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The Warrior World



Thursday, May 14, 2026

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar

May

TOMORROW, 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 for K - 7th
Dine to Donate
Scoop Shack

June

Mon., 6/1 - Thurs., 6/4

Vacation Bible School
9:00 - 11:30 am

Summer Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Closed the weeks of Memorial Day and 4th of July

July

Wednesday, 7/1

Last day to order school supplies from [1st Day School Supplies](#)

August

Wednesday, 8/12

First Day of School K-8

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

Early Dismissals NO EXTENDED CARE

TOMORROW, 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

The PFA is looking for a few volunteers to co-chair the Chili Supper/Pumpkin Fest this fall. Guidance and support will be provided by the former chairperson.

If you are interested, please contact Kathy Gray at kgray@saintmatt.org.

Awards Day

Wednesday, May 20 at 9:30 AM

Join us for Awards Day on Wednesday, May 20 at 9:30 AM as we congratulate our 8th grade class during a special presentation of academic awards. Awards will also be presented for Outstanding Warrior and perfect attendance.

During the ceremony, our 8th grade students will also share words of wisdom and formally pass leadership on to the 7th grade class.

Because the quarter ends on Friday, May 22, Honor Roll certificates will be distributed to students in their classrooms on Friday, May 22. Our final All-School Mass will take place on Thursday, May 21 at 8:30 AM.



Order your 2025-26 yearbook now! The cost is \$20. 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

[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

There is something reassuring about knowing your child is walking into the first day of school fully prepared. When you order through 1st Day School Supplies, you are getting the exact list your teacher approved. Packaged and delivered before school starts. One less thing to think about. One more way to start the year right. [Click here](#) to 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](#).



All library books are due TOMORROW!

Scoop to Donate - Scoop Shack!

Friday, May 22nd

Open after 1:00 pm dismissal!
NEW LOCATION!

Still at 71st and Binford but facing 71st St.
(Old Fifth/Third Bank)
5959 E. 71st St.



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](#)

Lunch Balances are Due

Greetings, families! I can't believe another school year is coming to a close! I'd just like to give you a friendly reminder to check on your student's lunch account balance. All negative balances should be arranged to be paid no later than the last day of school. You can check your child's balance at www.mymealtime.com or you may reach out to me directly at eewing@archindy.org with questions.

If you have a graduating student, or a student who will not be returning to SMS next year, please email me to make arrangements for any positive balances remaining. If no arrangements have been made for positive balances, the balance will transfer to a younger sibling or, if no sibling remains, the balance will be donated back to the nutrition program to help offset the cost of meals for other families.

Have a blessed summer and we look forward to serving your student in the fall!
Peace,
Elizabeth Ewing, Nutrition Program Manager
Eewing@archindy.org

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

Monday, May 18

- Pasta with Meat Sauce
- Deli Club
- Fried Chicken Salad

Tuesday, May 19

- Potato Wedge Nachos
- Deli Club
- Fried Chicken Salad

Wednesday, May 20

- BBQ Sandwich
- Deli Club
- Fried Chicken Salad

Thursday, May 21

- Pizza Day (Buffalo, Sausage, or Breakfast)
- Deli Club
- Fried Chicken Salad

Friday, May 22

- Breakfast for Lunch (Pancakes, Cinnamon Rolls and Sausage Patty)
- Deli Club
- Fried Chicken Salad

[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 2026

Cheerleading

Open to rising 5th to 8th graders.

To learn more, one parent and interested students should attend information session.



6:00 PM



IN THE CAFETERIA



[Click here](#) or Scan me!

Sports

CYO Sports Banquet - Sunday, May 17th from 5:00 – 7:30 pm in the St. Matthew Gym

Join us for an end-of-year celebration honoring all students who participated in CYO Sports this year. This event is a chance to recognize our athletes, bring families together, and continue building a stronger, more connected sports community at our school. All student-athletes and their families are encouraged to attend as we celebrate the season, the friendships, and the shared mission of our Sports Committee.

This celebration will be on Sunday, May 17th from 5:00 – 7:30 pm in the St. Matthew Gym.

Please RSVP by clicking on the link below. **Please RSVP if you haven't done so already.**

<https://forms.gle/o3tsxNFyeC2iqze48>

If you have any questions, please contact our Athletic Director, Eddie Keever, eddiekeever@hotmail.com.

