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(317) 251-3997
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The Warrior World



Thursday, April 30, 2026

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar

April

TODAY, 4/30

Flower Pick Up
1:30 - 2:30 pm and
3:30 - 5:00 pm

May

Friday, 5/1

May Crowning 1:30 pm

Saturday, 5/2

First Communion

Mon., 5/4 - Fri., 5/8

8th grade to DC

Mon., 5/11 - Fri., 5/15

Staff Appreciation Week

Wednesday, 5/13

5th Grade Parent
Band Meeting 6 - 7 pm
Community Room

Thursday, 5/14

Last Day of Preschool

Friday, 5/15

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

Wednesday, 5/20

Honors Program which
includes Field Day
Awards, OWA, 8th
Grade Awards 9:30am
in the church
8th Grade Graduation
6:00 pm in the church

Friday, 5/22

1:00 pm Dismissal
No Extended Care
Last Day of School
K - 7th
Dine to Donate
Scoop Shack

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

Spring Flower Pick-Up TODAY!



Flower pick-up is TODAY in the back parking lot from 1:30 - 2:30 pm and 3:30 - 5:00 pm Thank you for supporting the Class of 2027!

May Crowning

Join us for May Crowning tomorrow, Friday, May 1st at 1:30 pm in church. Our 8th grade will crown Mary and lead us in praying the rosary. This has been a long-standing tradition at St. Matthew School.

Upcoming Early Dismissals

Friday, May 15th - Field Day
Last Day for PreK
1:00 pm Dismissal (K - 8)
No Extended Care

Friday, May 22 - Last Day (K-7)
1:00 pm Dismissal
No Extended Care

Choice Scholarship

Proof of Residency Needed Now

Please turn in a document that has your printed address on it as proof of residency to the school office as soon as possible. [Click here](#) for a list of documents that are acceptable. This list includes a copy of your driver's license. We can make a copy of this in the office, so stop by anytime or email it to Elizabeth Ellis, eellis@saintmatt.org.

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

Order your 2025-26 yearbook now! The cost is **\$15 if ordered before 5/8** or \$20 if ordered between 5/9 - 5/31. Last day to order is May 31st. A limited number are available, so get yours today! You can purchase online at: https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/view_account.asp?l=OC98ED4E-C04C-4AD0-8265-C56CFE6A5EFA

Yearbooks will be delivered in August.

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.

School Supplies 2026-27 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. 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! Deadline is July 1st.

This program is optional. If you don't purchase the kit through 1st Day School Supplies, the supplies listed for your student's grade level will need to be purchased and brought to school on the first day of school. See the 2026-27 list by [clicking here](#).

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The BEST Way To Buy Back-To-School Supplies!

- ✓ The Exact School Supplies Your Teacher Requested
- ✓ Teacher Certified and Approved
- ✓ NEW Personalized Labels
- ✓ ONLY Name Brand Products Like:
 - TYGONDEROGA
 - PIKARS
 - ELMER'S

Order by: July 1st
1ST DAY SALE/38235

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](#)



Pinkies Up! The SMS "Ladies who Lunch" gathered together for their Gala Tea Party. All the "Ladies" had a magical time. Thank you to the Sykes family and Dugan/Kantner family for hosting this Instabuy!



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

Monday, May 4

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

Tuesday, May 5

- Chicken Nuggets and Fries
- Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap
- BLT Salad

Wednesday, May 6

- Sloppy Joe
- Pepperoni Pizza Kit
- BLT Salad

Thursday, May 7

- Walking Taco
- Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap
- BLT Salad

Friday, May 8

- Bosco Cheese Stick
- Cheese Pizza Kit
- Lunchie Munchie

[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.



Norah and Molly were the highest bidders for a morning in the school office, where they assisted Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Gray. They did an outstanding job organizing and sorting the Walk-a-thon shirts!



The Middle School Band and Jazz Band delighted students and families with a wonderful performance last Thursday.

During the concert, our 8th grade band members were also recognized and honored for their dedication and achievements.



Sports



CYO Track and Field
Sunday, May 3 - 12:00 pm at
Clark Pleasant MS
City Prelims: Friday, May 15th at
Guerin Catholic HS
City Finals: Wednesday, May 20th
at Marian University
Any questions, please contact
Barrett Brown at [bbbrown-
bsu@gmail.com](mailto:bbbrown-bsu@gmail.com) or 317-903-2456.



ATTENTION CYO FOOTBALL PLAYERS JOIN THE ST. MATTHEW TEAM!

Are you ready for an exciting, action-packed fall? If your **incoming 3rd–8th grade** student is interested in playing CYO football for St. Matthew, now is the time!

