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The Warrior World



Thursday, March 12th, 2026

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the
School Calendar

March

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)
Good Friday
8th Grade Living
Stations 10:00 am
7th Grade Flower
Orders Due by 1:00 pm

Monday, 4/6

No School
Easter Monday

Wednesday, 4/8

Mandatory 8th Grade
Parent/Student Meeting
6:00 pm in Café

Friday, 4/10

Fund-a-Friend
Village of Merici

Choice Scholarship Information needed from all families who are enrolling in K - 8 for the 2026-27 school year

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:

- Copy of Driver's License
- Bank statement
- Credit card statement
- Loan statement
- Lease agreement
- Mortgage / rental contract
- Property deed
- Voter registration
- USPS change of address confirmation
- Insurance policy (homeowners, renters, auto, health)
- Tax statement

Please turn in this documentation to the school office as soon as possible, so that we can be prepared to process student applications when the window opens. We need this documentation from only one parent.

Monday, March 16th

Professional Development

1:00 pm Dismissal for K - 8

- Extended Care is available for \$5/hour per child.
- PreK will operate on a normal schedule

Friday, March 20th - Friday, March 27th
Spring Break

No School for Preschool - 8th

Friday, April 3rd

Good Friday

1:00 Dismissal for PreK - 8th

No Extended Care

Monday, April 6th

Easter Monday

No School for PreK - 8th

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.

Our Trivia Night Online Silent Auction is **LIVE** and packed with amazing items donated by local businesses and St. Matthew Staff. The auction will end at 9 pm on Saturday night. Browse and start bidding here: [St. Matthew Trivia Night | Auction Items](#)! You do not need to be present at Trivia Night to bid and win auction items.

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.

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](#)

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

Monday, March 16

- Chicken Patty on a Biscuit with Honey
- Pepperoni Pizza Kit
- BLT Salad

Tuesday, March 17

- Shamrock Shaped Chicken Nuggets
- Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap
- BLT Salad

Wed., March 18

- Sloppy Joe
- Pepperoni Pizza Kit
- BLT Salad

Thursday, March 19

- Walking Taco
- Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap
- BLT Salad

Friday, March 20

- NO SCHOOL
- Spring Break

[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 his/her lunch account, they will not be allowed to buy extras or snack.

SMS Student Council Sponsored 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.



ST. MATTHEW TRIVIA NIGHT

It Ain't Over 'Til It's Clover!

Sponsor a Shamrock & Support Our Students

Help us reach our \$5,000 Shamrock Challenge!

If we reach our goal, the entire school earns an All-School Popsicle Party!



The poster features a large green shamrock on the left and a banner at the top with four smaller shamrocks. The text is centered and reads: 'TRIVIA NIGHT Shamrock CHALLENGE'. Below this, it says 'Help Us Reach Our Goal of \$40,000!' and 'Your donation goes directly to classroom improvements, student programs and enrichment opportunities.' It then asks to 'Choose your level and leave your mark!' and lists four options: a green shamrock for \$10, an orange shamrock for \$25, a yellow shamrock for \$50, and a grey shamrock for \$100. A yellow box at the bottom contains the text 'YOU DON'T NEED LUCK TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!' with a small green shamrock icon. At the very bottom, it says 'Please make check payable to St. Matthew' and 'Questions? Please contact Kelly Miller @ kelljmill@gmail.com'.

ST. MATTHEW SHAMROCK DONATION SLIP

Please return this slip to the front office with your contribution.

Family Name: _____

Student Name & Grade: _____

Select Your Shamrock Level:

\$100 Silver Shamrock – *Sham-ROCK STAR!*

\$50 Gold Shamrock – *Clover-Achiever!*

\$25 Green Shamrock – *Mint to be!*

\$10 Orange Shamrock – *Pinch Hitter!*

Message for your Shamrock: _____

(e.g., "The Smith Family" or "Go St. Matthew!")

Payment Method: Cash Check (Payable to **St. Matthew**)

Sports

CYO Track and Field

Ready to level up your game?

Track and Field is about more than just running - Our program will aid in developing your strength, agility, form, speed, quickness, flexibility, endurance, mental toughness, and much more! These improvements don't end on the track- they up your game in ALL sports!

Join us for our first practices next week in the SMS Front Parking Lot. All Students 4th - 8th are invited to join the fun!

