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The Warrior World



Wednesday, September 17th, 2025

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the
School Calendar

September

**Thursday, 9/18 and
Friday, 9/19**

No School - Teacher
Professional Days

Mon. - Fri., 9/22--9/26
Homecoming Week

Friday, 9/26

Fund-a-Friend for
Haiti Christmas

Saturday, 9/27

Oktoberfest
6 - 10 pm - Back Lot

October

Friday, 10/3

First Friday Spirit Day

Friday, 10/10

End of 1st Quarter

Mon. 10/13 - Fri. 10/17

Fall Break

Wednesday, 10/22

Honor Roll Mass
8:15 am

Friday, 10/24

PFA Chili Supper
5:00 - 9:00 pm - Gym

Saturday, 10/25

Trunk or Treat 6:00 pm
in Back Lot

Wednesday, 10/29

Home Learning Day
for K-8 - Parent
Teacher Conferences

November

Mon.-Fri., 11/3-11/7

Disability Awareness
Week

Wednesday, 11/5

All Saints' Day
Presentation by 4th
Grade 8:30 am during
All-School Mass

No School for Preschool – 8th Grade TOMORROW & Friday

Please note that there will be no school for Preschool through 8th grade tomorrow, September 18 and Friday, September 19. Our faculty will be attending the Indiana Non-Public Educators' Conference (INPEC).

SPIRIT WEAR LINK is LIVE!

It's all here in our online store:

https://shop.distinctimages.net/st_matthew/shop/home

Important Info:

- **The online store will close on Tuesday, September 23rd at midnight**

- All orders will be available for pickup at St. Matthew on Friday, October 10th

- All sales are custom made and final (returns and exchanges not available), so please check sizing charts and fabric/materials in the online store.

Homecoming 2025 - Special Dress Days

Monday, 9/22: Pajama Day

Tuesday, 9/23: 90's Decade Dress Day

Wednesday, 9/24: Dress like your favorite Celebrity Day

Thursday, 9/25: Farm or Jungle Day
Dress like your favorite animal

Friday, 9/26: Fund-a-Friend for Haiti Day
Students are invited to participate in our first Fund-a-Friend by donating at least \$2 to support this worthy cause. In return, students may come to school in casual (non-uniform) clothes! Donations will be collected by homeroom teachers at the start of the day. The funds raised will support our sister school in Haiti for their annual Christmas Celebration.

Sunday, 9/28: CYO Football Games
Cadet: 1:00 pm - SMS Football Field
56: 2:30 pm - SMS Football Field

*Please note: If a student chooses not to participate in any of the dress-up days or in Fund-a-Friend, they may wear their regular school uniform instead.

Oktoberfest Hot Air Balloon Raffle and Ride

Have you or your kiddo always wanted to go up in a Hot Air Balloon? Well now you and a friend or family member have 10 CHANCES to win a Piloted Ride up in the FAMILY FRIENDLY ReMax tethered Hot Air Balloon during Oktoberfest! Each chance to win a ride is only \$5 for a 2 person ride. Raffle tickets can be bought during school hours at the office. Last day to buy a chance to ride is 9/23. Don't miss this unique opportunity to get a bird's eye view of Oktoberfest on 9/27! Enter to Win Today!

10 Chances to Win

ONLY \$5

License #002563



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

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](#)

Snacks Offered in Café - Grades 4th - 8th
Beginning Monday, September 22nd, grades 4 – 8 will have the ability to purchase a la carte snacks along with their lunch. All snacks are \$1.00 and follow the smart snack guidelines outlined in our Health and Wellness policy. We will introduce the ability to purchase snacks in the lower grades at a later date.



TO: Teachers, Support Staff, Parent-Faculty Association, School Commission

NOTICE: ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT OF 1986 (AHERA)

St. Matthew Catholic School of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis has complied with the EPA School Rule (1982) and AHERA (1986). The management plan for meeting the requirements of AHERA is available upon request in the school office.

The initial required inspection of this school was completed by an accredited inspector/planner. The asbestos-containing building materials identified, if left undisturbed, do not present an immediate danger to building occupants. The following response actions and preventive measures have been taken or are planned in accordance with the Management Plan.