Our program is a great opportunity for student-athletes to build skills, grow in confidence, and be part of something bigger than themselves. Whether your child is new to football or already loves the game, there's a place for everyone on our team!

The 3rd and 4th grade teams play a 7-on-7 format on a smaller field, focusing on safety, fundamentals, and skill development. This level is designed to be fun, instructional, and inclusive—ensuring all players get plenty of playing time and a great experience.

♣ **Interested? Reach out today!**

Kyle Padgett

✉ kpaddgett@bishopchatard.org

☎ 317-679-0104

John Mills

✉ john@javelinamilling.com

☎ 317-223-3456

Don't miss your chance to be part of St. Matthew Football this fall—we can't wait to see you on the field! 🏈 🏈

CYO Cadet Girls Softball Game

TODAY, April 30th 7:00 pm at

Chuck Klein Sports - 4702 Rockville Rd.



CYO Cadet Boys Baseball Game

TODAY, April 30th

6:00 pm at Optimist Park



Summer Youth Tennis Classes

indynjtl.org

When: June 1 - July 17 - Classes twice a week

Where: Various tennis courts in the city

Who: Youth ages 5 - 18 All skill levels welcome

[Click here](#) for information

[St. Matthew Athletics Facebook Page](#)

[St. Matthew Athletics Instagram Page](#)

Offseason Basketball Training

Attention St. Matthew basketball families! Looking to keep your child's skills sharp over the offseason?

Dylan Gray, head coach of the Cadet A basketball team, is offering **1-on-1 and small group training sessions** this offseason.

Whether your player wants to improve shooting, ball-handling, defense, or overall game IQ, these customized sessions are a great way to grow confidence and elevate performance in a focused, supportive setting.

Training Options:

- Individual Sessions – personalized, high-intensity skill development
- Small Group Sessions (2–4 players) – skill development, competitive drills and team play focus

Open to: St. Matthew students/parishioners (2026-27 grades 4 through high school)

When: Weekday evenings & weekend mornings (May-August)

Where: St. Matthew Gym

Cost: Competitive rates – contact for details

Spots are limited! To reserve a spot or ask questions, email Coach Gray at dylangray0124@gmail.com or text (317) 408-9249.



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

The SMS library is always looking for volunteers! Volunteer shifts are available Wednesdays and Fridays, for just a few hours. Training is provided. Must be Safe Parish-certified. This is also a great opportunity for grandparents and a fun way to get your service hours! If you're interested, sign up [here](#).



Volunteer Service Hour Google Form
<https://forms.gle/atrsNZWT8udMSaTH8>



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered throughout this school year—we truly appreciate your time and support!

A special thank-you to the group of moms helping with today's 7th grade flower sale.

Reminder: Flower pickup will be available today from **1:30–2:30 PM** and **3:30–5:00 PM** in the back parking lot. If you plan to pick up your order during carpool, please park in the carpool line and walk to the back parking lot for pickup.

Thank you for supporting the Class of 2027!

Fundraisers



Box Tops for Education

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

Dine To Donate - Scoop Shack!

Friday, May 22nd

to benefit SMS
Note: DATE CHANGE!



Enroll Your Kroger Plus 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 SMS every time you shop!

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.



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](#).

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.



Cathedral Parent Coffees

Join the Cathedral Admissions Team for coffee and a campus tour! Coffee begins at 9:30 am. During the coffee sessions, parents will hear from Cathedral educators about life at Cathedral. Educators will share information about academics, student life, arts, academics, and the enrollment process. Parents will also have the chance to ask any questions they might have about life at Cathedral.

Upcoming Information Session - May 5th

Learn more and register at gocathedral.com/coffeetalks

Schedule a Campus Tour

Check out all the Cathedral has to offer on a personalized campus tour. A Cathedral educator will guide you and your family around campus while answering any questions you have about Cathedral or the admissions process. Please contact us at gocathedral.com/admissions to set up a tour!



Congratulations to SMS Class of 2025 Alum Jacob George on receiving the Blessed Basil Moreau Award from Cathedral HS! This honor recognizes students who exemplify leadership and a strong commitment to serving their community. We are Warrior Proud!



St. Carlo's Corner

Several parents at St. Matthew have joined together and signed the [Wait until 8th pledge](#). Simply put the pledge asks us as parents to "let kids be kids longer."

"We chose wait till 8 because of the effects screens had on our children's behavior and the difficulty we noticed with transitions from screens to other activities. We felt like we were always in a battle and our home life was so stressful. We found ourselves always saying no or arguing about time limits. By taking back control and signing the wait till 8 pledge, we eliminated the back and forth with iCloud texting and app times arguments. Yes, they were upset but it was not a daily battle.

