deliver a student's lunch. Please no soda, pop, or caffeinated beverages. If you plan on eating in the Café with your student, please sign-in at the office.

Birthday treats may not be distributed in the Café during lunch. If your plan on bringing in a class treat, you must communicate with your child's teacher.

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

Monday, Aug. 11

- Hot Dog & Cucumber Dill Salad
- Pinwheels with Hummus
- Summer Berry Salad

Tuesday, Aug. 12

- Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla
- PB Banana Quesadilla, Yogurt
- Summer Berry Salad

Wednesday, Aug. 13

- Corn Dog
- Pinwheels with Hummus
- Summer Berry Salad

Thursday, Aug. 14

- Chicken Nuggets & French Fries
- PB Banana Quesadilla, Yogurt
- Summer Berry Salad

Friday, Aug. 15

- Meatball Sub
- Pinwheels with Hummus
- Lunchie Munchie

[Lunch Policy](#)

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

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

USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

Other Information

MANDATORY PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT Parents Only

Preschool - 8th Grade
Thursday, August 21st
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

What's the difference between Orientation/Meet the Teacher and Parent Information Night?

Orientation is an evening where you find out your student's teacher, drop your supplies, and briefly meet your child's teacher.

Parent Information Night is a mandatory, informational evening where you will learn vital information to having a successful school year, meet and converse with your teacher and see your student's classroom. This is a parent only night.

Childcare for Parent Information Night

SMS will provide childcare to St. Matthew students (Preschool to 8th grade) for Parent Information Night, however we must limit it to the first 50 children who RSVP to Kathy Gray, kgray@saintmatt.org.

There is no charge for this service. Childcare will be supervised by Mary Brooks in the gym.

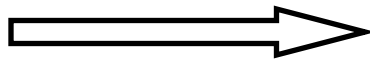
St. Matthew Marketplace on Facebook

Introducing the new "St. Matthew Marketplace" - a Facebook group designed to provide the St. Matthew community with a convenient way for school and parish families to GIVE AWAY or GET kids' stuff, amongst people we know in our community, and a familiar space to make those exchanges (school, Mass, sports practice, activities, carpool, etc.).

We all have lots of "stuff" for our kids! Sometimes we need new stuff, and other times we just want to get rid of our old stuff as quickly & easily as possible. School uniforms, sports equipment, winter clothing - we often don't realize we need new things (or that the old stuff no longer fits) until it's time to use it!

Help out a friend. Meet some new community members. Warriors supporting Warriors!

Click the link to join this new group!



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION! 2025-2026

Grade 2 Students

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Classes begin on Sunday, September 7.

Grade 8 and High School Students

Sacrament of Confirmation

Classes begin on Sunday, September 21.

To register, please email the following info to Pam Fleming at pfleming@saintmatt.org:

- Child/Teen name
- Date of birth
- Grade level
- Name of Parents
- Parents' cell numbers & email addresses



MARKETPLACE

St. Matthew Marketplace

[facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewmarketplace)

Attendance

When a student is absent or going to be late due to an appointment, parents should call the school at (317) 251-3997, extension 3910, or email Elizabeth Ellis, eeellis@saintmatt.org and report their student's absence by 8:30 a.m. 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. Notices will be sent to parents notifying them when their student reaches certain absence levels to be sure that everyone is aware and mindful of the importance of maintaining a good attendance record. If your child has an appointment, please make sure you provide a doctor's note.

A Note from our New Athletic Director

Dear St. Matthew's School Community,

As we prepare for another exciting school year, I wanted to reach out and share how enthusiastic I am about what's ahead in St. Matthew's athletics! There are several important updates and reminders for both returning families and those new to SMS or CYO sports. Please review the information below to ensure your family is ready for a successful, fun athletic season.

Growing up, I played CYO sports and loved the camaraderie and friendships that grew from those experiences. Many of the bonds I formed as a kid through athletics are still strong today. That sense of belonging and lifelong friendship is something I hope all our students get to experience here at St. Matthew's. Students competing today might find themselves as teammates in the future, and those connections often extend far beyond the playing field. I truly believe in what CYO has done and will continue to do for our children.

Key Updates & Reminders

Catholic Youth Organization

- CYO oversees all youth sports programs for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.
- For game schedules, rules, and updates, visit: (<https://cyoarchindy.org/>).
- The website has comprehensive resources for all parents and participants.

SportsEngine Platform (<https://www.sportsengine.com/>) - *Look for our specific link in the next few weeks.*

- SportsEngine is our new organizational tool for the year.
- This platform will handle physicals and parent/player agreements in a single, accessible place.
- Many nearby CYO schools use SportsEngine with great success.
- Please be patient as we transition and become familiar with this new system.

Coaches & Volunteers Needed

- Our program **URGENTLY** needs additional coaches and volunteers!
- No experience is necessary—there are many ways to help:
 - Setting up the gym
 - Running the concession stand
 - Maintaining the scorebook
 - Managing equipment or being a “chain gang” volunteer for football
- Greater community involvement enriches our athletic programs.
- If you have questions or would like to get involved, please contact me directly.