Furthermore, periodic surveillance of asbestos-containing building materials is completed every six months to ensure that the materials are undisturbed and in good condition.

The building will be re-inspected by an accredited inspector/planner every three years after the initial inspection.

I hereby certify that I have made the notifications required under AHERA.

Cara Swinefurth
Principal
August 31, 2025

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

Monday, Sept. 22

- Pancakes and Sausage Patties
- Pinwheels with Hummus
- Summer Berry Salad

Tuesday, Sept. 23

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

Wednesday, Sept. 24

- Corn Dog and Baked Beans
- Pinwheels with Hummus
- Summer Berry Salad

Thursday, Sept. 25

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

Friday, Sept. 26

- Meatball Sub
- Pinwheels with Hummus
- Summer Berry Salad

[Lunch Policy](#)

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

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

USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

Sports

CYO Season Passes on Sale Now!

Purchase a family season pass for all home volleyball and basketball games for \$50. This includes admission for parents, grandparents and siblings of the player. Payment can be cash or a check made payable to St. Matthew School and dropped off at the school office.

Cross Country Meets

Saturday, Sept. 20th at 8:30 am

Location: Brebeuf Jesuit

Saturday, Sept. 27th at 2:00 pm

Location: Location: Blue River Cross Country Course Shelbyville

Saturday, October 4th at 9:30 am

Location: St. Malachy



Home Football Games



Saturday, 9/20

3rd Grade vs. St. Pius X

9:00 am

Sunday, 9/21

Cadet vs. St. Louis de Montfort

1:00 pm

56 vs. Johnson Co. Catholic

2:30 pm

Wednesday, 9/24

56 vs. Nativity

5:30 pm

Thursday, 9/25

4th Grade Eastside Catholic vs. St. Barnabas
(2 of SMS 4th graders play on Eastside Catholic)

5:30 pm

Sunday, 9/28

HOME COMING

Cadet vs. Johnson Co. Catholic

1:00 pm

56 vs. South Central

2:30 pm

CYO Boys Basketball Evaluations

- All callouts will be in the St. Matthew Gym
- Monday, 9/22 and Monday, 9/29
- Players aren't required but are encouraged to attend both sessions

4th Grade – 9/22 and 9/29

5:30 - 6:30 pm

5th and 6th Grade – 9/22 and 9/29

6:30 - 7:30 pm

7th and 8th Grade – 9/22 and 9/29

7:30 – 9:00 pm

Parents, if you have any questions or if your son is unable to be at the evaluations, please contact Jarrett Hamilton, jarrett.hamilton22@gmail.com.

Practices start in early November, and games begin after Thanksgiving, but teams need to be submitted by the beginning of October. The fee is \$85 and can be paid with cash or check made payable to St. Matthew School and dropped off at the school office.

Please register via Sports Engine:

<https://st-matthews-sports-committee.sportngin.com/register/form/305878932>

You will have to create an account for each child. You can sign them up for all the sports at once or wait for each season to sign up. Please contact Eddie Kever, eddiekeever@hotmail.com if you have any questions about registering.



Home Girls Volleyball Games

Thursday, 10/2

Cadet B Red vs. St. Maria Goretti

7:00 pm

Cadet A vs. Cardinal Ritter Jr. High

8:00 pm

Saturday, 10/4

56A vs. St. Maria Goretti

9:00 am

56B vs. Christ the King

10:00 am

Cadet B Black vs. Our Lady of Grace

11:00 am

Cadet C vs. St. Pius X

12:00 pm

Boys Soccer North Deanery Night - Tuesday, 9/23

Join Bishop Chatard as the Trojans take on Plainfield on Tuesday, September 23. JV starts at 6:00 pm and Varsity plays at 7:30 pm. North Deanery students receive FREE admission with their Future Trojan Pass or by wearing their school or parish's spirit wear.

CYO High School Boys Basketball

Team Rosters are due Oct. 20th. If your high school son is interested in playing, please email Brad Ford, b.radford1@yahoo.com before 10/20. Please include the student's name, grade and contact information.