Tim and Kara Tappel

(Dominic 9th, Maria 8th and Thomas K)

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

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



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. **For the month of May, we will be meeting**

on May 9th. Donuts and fellowship follow the Rosary. Questions, contact Kara or Tim Tappel at (317) 914-7028.

Upcoming Bishop Chatard North Deanery Nights

North Deanery Nights are a fun opportunity for students to experience exciting athletic and performance events at Bishop Chatard! North Deanery students receive FREE admission with their Future Trojan Pass or by wearing their school or parish spirit wear. We look forward to seeing you!

Boys Lacrosse - Saturday, May 2

The Trojans take on Evansville Reitz Memorial at 5pm. Come watch SMS Alum James Hanrahan!

Bishop Chatard's Fine Arts Department invites you to our annual 'Celebration of the Arts' on Mon., May 4, 2026, in the BCHS main gym. Join us to view the student's Art Exhibit and enjoy a performance by BCHS musicians.



- The Art Exhibit will run from 5:00 to 7:00 pm
- The Musical Performance by BCHS bands and choirs runs from 7:00 – 8:00 pm
- Admission is free.

We look forward to seeing you there!



DADCAMP at Marian University

Dads, here's your chance to create unforgettable memories with your kids! Join us at **DADCAMP® at Marian University**, part of the Fraternitas initiative, dedicated to building stronger fathers who raise stronger families. Through epic weekend experiences, you'll grow closer to your son or daughter while having a blast. **Enjoy a variety of activities, including playing games, canoeing, and racing in a soapbox derby—all while staying overnight in the dorms.** More than just fun, DADCAMP is an opportunity to deepen your bond, grow in faith, and be inspired by meaningful moments together.

We have two camps at Marian this year:

- **Elementary School age: Dads and Daughters/Sons Grades 1-5, Friday evening, June 19th through Sunday morning, June 21st**
- **Middle School age: Dads and Daughters/Sons Grades 6 - 8, Friday evening, June 26th through Sunday morning, June 28th**

Don't miss this chance to invest in your relationship with your son or daughter while making lifelong memories. Learn more and register at www.marian.edu/dadcamp or contact Mark Bridenstine at mbridenstine@marian.edu or 317-361-8084.



Our 4th and 5th graders had an unforgettable time at Cathedral High School enjoying *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*—a colorful, high-energy performance that brought the story to life!

Saint Matthew TEACHER & STAFF

Appreciation Week

Save the Date

May 11th—May 15th

Full details coming in May!



CYO CAMP RANCHO FRAMASA REGISTER TODAY!



Camp activities include swimming, canoeing, campfires, games, sports, nature, faith hour (parables), hiking, horseback riding, scripture, handicrafts, climbing tower, dance, low ropes challenge, camp-out, Mass, cook-out, drama, and archery.

Whether campers are at Mass, hiking in the woods or sleeping under the stars self-esteem grows, friendships form, cooperation, and courage happen ALL within a child who attends Camp Rancho Framasa for a few days!



CYO Camp Rancho Framasa: 2026 Summer Season

Join us for a summer of faith, friendship, and adventure!

Registration is now open for our 2026 summer programs. We offer a variety of camp experiences designed to help children grow in their faith while enjoying the great outdoors. For more information and to register visit:

www.ranchoframasa.camp

We had a fantastic **Walk-a-thon**—thank you to everyone who participated and helped collect donations! Also thank you to our family and corporate sponsors!! We'll be announcing the total amount raised and drawing raffle winners by Field Day on May 15.

A huge thank-you to former SMS parent Shannon Everly and current SMS parent Jen Hurrle for co-chairing this wonderful annual event. We truly appreciate their time, effort, and leadership. We'd also like to thank all of our volunteers who helped set up cones and supported the Walk-a-thon along the course. Your help made this event a success! A special shoutout to Avery's family, who were the highest bidders for the auction item and earned the opportunity to announce the start of the walk. Avery kicked things off by leading students in singing "Happy Birthday" to our co-chair Shannon, followed by an enthusiastic countdown to begin the walk!



THANK YOU

to our Walkathon Sponsors



The Mike Jones Family



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The Jelev Family



The Everly Family



The Tom Jones Family



The Sparks Family



The Hurre Family

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The Werne Family



The Homan Family



The Latos Family

The Riedle Family



The Lashenik Family



Consulting Engineers



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: _____

CELL: _____ EMAIL: _____

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.