Safe Parish Training (<https://archindysafeparish.org/>)

The Archdiocese requires safe Parish training for all volunteers—**NOT** only for sports but for any role involving children (coaching, field trips, classroom volunteering, etc.).

- Training takes about 30 minutes and is valid for five years.

Looking Ahead

I look forward to a successful, energetic year on the fields and courts, seeing all of our students learn, grow, and proudly represent St. Matthew's.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school and its athletics programs.


Thanks,

Eddie Keever

Athletic Director

317-476-2848 or eddiekeever@hotmail.com

Fundraisers

 The **Saint Matthew Raise Right** fundraising program (formerly Scrip) is an ALL-online gift card program in which you can purchase gift cards, not just as gifts but also for everyday expenses (gas, groceries, restaurants, clothing and so much more), and a rebate is provided back to St. Matthew. It's easy and convenient! The amount of rebate varies by brand, and there are over 700 brands who participate.

Once you are signed up for the program, you can order gift cards through the Raise Right app on your phone or the website (www.raiseright.com). Most gift cards can be added directly to your wallet or received as eGift cards. You can even send e-Gift cards directly to your favorite recipient and schedule your choice of delivery date! Most brands also allow you to request a physical gift card which can be mailed to your home address for a small fee to cover the postal expense.

If you are new to the program or have been inactive, please contact RaiseRight@saintmatt.org to request a registration form (which must be completed to tie your rebates to St. Matthew) and/or to learn more about the program. We're happy to help! Wishing everyone a great school year!
- Your Saint Matthew Raise Right Committee

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.



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 information.

Box Tops for Education

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

Fall [Mum Sale](#) is Here!



Our 8th grade Fall Mum Fundraiser has begun and all money raised will go towards the 8th grade class fund. There are 5 mum color options for sale, purple, yellow, bronze/orange, white, and red. The pots are 9" and the cost is \$10 per mum.

All orders are due on **Wednesday, Aug. 13th** and pick up will be on Thursday, Sept 4th from 2:30 - 6:00 pm in front lot on the football field. [Click here](#) for the order form.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Gale, tracymgale@gmail.com or Carrie Fazio, carrieannklein@yahoo.com

Sports

Girls CYO Volleyball Evaluations



Sunday, 8/10

5th/6th 1:00 - 3:00 pm
4th grade 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Monday, 8/11

Cadet (7th/8th) 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday, 8/14

Make-up for all levels (if needed) 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Fees Due at evaluations - \$85 check made payable to St. Matthew or online at Blue Sombrero:
[Athletics – Saint Matthew Catholic School](#)

Home Girls' Kickball Games - Back Lot

Monday, 8/11

3rd Grade vs. St. Barnabas 5:30 pm
4th Grade vs. St. Barnabas 6:30 pm

Tuesday, 8/12

56B vs. St. Simon 5:30 pm
Cadet A vs. Christ the King 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 8/13

3rd Grade vs. Nativity 5:30 pm
4th Grade vs. Nativity 6:30 pm

Thursday, 8/14

56B vs. St. Barnabas 5:30 pm
56A vs. SS. Frances & Clare 6:30 pm

Monday, 8/18

56A vs. Christ the King 5:30 pm
Cadet A vs. Holy Name 6:30 pm

Volunteers



If you are interested in volunteering in our First Aid Office, [please click here to sign-up](#). On the job training will be provided. You can work for a few hours or all day! We are flexible!

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.

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

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 acknowledgment of a Code of Conduct.

[Click here](#) for details and the link to Safe Parish.

Other Information

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.



Thank you to our PFA Teacher Appreciation Committee for lunch on Monday! Cristina Aparicio always does

a fantastic job!

"Alumni Spotlight" bulletin board at SMS

This is an awesome example for our younger warriors to see the great things our SMS alumni have accomplished.

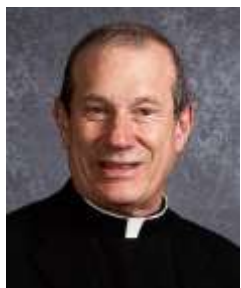
Send a picture with the student's name, year of SMS graduation, and a short description of the accomplishment to Cmiddleton@saintmatt.org

Thanks goes out to Crystal McCallum and Tracy Gale and all the volunteers, as well as, our St. Matthew Men's Club who made our Orientation night such a success! Also thanks to Kelly Miller for our Welcome Back sign and balloons. We appreciate you!

We would also like to thank Lanita Hill and Lisa Lecher for welcoming our new families! They put together a swag bag and provided other helpful information.

Our PFA Executive Committee met all summer to come up with wonderful ideas to support our faculty! Thank you for all your time!

Mass & Reception at St. Matthew for Fr. Paul Shikany



As many of you know, our former pastor here at St. Matthew, Fr. Paul Shikany, recently retired from full-time active priestly ministry after 46 years of service to the Archdiocese. We know many St. Matthew parishioners wanted to show their appreciation for his 9+ years of service here, so we are hosting a small reception for him in the **Community Room after the 5 p.m.**

Mass on Saturday, 8/23. Fr. Paul has agreed to do the Mass, and then he will be available in the Community Room to talk to in more of an Open House-style format. Please join us if you want to say thank you to Fr. Paul.