Fundraisers

TRASH BAG SALE - 7th and 8th Grade Only

The 7th and 8th grade classes will be selling everyone's favorite trash bags this year. The trash bag sale has been a fundraiser for St. Matthew School and Parent Faculty Association (PFA) for the past 30+ years and the 2025-26 school year will be the last year for this fundraiser. The school and PFA greatly appreciate your time and effort in making this a successful fundraiser for our school and community.

DO I NEED TO SELL TRASH BAGS? The trash bag sale is **ONLY open to 7th and 8th grade** families this year, as a way to raise funds for the beloved 8th grade Washington DC trip. This fundraising opportunity is **OPTIONAL**, so there is no buy-out option. See a 7th or 8th grade family if you need to stock up on trash bag - or stop by the school office!

You can also buy trash bags straight from the Bus Barn TODAY, Wednesday, 9/17 & Wed., 9/24 (2:00 - 4:00 pm) and Wednesday, 10/1 (7:00 - 9:00 am & 2:00 - 4:00 pm). Thanks to Carly Brenner and Susie Vannice for manning the Bus Barn! [Click here](#) for additional information.

Raise Right Gift Card Fundraiser

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.

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!

- 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.



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 St. Matthew School sign on Forest Manor. The cost is \$10 per name. The funds will support Student Council [Click here](#) for information.



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! Thank you for your time!

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.



Oktoberfest Volunteers Needed! Earn Family Service Hours by Volunteering at Oktoberfest!

Join the fun and fulfill your family service hour requirements by helping out at our annual **Oktoberfest** on **Saturday, September 27, from 6:00–10:00 PM**. [Click here to sign up to volunteer!](#) We appreciate your support in making this event a success!

Volunteer Information

Volunteer involvement is a key part of what makes St. Matthew a well-rounded and vibrant place, with lots of options to contribute and support both our school and parish communities!

All St. Matthew School families are expected to contribute **at least 12 hours of volunteer service** to the school and/or parish, and this year we're adding some new **special incentives** to make it even more worth your while to lend your time and talents! [Click here](#) for more info on our volunteer service program, as well as a [detailed list](#) of different ways you can contribute depending on your availability, skills, and what speaks to your interests!

Please reach out to Nick McCallum, St. Matthew PFA President, with any additional questions not addressed in the attached documents. (nicholas_mccallum@hotmail.com)

We so appreciate our dedicated families who help make St. Matthew a wonderful place for both our children AND adults!

Volunteer Service Hour Google Form

<https://forms.gle/atrsNZWT8udMSaTH8>

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

If you already submitted on paper, those have been entered on the google form.

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.

Other Information



St. Matthew
Men's Club
Golf Outing

Wednesday, 10/1
Ironwood Golf Club

[Click here](#) for the flyer
and information
on how to register.

[Fall Festival](#) at the Jordan YMCA

Saturday, Oct. 4 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Trunk or Treat presented by The Sanctuary
Kid's Zumba Demonstrations
Pumpkin Decorating
Family Gaga Ball
Haunted Fairytale Trail
Facepainting
Games
Festive Food

Other Information

Alumni Spotlight

Please help us fill the "Alumni Spotlight" bulletin board. This is an awesome example for our younger Warriors to see the great things our Warrior alumni have accomplished.

Please send a picture with the student's name, year of SMS graduation, and a short description of the accomplishment to Colleen Middleton, cmiddleton@saintmatt.org.



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 Saturday, Oct. 4th at 9:00 am.**

High School Info



Open House

When: Thursday, October 23

Time: 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Join us at our 2025 Open House, as we open our doors and roll out the red carpet for all of our guests. The Open House is one of the best ways to get an overview of Bishop Chatard's innovative and faith-based academic programs and hear from our own students about what makes Bishop Chatard special!

