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The Warrior World



Thursday, January 15th, 2026

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the
School Calendar

January

Monday, 1/19

No School - MLK Day

Tuesday, 1/20

Open House for
Prospective Warriors
5:00 - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 1/21

Honor Roll and Out-
standing Warrior Mass
8:15 am

1/25 - 1/30

Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday, 1/27

Talent Show 1:15 pm

Friday, 1/30

Staff vs. 8th Grade
Volleyball Game

Saturday, 1/31

PFA Movie Night 6:00

Sunday, 2/1

CYO Boys Volleyball
Evaluations

February

Tuesday, 2/3

PFA Speaker 6:30 pm
Café - Childcare for
SMS Students only
available at no cost

Friday, 2/6

Middle School
Extravaganza
First Friday Spirit Day

Saturday, 2/7

CYO Music Contest
Bishop Chatard HS
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Thursday, 2/12

Science Fair
Warrior Showcase
6:00 - 7:00 pm

Monday, 2/16

No School
Presidents' Day

Monday, 1/19

No school - MLK Day

Monday, 2/16

No school - **Presidents' Day**

CHOIR CLUB

We're delighted by the wonderful re-
sponse to Choir Club for this session!
Currently Choir Club is full. Our first
rehearsal is Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Questions, contact Mrs. Ward,
dward@saintmatt.org.

Registration for the 2026-27 School Year

Enrollment for the 2026-2027
school year for **current students** be-
gan on Monday, Jan. 5. The registra-
tion fee is \$100 per student until Fri-
day, Jan. 30 then it will increase to
\$150 per student on Sunday, Feb.
1st. On Monday, Jan. 5, parents
should have received an email with a
specific link for each child's reenroll-
ment. Only one parent has access to
complete the application. If you have
more than one child, you should
have received an email for each child.
If you have any questions, or if you
did not receive and email, please
contact Elizabeth Ellis,
eellis@saintmatt.org.

If you have a child who will be new
to St. Matthew School (Preschool,
PreK or any other grade level) regis-
tration is available now. [Click here](#)
for the registration page.
Remember, this link is for NEW
students only.

Students in Preschool, PreK or K - 8
not returning to St. Matthew School,
please email Elizabeth,
eellis@saintmatt.org.

Wednesday, January 21st

8:15 am in the Church

Honor Roll Mass for Grades 3-8

**Outstanding Warriors
Announced for K-8!**

Talent Show

Tuesday, 1/27

1:15 pm in the Gym

If you plan on attending the show,
please park in carpool line. Students
in K - 8 will be dismissed at 3:00 pm.

Open House!



Tell your friends
and family about our
[Open House](#) for
Future Warriors!

Tuesday, January 20th

5:00 - 6:30 pm



Join us for a fun evening
of teaching new players
basic stick skills, how to
practice wall ball and
some 5-minute fast break
3-on-3 games to encour-
age new players to try
this great sport and for

existing players to show something they
love to their friends!

Who: Any students in Catholic schools
grades 1-8 interested in LAX

Where: St. Thomas Aquinas Gym,
4600 Illinois Street, Indianapolis 46208

When: Friday, 1/16 from 7:30-9:30 pm

Hosted by: Saints Lacrosse Parents &
Coaches

Click on this link to register: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdG4QT3P2nWNoVHtm4Pcj1dmiDXwmrVQSZSsue7kcNeFzTVxw/viewform?usp=header>

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, eeellis@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

Save the Date Reminders from PFA:

Thursday January 29: Open PFA Meeting, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Come ask questions, offer ideas, and hear about upcoming plans. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nick McCallum, nicholas_mccallum@hotmail.com

Saturday January 31: PFA Movie Night, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. The movie will begin after 5 pm Mass. Free and fun for all!

Tuesday February 3: Digital Safety Speaker, 6-8pm. See "St. Carlo's Corner" on page (7)

Saturday, March 14th: SMS Trivia Night

Good news! 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**. If you have any questions, please let me know! Thank you for supporting St. Matthew School every time you shop!

Attention 7th Grade Students

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)

Below is the application link to become a puppeteer!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8Nohc792M_vGBU3zAoRn2f0mSylyVgQumGLPppzfnfBhOfmQ/viewform?usp=dialog

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

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

Monday, Jan. 19
NO SCHOOL
MLK Day

Tuesday, Jan. 20

- Chili and Cinnamon Roll
- Yogurt Parfait
- Chicken Caesar Salad

Wednesday, Jan. 21

- Pancakes and Scrambled Eggs
- PBJ
- Chicken Caesar Salad

Thursday, Jan. 22

- Chicken Alfredo and Broccoli
- Yogurt Parfait
- Chicken Caesar Salad

Friday, Jan. 23

- Cheese Pizza
- PBJ
- Lunchie Munchie

[Lunch Policy](#)

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

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Sports

CYO Boys Basketball Tournament Schedule



Saturday, January 17th

56B 9:00 am at Little Flower
56C 9:00 am at St. Luke
Cadet B 9:00 am at St. Matthew
56A 12:00 pm at St. Jude
Cadet C 12:00 pm at St. Pius

Sunday, January 18th

Cadet A 2:00 pm at Bishop Chatard

CYO Girls Basketball Home Schedule

Wednesday, January 21st

4th Grade Red 6:00 pm
56B 7:00 pm

CYO Boys Volleyball Evaluations are Sunday, February 1

4th grade: 1:00 - 1:45 pm

5th and 6th: 2:00 - 2:45 pm

7th and 8th: 3:00 - 3:45 pm

We are looking for coaches, so if anyone is interested, please email Nicole at helton.nicole@gmail.com.