CYO Track and Field

City Prelims: Friday, May 15th at

Guerin Catholic HS

City Finals: Wednesday, May 20th at

Marian University

Any questions, please contact

Barrett Brown, bbbrown-

bsu@gmail.com or 317-903-2456.

[St. Matthew Athletics Facebook Page](#)

[St. Matthew Athletics Instagram](#)

SMS Summer Spirit!

This summer, let's all do our part to
Spread the Spirit of SMS!

- Wear your SMS "spirit wear" when you are out and about town!
- Display your SMS bumper magnet on your car! (Magnets will be available again on Wednesday, May 20th in the school pick up line and are also available in the school office.)
- Talk to friends and neighbors about enrolling in our school!

Be SMS Proud, and have a great summer!

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? [Sign up today!](#)**

Kyle Padgett

✉ kpadgett@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! 🏈 📞

KICK off the FALL with 2026 CYO GIRLS KICKBALL!

Calling all 3rd–8th grade girls!

Are you ready for a season filled with fun, teamwork, and big kicks? Registration is officially **OPEN** for our Fall Girls Kickball Program!



THE DETAILS



WHO:
Girls in
Grades 3-8



LEAGUES:
3rd, 4th,
56 (A & B), and
Cadet (A & B)



WHEN:
Early August –
Early October



SUMMER CLINICS:
Starting the
week of June 1st
(stay tuned for
more details!)



QUESTIONS?

Reach out to Kelly Miller @
kelljmill@gmail.com



LET'S MAKE THIS THE BEST SEASON YET! **GO WARRIORS!** 🏈

Summer Activities

**JUNE 1ST TO JUNE 30TH
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
6PM TO 7PM**



DOG FIGHT FITNESS

Summer CAMP

**SCHOOLS INVITED:
ST MATTHEWS
ST PIUS
CHRIST THE KING**

[Click here](#) for the registration link. This is a **FREE** camp for the month of June for St. Matthew, St. Pius and Christ the King students. To get this 100% discount, you must email St. Matthew Dad, parishioner and owner, Matt Newmann at matt@crossfitdogfight.com.

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.

Summer Swim Team



Devon Country Club @46th & Millersville

No Pool Membership Required!

Boys & Girls ages 4-17

Season: May 26- July 11 th

Practice options Mon-Fri mornings

**Swim Meets on Tues & Thurs evenings
(See website for specific times & dates)**

Members: \$130/1 child, \$60/additional child

**INFO & REGISTRATION
[HTTPS://DEVONSWIM.SWIMTOPIA.COM/](https://devonswim.swimtopia.com/)**

Questions? Contact
Kay Memmer
k.memmer@att.net



Indiana Basketball Academy Summer Camp

[Click here](#) for the flyer.

CYO Camp Rancho Framasa: 2026 Summer Season

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

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.

Purdue Summer Enrichment

Need summer enrichment for your children? Enroll in Super Summer (SSUM) before the slots fill up! This camp takes place in Beering Hall on Purdue's West Lafayette campus. We not only offer enrichment courses for our students but also integrate social-emotional curricula designed for high-ability students of their age. Click [here](#) for the detailed course description and registration link.

Earliest drop off time is 7:45AM; latest pick-up time is 5:30PM

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Program Coordinator, Yichen Dong, at dong288@purdue.edu or geri@purdue.edu.

Volunteers



Help make an impact at
St. Matthew!



Chairs and Co-Chairs Needed for 2027/2028 Fundraisers/Events

No experience needed- just love for our Parish and School Community! Current chairs will mentor.

If you are interested or have questions contact:

Trivia Night: Kelly Miller kellijmill@gmail.com/(317)607-4497

Oktoberfest: Beth Walsh- bkoasa99@hotmail.com/(317)340-1423

Gala: Victoria Whaley - v.whaley.f@gmail.com/(281)608-5492



Annual Gala



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.

Volunteer Service Hour Google Form
<https://forms.gle/atrsNZWT8ud-MSaTH8>

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



Box Tops for Education

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

Fundraisers



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](#).

Save the Date



Oktoberfest

St. Matthew
9.26.26


PreK Bike Day!




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. Questions, contact Kara or Tim Tappel at (317) 914-7028.



St. Carlo's Corner

If you are looking for ways to “beat screens” this Summer consider checking out Erin Loechner’s book *The Opt Out Family - How to Give Your Kids What Technology Can’t*.