Bishop Chatard Trivia Night Saturday, October 4th 6:30 pm

- Fun, adult social activity set in their Varsity Gym
- Funds from this event will help support all of their athletic teams (including the weight room & more!)
- Event info & sign-up at: <https://www.bishopchatard.org/trivia-night/>

Key BCHS Enrollment Dates

Future Trojan families! Interested in becoming a part of the next class of Trojans? Bishop Chatard High School is now accepting applications and welcoming shadow students for the Class of 2030. We also offer a variety of opportunities for prospective families to learn more about BCHS. Sign up for one or more of our upcoming events and experience what it means to be a Trojan!

Key Enrollment Events:

NOW - JANUARY - Schedule a Shadow Day

NOW - APRIL - Attend a Wednesday Walk-Thru

OCTOBER 23 - Join us at Open House

NOVEMBER 15 - High School Placement Test

NOVEMBER 25 - Admissions Application Deadline

DECEMBER 1 - Financial Aid Application Deadline

DECEMBER - Watch for your Big Blue Envelope!

FEBRUARY 9 - Deadline to submit Trojan Intent Forms/Deposit

To learn more or register for enrollment events, visit

BishopChatard.org/enrollment.

Class of 2030 - Applications are OPEN!

• Open House October 2nd

Visit gocathedral.com/admissions to sign up for all events and more!

Application deadline:

October 15th

Decisions sent December 1st

Dates and Events to Remember:



• High School Placement Test (HSPT)

- September 20th
- October 25th

• Cathedral Coffee/Campus tour/Q & A

- October 8th
- November 5th



Our 5th Grade CYO Kickball team had a great season! They were one game away from going to the City Tournament.

Way to go, Warriors!

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.



Youth Ministry – Schedule of Events

St. Matthew Parish

Grades 7 – 12

09/20/25	SVdP	9:00a – noon
11/15/25	SVdP	9:00a – noon
02/21/26	SVdP	9:00a – noon

For more information regarding SVdP, contact Kara Tappel at 317-914-7028.

7th & 8th Grade Gatherings – NDYM

09/26/25	@CTK	7:00p – 9:00p
11/07/25	@SPX	7:00p – 9:00p
01/23/26	@St. Luke	7:00p – 9:00p

High School – NDYM

01/11/26	@St. Simon	blacklight volleyball
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ARCH INDY

01/22/26

Indiana Youth Rally & Mass for Life

Grades 7 – 12

02/28/26

Holy Fire

Grades 6 – 8

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

*Do you want your companions to respect you?
Always think well of everyone and be ready to help others.
Do this and you will be happy.
St. John Bosco*

CALLING All DADS

who love their children and sports!

Northside Fraternitas House: Join other men of the north deanery for a breakfast event each month this fall at Liter House in Broad Ripple. The next event will be **Friday, September 26th**, from 6:30 am to 8:15 am. Our Theme will be "When God Cheers". Our featured speaker will be John Shaughnessy, husband, father, grandfather, and member of St. Thomas Aquinas parish. He's an author and longtime Indianapolis Star columnist and currently Assistant Editor at The Criterion. He'll share his insights on a game plan for dads who love their children and love sports. The mission of Fraternitas is to help dads pass on 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. Please RSVP here: tinyurl.com/Northside-Fraternitas-House. For more information [click here](#) or contact Mark Bridenstine, Director of Fraternitas, at mbridenstine@marian.edu or 317-361-8084. Mark is a St. Matthew Parishioner and his kids attended SMS!

Project Outdoor Nativity Scene



We are pleased to cooperate with the Catholic Business Exchange and Front Yard Originals (www.frontyardoriginals.com) in offering St. Matthew parishioners and school families an opportunity to purchase an Outdoor Nativity Scene for display this Advent and Christmas.

The price for the Outdoor Nativity Scene is \$110.00. A portion of the proceeds will be contributed to St. Matthew Catholic Church.

Orders must be received and paid for by Tuesday, October 7th (firm deadline).

To purchase an Outdoor Nativity Scene, please complete an order form (available in the Parish Office, School Office, and Narthex) and submit a check, payable to St. Matthew Catholic Church. Alternatively, you may complete the order form online by [clicking here](#). Please be advised that you must still pay via check even if you complete the online version of the order form.