Upcoming Practices:

Monday, March 16th - 5:30-6:30 pm
SMS Front Parking Lot

Wednesday, March 18th - 5:30-6:30 pm
SMS Front Parking Lot

The CYO fee for track is \$85. Register at:
[Welcome | Copy of SMS CYO Registration 25-26 - Track | St Matthews Sports Committee](#)

Any questions, please contact Barrett Brown at bbbrownbsu@gmail.com or 317-903-2456.



CYO Boys' Home Volleyball Games

Tuesday, March 17th

4th Grade 6:00 pm

Cadet B 7:00 pm



Tuesday, March 31st

PACK the HOUSE Night

Free Admission for SMS Students

56A 6:00 pm

Cadet B 7:00 pm

8th Grade Recognized between games

Cadet A 8:00 pm

Tuesday, April 7th

4th Grade 7:00 pm

Cadet B 8:00 pm

Tuesday, April 14th

56A 7:00 pm

Cadet A 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 16th

4th Grade 6:00 pm

Cadet B 7:00 pm

Learn to Play Girls Lacrosse

Location: Brebeuf Jesuit - 2801 W. 86th St,

Dates: April 11th, 18th, 25th | May 2nd, 9th

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Ages: 6-14 (1st - 8th Grade)

Coaches: Led by Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory Girls Lacrosse Staff & Varsity Players

Learn to Play: \$185 (Includes STX Stick, STX Goggles, STX Backpack, Practice Pinnie)

Advanced Learn to Play: \$105
(Includes Practice Pinnie)

Learn to Play Registration Link - [Click Here](#)

Advanced Learn to Play Registration Link - [Click Here](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Nick Estey, nestey@brebeuf.org

CYO Cadet Girls Softball Games

All games are played at Chuck Klein Sports
[4702 Rockville Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46222](#)

Tuesday, March 31st 5:30 pm

Thursday, April 9th 5:30 pm

Tuesday, April 14th 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 16th 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 21st 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 28th 5:30 pm

Thursday, April 30th 7:00 pm



[St. Matthew Athletics Facebook Page](#)

[St. Matthew Athletics Instagram Page](#)

Next Level Sports Co-Ed Flag Football at Cathedral High School is looking for more players as we approach the final two weeks before kickoff. We are especially in need of 2nd and 3rd graders. Please help us spread the word to St. Matthew families and friends. This is a great opportunity for kids to have fun, compete, and grow their love for the game in a positive Sunday atmosphere.

Register here: <https://www.nextlevelsports.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1040921>

Northside Kickball League Registration is Now Open!

Calling all boys and girls in 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 20th and May 27th)

Register here: https://staindy.formstack.com/forms/northside_kickball_registration
by March 23rd!

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, 317-501-8299 or Jen Hardge, Jenniferhardge7@gmail.com, 463-271-9965.

Summer Care 2026

May 26th to June 26th

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Register before May 10th with the \$35 registration fee and receive a 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.

Softball Lessons

Hitting, Pitching, Fielding

Grades K - 6

Sundays in March, April and May

Clearwater Elementary Fields

45 minute sessions

\$25 per session

If interested, please contact St. Matthew Alum, Meg Jennings, 317-777-3842.



Congratulations to 8th grade student, Baillie! She received the Irsay Family Impact Award for Park Tudor. This 4-year, full-tuition scholarship was established by the Irsay family to provide a deserving freshman access to a Park Tudor education. We are Warrior Proud!

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.



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.

Friday, 3/13 Fish Fry Volunteers Still Needed!

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

Fundraisers

Save the Date Dine To Donate at Scoop Shack

Thursday, April 16th to benefit our sister school in Haiti

Thursday, April 23rd to benefit Blood Cancer United

Thursday, May 14th to benefit St. Matthew School

Reminder to submit your volunteer hours via this link:

<https://forms.gle/atrsNZWT8udMSaTH8>

12 volunteer hours = 1 non-uniform pass earned. Maximum of 5 passes can be earned per school year. [Click here](#) for explanation on what types of activities count (basically anything that benefits a class, the school, or the church, rather than just one individual student).

The next round of earned non-uniform passes will be distributed next week before spring break.

Please contact Nick McCallum (nicholas_mccallum@hotmail.com) with any questions.



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!](#)



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 7TH GRADE'S
WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP**

PAYMENT DUE UPON ORDERING



1801 Bedding Impatiens



1801 Bedding Begonias



Dragon Wing Begonias



Impatiens, Various Colors

Attention 7th Grade Parents

Joseph Maley Puppet Troupe Application - Deadline is Friday, March 27th

St. Matthew has participated in Disability Awareness Week through the Joseph Maley Foundation for the last 9 years. It is an amazing program that helps to educate our students about various disabilities, along with the goal of teaching respect, empathy, and kindness for all.