IMPORTANT CYO Sports News

We need to determine if there is sufficient interest in some spring sports to field a team. SPORTENGINE will be our source for this information, so please use the following links to let us know if your son/daughter is interested.

Soccer (Coed grade 5-8)

<https://stmatthewssportscommittee.sportngin.com/register/form/903527406>

Boys Volleyball (4-8) EVALUATIONS SUNDAY, 2/1

<https://stmatthewssportscommittee.sportngin.com/register/form/337274803>

Boys Baseball (7-8)

<https://stmatthewssportscommittee.sportngin.com/register/form/715841292>

Girls Softball (7-8)

<https://stmatthewssportscommittee.sportngin.com/register/form/995512056>

Track (Coed 3-8)

<https://stmatthewssportscommittee.sportngin.com/register/form/033942599>

Pack the House Night! Thank you to all our fans who showed up to support our Cadet teams last Wednesday!



TAKE A SHOT and Join the Catholic Lacrosse Club of Indianapolis!

Saints Lacrosse is now registering players for the Spring season! Boys and girls, grades K-8 are eligible. We offer a great environment to learn the fastest game on two feet! Please go to www.catholiclax.com to register!

Early Bird Registration closes at midnight on Wednesday, 1/21. Final registration for Spring season closes at midnight on Sun., 2/15. Financial aid and scholarships are available to those that qualify!

A Volunteer is still needed to serve as coordinator of our CYO Track team

Please contact our Athletic Director, Eddie Kever, eddiekeever@hotmail.com or (317) 476-2848 if you can help or if you have any questions.

[St. Matthew Athletics Facebook Page](#)
[St. Matthew Athletics Instagram Page](#)

SAVE the DATE! Catholic Schools Week - January 26th - January 30th

If your child doesn't want to participate or doesn't have something to match the theme, the student should wear their school uniform.

- Monday, January 26:** **"America Day"**
USA spirit with red, white and blue
- Tuesday, January 27:** **"Holiday Celebration Day"**
Dress in your festive gear celebrating your favorite holiday (Ex.: Christmas, Halloween, Valentine's Day, etc.)
Talent Show at 1:15 pm
If you are attending the talent show, please park in carpool line.
(5th grade students must wear uniform until they return from their field trip to St. Simon)
- Wednesday, January 28:** **"Career Day"**
What do you want to be when you grow up? Dress as your future self! (examples: doctor, teacher, firefighter, artist, etc.)
Student Council students must wear uniform until after field trip to SS Peter and Paul Cathedral)
Loud Speaker BINGO
- Thursday January 29:** **"Cartoon Character Day"**
Dress as your favorite movie or tv cartoon character!
- Friday, January 30:** **"SMS Spirit Day"**
Show your Warrior Pride! Students are encouraged to dress in SMS spirit wear/school colors (red/white/black)
8th Grade vs. Staff Volleyball Game - 2:00 pm in the Gym
If you are attending the game, please park in carpool line.

As we approach Catholic School's Week (CSW), we will be collecting items for the [Arthur and Ruth Browne St. Vincent House](#) to help them stock the house with some basic needs. The hospitality house is a 20-bedroom house and provides a home-away-from-home to families with patients who are receiving care at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital. As a type of retreat, the facility is designed to convey a sense of peace and rest, a place for emotional and spiritual refreshment, and a place where a family can just be a family.

Below is a list of items per grade level that we will be collecting. This great service project for our students is to show that we are a "Community of Service." Homerooms will be collecting items and will take donations **now** through **Friday, Feb. 6**. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Vincent House Donation Requests

Preschool/PreK:	Individual Snacks (Pretzels, Chips, etc.)
Kindergarten:	Individual Snacks (Pretzels, Chips, etc.)
1st Grade:	Fruit Snacks and Individual Juice Boxes
2nd Grade:	Granola Bars and Ramen Noodles
3rd Grade:	Individual Snacks (Pretzels, Chips, etc.) and Individual Size Assorted Cereal Boxes
4th Grade:	Microwavable Soup in a Bowl/Cup and Microwavable Macaroni & Cheese
5th Grade:	Liquid Laundry Detergent and Dryer Sheets
6th Grade:	Individual Tuna & Cracker Kits and Individual Snacks (Pretzels, Chips)
7th Grade:	Liquid Hand Soap and Tissues
8th Grade:	Paper Towels and Individual Fruit Cups

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](#). 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!

Volunteer Service Hour Google Form

<https://forms.gle/atrsNZWT8udMSaTH8>

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

Volunteers Needed for *Annie Jr.*!