Thank you for your support! God bless!
Already have a Nativity Scene? You can purchase additional pieces online by [clicking here](#). Receive a small discount on additional pieces by typing **PONS10** in the discount box.

ST. MATTHEW PARISH



OKTOBERFEST

BIERGARTEN - FOOD - LIVE MUSIC

- KINDER AREA -

SEPTEMBER 27TH
6-10 P.M.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!!



ST. MATTHEW OKTOBERFEST

SEPTEMBER 27TH

6-10P

**KINDER
AREA
WRISTBANDS
ONLY \$20**

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

Gala Class Basket Raffle Tickets
available at Oktoberfest on 9-27!

TICKET PRICES: 1 ticket for \$10/ 6 tickets for \$50/ 13 tickets for \$100

The homeroom that sells the most tickets wins an Urban Air party!*

*includes free entrance to Urban Air on Nov. 14th from 4-6 pm (transportation not provided by SMS)

Winning homeroom to be announced at the Gala on November 8th.

Basket winners do not need to be present to win.

How does a homeroom get 'credit' for a ticket sale?

In the highlighted space on the raffle ticket, include the grade level and teacher's last name initial
For 8th grade, Mr. Moyer is 8B and Mrs. Moore is 8A.

Gala Class Basket Raffle



BASKET NUMBER: _____

FULL NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

CLASS CREDIT to SELLER/ BUYER (ie:3H) [REDACTED]

DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN
INDIANA GAMING LICENSE #002563

Sneak peek of the class basket themes!

Preschool	TBD
PreK	Local Favorites
Kindergarten	Cozy Reading
1st	Family Fun Night
2nd	Camping
3rd	Tailgate
4th	Winter Wonderland
5th	Man Cave
6th	Puzzles & Snacks
7th	Lottery
8th	TBD

[Click here](#) for the form for sponsorship and silent auction donations. Sponsorship donations can also be made [online](#).

GALA 2025 Sponsorship Opportunities 11.8.25



CASINO ROYALE

SAINT MATTHEW GALA

- VIP table and tickets for 8 guests
- Prominently featured individual or company logo at the casino table or bar
- Plus benefits of all lower levels

*007 Elite
Sponsor*

\$3,500

*High
Roller
Sponsor*

- Logo and Tagline featured on new LCD sign along Binford Blvd for 2 months & 56th Street banner for 2 weeks
- Verbal Recognition during the event
- 6 tickets to the event
- Reserved sign and logo at your table
- Plus benefits of all lower levels

\$2,000

*Jackpot
Sponsor*

- Logo advertised on banner in entryway
- 4 tickets to the event
- Plus benefits of all lower levels

\$1,500

*Ace of
Hearts
Sponsor*

- Recognition on posters, publications and social media
- 2 tickets to the event
- Plus benefits of all lower levels

\$750

*Double or
Nothing
Sponsor*

- Logo featured on online auction website and guest's mobile devices
- Recognition in Parish Bulletin and weekly E-newsletter
- 2 Tickets to the event

\$350

Gaming License #002563

Questions: Contact- crystalann25@gmail.com

Family and Friends

\$100

Each donation in this category will sponsor one St. Matthew faculty or staff member to attend the Gala!
Recognition during the event and Thank You Ads offered.



Scan me
[Or click
here](#)

ALL BETS ARE OFF
NOVEMBER 8, 2025



CASINO ROYALE

SAINT MATTHEW GALA

NORTHSIDE EVENTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

6:00pm to 11:00pm

DRESS TO KILL- NO TUXEDO REQUIRED

LIVE MUSIC BY ONE VOICE INDY
OPEN BAR AND HEAVY APPETIZERS
LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS
ALUMNI TRIBUTE
CASINO GAMES



*Tickets and reserved
tables on sale starting
August 1, 2025!*

INDIANAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

SHOWCASE AND FALL FIRE SAFETY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
IFD TRAINING ACADEMY
9020 E 33RD ST
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

*Free Food, Fun & Giveaways!
Live Rescue Demonstrations!
Safety Fun for Your Family!*