There is a wonderful leadership opportunity for 8th grade students (they sign up as 7th graders) to be part of the Puppet Troupe! Students will attend a camp in the summer to learn how to facilitate the puppets and practice scripts that will teach younger students about disabilities and the importance of acceptance and inclusion of all. They will then travel to different schools during the school year to perform! (You also get bonus points in science class for participating)

[Click here](#) for the application link to become a puppeteer! Deadline is Friday, March 27th.

Contact Mrs. Middleton, cmiddleton@saintmatt.org if you have any questions.



CALLING All DADS! Free Breakfast - March 13th !

There an event on **Friday, March 13th**, from 6:30 AM to **8:15 AM**. 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 or 317-361-8084.



Congratulations to Todd, David, and Baillie! They did an awesome job representing SMS at the North Deanery Science Fair Showcase at Cathedral last Saturday!



Congratulations to Bailey SMS Class of 2022 on winning the Optimist Club Regional Oratory Contest and advancing to State! We are Warrior Proud!

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.

This Lent, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is buying new beds for those without one. Sadly, many poverty-stricken individuals and families are forced to sacrifice the pleasure of a suitable place to sleep. Without this, they suffer the consequences of sleep deprivation. St. Vincent de Paul is making it their duty to provide more beds for those in need through their 40 Days for 40 Beds Drive. An effort like this cannot succeed without support from the community. Therefore, we pray that you are able to assist our sisters and brothers at this time. A \$100 donation will provide one twin bed for a child; a \$200 donation will provide a double or queen bed for adults. Donations for this drive are being collected now through Easter Sunday. Please designate how your donation should be used by making checks payable to "St. Matthew SVDP" with the memo "Lenten Bed Drive." Thank you for your support and generosity.

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>

"A Holy Hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament so pleases the Heart of Jesus, that every man, woman and child on earth receives a new effect of God's graces." (St. Faustina)



St. Carlo's Corner

Our challenge for this week is "Protecting our eyes, minds and hearts." There are many resources online to help us as parents navigate internet safety. This week think about what conversations you might need to have as a family and which resources might work best for your family! If you need a few suggestions to look at try Bark – Alerts for unsafe messages and content, Qustodio – Screen time and content filters, or OurPact – App blocking and screen time schedules to get you started.

If you are looking for an even similar challenge for your family think about a time when you could be tech free. One family at the ministry fair noted that they choose each Sunday to be a tech free family. What could you do instead to fill that time?

St. Carlo pray for us as we navigate our tech journey.

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



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](#).

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.

VBS 2026
PARTICIPANT
&
VOLUNTEER
REGISTRATION

Jesus, Tell Us a Story

Parables of Jesus



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

VBS participants:
Ages 3 YEARS OLD (potty-trained) - completed GRADE 2
Student volunteers:
Completed GRADES 5 - 6 - 7
Adult volunteers:
HS Juniors and older, yet young at heart

MONDAY, JUNE 1 -
THURSDAY, JUNE 4
9:00a - 11:30a

VBS ADULT VOLUNTEER	VBS STUDENT VOLUNTEER
Name: _____	Name: _____
Cell: _____	Grade completed: _____
Email: _____	Student cell: _____
Safe Parish trained YES ___ NO ___	Parent email: _____
	Parent cell: _____

Participant

Student name: _____

Grade completed: _____ Age: _____

Birthdate: _____

Allergies: _____

Participant

Student name: _____

Grade completed: _____ Age: _____

Birthdate: _____

Allergies: _____

Participant

Student name: _____

Grade completed: _____ Age: _____

Birthdate: _____

Allergies: _____

REGISTRATION FEES	
VOLUNTEERS (\$0)	
PARTICIPANTS	
MARCH 5 - APRIL 20	(\$30 per child)
APRIL 21 - MAY 25	(\$35 per child)

CONTACT INFORMATION

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: _____

CELL: _____ EMAIL: _____

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EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

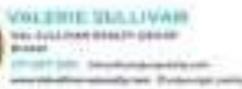
CELL: _____

Our 3-year-olds will be led by Margaret Stempky and Laura Legault.

Please return this registration form with payment to Pam Fleming in the Parish Office.
Make checks payable to St. Matthew Catholic Church.

THANK YOU!

TRIVIA NIGHT SPONSORS



Thank You to our Trivia Silent Auction Donors!



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