Our *Annie Jr.* production is coming in February, and we need adult volunteers! All hours count toward service hours.

Ways to Help:

- Set Pieces – Build before 2/15 or help build/locate on Sunday, 2/15
- Videographer – Record the performance on Friday, 2/20

Important Dates:

- Set Building Day: Sunday, 2/15
- Performance Night: Friday, 2/20

Your help makes this production unforgettable for our students!

If interested, please email Mr. Arrowood at narrowood@saintmatt.org

We are still looking for old Victorian style furniture to borrow.

Old looking couch approx. 5 feet long

Old high back chair

All items will be returned.

Fundraisers

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 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.



Struggling with home projects? Treat yourself or gift a membership to Neighbor Serve, Indy's home service club. It's less than Netflix at \$96 / year, and Neighbor Serve will donate 50% back to our school for any new members in January!

- VIP access to the top 5% of Indy contractors.
- \$13k in member-offers (free HVAC tuneup, \$600 off closets, etc.).
- Get help on any home project in the app, or call, text, or email their local team!

Learn more and join the club [here](#).

6th – 12th grade students

Opportunities to interact in fun and spiritual ways with others
throughout the North Deanery and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis!

January 22
Grades 8 – 12
Arch Indy
Rally for Life and Mass

January 23
Grades 7 & 8
North Deanery
7th & 8th grade Gathering

February 21
Grades 7 – 12
North Deanery
Ski Trip

Click on the follow links for details:

[Arch Indy Rally for Life](#)
[North Deanery 7th and 8th Grade](#)
[Gathering](#)
[Ski Trip](#)
[Arch Indy Holy Fire](#)

February 28
Grades 6 – 8
Arch Indy
Holy Fire

CALLING ALL DADS!

Northside Fraternitas House: Join other men and dads for an event each month at Liter House in Broad Ripple. The next event will be **Friday, January 30th**, from 6:30 am to 8:15 am. The theme: "Humble in Spirit". Saint Matthew's very own Mike Lopez will be our featured speaker. Husband to Mary, father of two St. Matthew students, parish council member and choir singer, Mike, will reflect on humility as reliance on God rather than self-reliance, challenging false humility, and calling men to name God as the source of goodness as they lead their families in faith. 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. Please RSVP here by Wednesday, 1/28 by clicking on the following link: tinyurl.com/FraternitasNorthside2026Jan.

For more information contact Mark Bridenstine, Director of Fraternitas and St. Matthew Parish-ioner at mbridenstine@marian.edu or 317-361-8084. [Click here](#) for the flyer.



All of 7th grade did a fabulous job dissecting pigs this week. two students from each class were crowned Dissection King and Queen for being exceptional! Congrats to Blake, Gretchen, Ethan, and Kate.

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. **The next meeting is Sat., 2/7 at 9:00 am.**

SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School 2026

June 1 – 4

Jesus, Tell Us a Story



High School Information

Wednesday Walk-Thru

**Jan. 21, Feb. 11 & 25,
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.

Middle School Band Night at Cathedral High School

Middle School Band Night is January 20th. Participants will play as a pep band for a varsity basketball game. Call time is 6:00 pm in the band room for a rehearsal. The basketball game begins at 7:30 pm. For more information, email Mr. Callen at icallen@gocathedral.com.

Click on the link to register <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZQicLHO2WSuXCAMEsoBTHux42m0Zfdpb3LUXc8x83ucMpXA/viewform>



St. Carlo's Corner

Save the Date! Tuesday, February 3rd

Join us on the evening of Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm for a special workshop for all school and parish families. Laura Weaver, a licensed mental health counselor from [The Cabin Counseling and Resources](http://TheCabinCounselingandResources.com), will give a presentation on the science and best practices of safe technology usage. From dangers & devices to tools & tactics, Laura brings proven methods of how to manage technology use and keep kids safer online.

Childcare for SMS students will be available at no charge. So that we can have adequate staffing, please email Kathy Gray, kgray@saintmatt.org if you will be bringing your student for childcare.

Did you know?

The more time an adolescent spends on social media, the more likely he/she is to subsequently use tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs.

(<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/38419151/>)

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



BLAZE BASH

BLAZE is a program rooted in scripture and designed especially for **Girls in grades 7 and 8.**

Please join us at our next gathering on Sunday, **January 18th, from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M.**

This month, "Blaze Bash" is all about finding healing and hope for our hearts, both big and small. Girls in grades 7-8, join us on January 18 from 5–6:30 pm for games, friendship, and a deep dive into how God can mend our hearts and help us through tough times.

Please direct questions to Theresa Neff at theresa.r.neff@gmail.com. What is Blaze? It's a welcoming Catholic Bible study for middle school 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!



Congratulations to our Class of 2021 Alum!

- Matthew (tennis)
- Makenzie (swimming)
- Lucas (football)

They were inducted in the Bishop Chatard Athletic Wall of Fame. This is a prestigious honor for student-athletes who have excelled in their respective sports at BCHS. Congratulations! We are Warrior Proud!