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 help support our 8th grade.

BLAZE: Bible Study for 7th and 8th Grade Girls

Blaze is Back with a Bash in 2025-2026! Hey, 7th and 8th grade girls! Get ready for a super fun, new Blaze format next year! We're kicking off monthly Blaze Bashes just for you.

What's a Blaze Bash? Each two-hour Bash (4:00 to 6:00 pm) will be packed with:

Blaze Bible Study: Dive into "Walking with Purpose" discussions that connect with your life.

Fun & Games: Get your game face on! Spiritual Reflection: Explore an ancient way to pray and connect with God's word. We'll have simple snacks, but no dinner.

What is Blaze? It's a welcoming Catholic Bible study for 7th and 8th grade young women. Connect with friends and explore your faith, tackling topics like relationships, social media, and your identity as a daughter of God—all rooted in Scripture!

Ready to Join? Registration is required for each free Bash Night! Hey parents!?!?! Want to help out? Let me know! For more info or to register, email theresa.r.neff@gmail.com.

Blaze Bash Dates (4-6 PM)

September 7, 2025	January 18, 2026
October 5, 2025	February 22, 2026
November 2, 2025	April 19, 2026

We will meet in the Church's Narthex then move to the St. Matthew Room. Get ready to have a blast!

Cell (317) 515-0807 or Email theresa.r.neff@gmail.com

CALLING ALL DADS! [Northside Fraternitas House](#): Join other men of St. Matthew and the north deanery for a breakfast event each month this fall at Liter House in Broad Ripple. On Friday, August 22nd at 6:30am-8:30am, we will have our featured speaker, Matt Mohlman, devoted husband, father, business owner and parishioner at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. He will motivate you to embrace the role of a sacrificial leader for your family and community, as we are all called to be! 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: www.marian.edu/fraternitas. For more [information](#) contact Mark Bridenstine, parishioner, at mbridenstine@marian.edu or 317-361-8084.

St. Matthew Women's Club

Join Saint Matthew Women for flower arranging at **6:30pm** on **August 13th** in the outdoor shelter (The Nature Lab). Please bring a small vase and a suggested contribution of \$5 to cover the cost of the flowers. All are welcome, RSVPs are appreciated but not necessary! Kciresi@gmail.com or 317-224-9238. In the event of inclement weather we will move inside to the Community Room. Please join us for fellowship and to create beautiful bouquets!



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will start back up in mid-September for our children **ages 4 through grade 1**. This ministry is offered during the Liturgy of the Word at 9:30a Mass on Sundays. *There is no registration necessary for the children to attend.* Prior to the First Reading, the presider will call the children forward to receive a blessing, and then they will go with the catechists to hear the Good News! The children return after the homily the homily has been delivered.

IMPORTANT: Catechists are needed for this ministry to continue. Two catechists must be present for each Sunday CLW, *Children Celebrate* leaflets from Pflaum Publishing are supplied, and as a catechist you can choose the Sunday that works best for you. If your child or grandchild has participated in Children's Liturgy of the Word, then you know how valuable this ministry is.

If you're interested in being a catechist, know someone who might be interested, or have a question, please contact Pam Fleming at pfleming@saintmatt.org. Thank you.

BINGO

◆ GAMES ◆

HENS FOR HAITI!

Join us for an unforgettable evening of eggcitement, camaraderie, and the thrill of the win at Bingo Games & more! Mark your calendars for an evening filled with prizes, fun, and silent auction,

Beer, wine and Chick-fil-A sandwiches available for purchase. All proceeds go to chicken farming in Haiti

For more information contact Jan Baele @ (317) 405-7306 or janjoe9@aol.com

PRIZES | FOOD | FUN

**There will also be a
Silent Auction at
BINGO night!**

August 16, 2025 at 6 PM

St. Matthew Church

4100 E 56th St. 46220

Gaming License #002563



**\$50 includes 10/3 card Bingo games and
a \$10 ticket for food & drinks. Checks and cash only.**

ST. MATTHEW PARISH

OKTOBER

Fest



**SEPTEMBER 27TH
6-10 P.M.**

KID'S AREA WITH MISS LIZ THE SCIENCE WHIZ
INFLATABLES, FACE PAINTING, GAMES & CRAFTS

BIERGARTEN FEATURING ST. JOSEPH'S BREWERY
ALONG WITH DOMESTIC BREWS, WINE AND SELTZERS

COLLEGE GAMES STREAMING

SPECIALTY SAUSAGES FROM CLAUS' GERMAN MARKET

LIVE MUSIC FEATURING "THE BISHOPS"

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SEPTEMBER 27TH

6-10P

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ONLY \$20**

**Unlimited Time on Inflatables
Miss Liz the Science Wiz
Face Painting
Crafts
Unlimited Games
and More!**

*****Discounted Wristband Prices*****

**during
Parent Info Night
August 21st 6:00 p.m.
For \$15**

***Not Responsible for Lost or Stolen Wristbands**

**Special
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