She writes that the book will help you

- ”Experience more quality time with your children that doesn’t revolve around screens
- Create healthy habits as a family that will set your children up for success in the future
- Discover what your kids actually need from you, and learn how to delight and engage them better than a device
- And, ultimately, establish true and lasting influence within your own four walls—and far beyond”

If books aren’t your thing, consider the audiobook or search out a podcast interview with Erin. Either way we hope you are inspired to do something different in your family this Summer!

Check out next week for a list of easy tech free summer ideas!

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.



Saint Matthew
Catholic Church

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Three Openings Available

Serving the Parish Through Prayer, Discernment, and Leadership

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body that works with our pastor to help guide the mission and direction of St. Matthew Parish. Through prayer, listening, and discernment, the council helps the parish continue to thrive as a vibrant Catholic community centered on Christ and the Eucharist.



What does the Council do?

The council helps the pastor and parish leadership discern priorities through open discussion and dialogue. Topics include pastoral planning, parish life, ministries, and future parish initiatives.



What is the time commitment?

Council members serve a three-year term and meet once each month for about 90 minutes, typically on Wednesday evenings beginning around 6:45 PM.



Who should consider serving?

No special skills or prior leadership experience are required. A love for the parish, prayerful discernment, and a willingness to participate are most important.



How are members chosen?

Interested parishioners should apply before June 1. The council will enter a discernment process to either select new members or conduct an election. New members will attend their first meeting in September.

Interested in helping lead the future of St. Matthew?

Please prayerfully consider serving on the Parish Pastoral Council.

Three Openings • Apply Before June 1 • New Terms Begin in September

If interested or have questions, please contact Patrick O'Brien at patrick.email123@protonmail.com or 317-225-9847.

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.



The Gleaners Community Resource Team is here to help you.

Gleaners can help you get more than just food. Our Community Resource Team can help you apply for various government assistance programs and connect to you to other helpful community organizations.



Need help finding food?



Scan the QR code to view our food assistance locator.

gleaners.org/findhelp



Supplemental
Nutrition
Assistance
Program

Get help applying for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

Need help affording nutritious food and stretching your grocery budget further? We can answer questions about SNAP and help you apply. Call us at **317-644-1280** or visit us for in-person assistance:

M, Tu, W, F: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Th: 12 – 7 p.m.

Sa: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Other ways we can assist you

The Tom and Julie Wood Family Resource Center provides you the comprehensive care and assistance you need to care for yourself and your family. Contact us at **317-643-8990**.

WIC

WIC provides nutrition education and healthy food benefits to pregnant/postpartum women, infants and children.

Medicaid

Medicaid is a federal and state program that can help you gain access to critical healthcare services.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

TANF provides cash assistance and can connect you to other resources.

Want to learn more?



Scan the QR code to read more about how the Gleaners Community Resource Team can help you. gleaners.org/additional-assistance

**Tom and Julie Wood Family Resource
Center Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana**
3737 Waldemere Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46241
gleaners.org | 317-925-0191



La comunidad de recursos de Gleaners está aquí para ayudarle.

Gleaners puede ayudarle a obtener algo más que comida. Nuestra comunidad de recursos puede ayudarle a solicitar varios programas de asistencia gubernamental y conectarse con otras organizaciones comunitarias.



¿Necesita ayuda para encontrar comida?



Escanea el código QR para ver nuestro localizador de asistencia alimentaria.

gleaners.org/findhelp



Supplemental
Nutrition
Assistance
Program

Reciba ayuda para solicitar SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

¿Necesita ayuda para comprar alimentos nutritivos y estirar su presupuesto más? Podemos responder sus preguntas sobre SNAP y ayudarle a aplicar. Llámenos al **317-644-1280** o visítenos en persona para asistencia:

Lunes, Martes, Miércoles, y Viernes: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Jueves: 12 – 7 p.m.

Sábado: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Otros maneras con los que podemos ayudarle

Tom and Julie Wood Family Resource Center le podemos ayudarle a solicitar otros programas. Provee con ayuda y asistencia comprensiva para usted y su familia. Contáctenos al **317-643-8990**.

WIC

WIC provee educación y alimentos saludables que benefician a mujeres embarazadas y después del parto, bebés y niños.

Medicaid

Medicaid (seguro médico) es un programa federal y estatal que puede ayudarle a obtener acceso a servicios de atención médica críticos.

Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas

TANF brinda asistencia en efectivo y puede conectarle con otros recursos.

¿Gustaría aprender más?



Escanea el código QR para leer más sobre cómo la comunidad de recursos de Gleaners puede ayudarle. gleaners.org/additional-assistance

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