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The Warrior World



Thursday, August 28th, 2025

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar

September

Monday, 9/1

Labor Day - No School

Wednesday, 9/3

NO EXTENDED CARE

Thursday, 9/4

Mum Pick-up 2:30 - 6:00 pm - Front Lot
8th Grade Girls
Kickball recognition
5:15pm Back Lot

Friday, 9/5

First Friday Spirit Day

Wednesday, 9/10

1:00 pm Dismissal
(K - 8) Extended Care is available until 6 pm

Wednesday, 9/17

Feast of St. Matthew
Kindergarten Medals at 8:30 am during Mass

Thursday, 9/18 and

Friday, 9/19

No School - Teacher Professional Days

Friday, 9/26

Fund-a-Friend

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

Friday, 10/24

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

Saturday, 10/25

Trunk or Treat 6:00 pm in Back Lot

Monday, September 1
Labor Day - No School

Mum Pick-Up is
Thursday, 9/4

If you pre-ordered mums from the 8th grade sale, pick up will be on Thursday, Sept 4th from 2:30 - 6:00 pm in front lot on the football field.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Gale, tracymgale@gmail.com or Carrie Fazio, carrieannklein@yahoo.com.

First Friday
Spirit Wear Day
September 5th

Show Your School Spirit!

Let's represent St. Matthew with pride! Students are encouraged to wear SMS spirit wear or **red** and **black** to show their school spirit.

This includes hoodies, sports shirts, and sweat-shirts — even if they're from out-of-season sports. Let's fill the halls with our school colors!

**Oktoberfest
FREE MERCH ALERT**

SIGN-UP BY AUGUST 29TH TO VOLUNTEER FOR 2 OR MORE HOURS AT OKTOBERFEST AND RECEIVE A FREE T-SHIRT (NEW DESIGN)!

TO RECEIVE YOUR FREE T-SHIRT, PLEASE SEND BETH YOUR T-SHIRT SIZE TO BKOLASA99@HOTMAIL.COM BY 8/29.

Last day for a free t-shirt is TOMORROW!
CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS!

Last Call for Chess Club!

If your student (2nd - 8th grade) would like to participate in the CYO Chess Team League please contact Coach Brie Schaller at 317-445-0493 or brie.schaller@gmail.com no later than **TOMORROW, Aug 29th**, Fees are \$75.

The season starts on Sept 8th and consists of practices on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00pm. There are five chess meets on Wednesdays (4:30- 6:15pm), and a post season tournament (Sat., Nov. 8th).

Please let Brie know if you are interested in helping with practices or being a co-coach. Thank you!

Important Notice

No Extended Care on Wednesday, September 3rd

Please be advised that the entire St. Matthew staff will be participating in Professional Development on **Wednesday, September 3rd**, immediately after school from **3:15 to 6:00 PM**.

As a result, we will be **unable to provide Extended Care** for **PreK through 8th grade** on that day. We kindly ask that you make alternative arrangements for your child(ren)'s after-school care on 9/3.

We also have a 1:00 pm dismissal on **Wednesday, 9/10** for Professional Development. Extended Care **is** available from 1:00 - 6:00 pm on 9/10.

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

[Parent Handbook 2025-26](#)

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar

[Click here](#) for the faculty and staff directory.

Medications at School

If your student needs medication (prescription or over-the-counter) at school, please complete the [Medical Authorization form](#) and drop off at the school office. All medication must be in its original bottle.

Extended Care Information

Please [click here](#) for our Extended Care Policies and Procedures. If you have any questions about our Extended Care program, please email Ms. Brooks, mbrooks@saintmatt.org.

2nd Annual Oktoberfest
Saturday, September 27th
6:00 - 10:00 pm

[Men's Club Golf Outing](#)
Wednesday 10/1

PFA Chili Supper
Friday, October 24th

**SAVE
the
DATE**

Trunk or Treat
Saturday, 10/25
PFA Book Fair
Monday, 12/1 through Sunday, 12/7
Grandparents'/Special Persons' Day
Wednesday, December 3rd
8:30 - 10:00 am

Meet our 2025-26 Student Council Members!



6th Grade
Kendyl, Jay,
Amelia, and
Frankie

7th Grade
Neve, Kate,
Norah, Blake
and Andy

8th Grade
Maria, Noah,
Christian,
Annalynn and
Kamryn

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

Monday, Sept. 1

- **NO SCHOOL**
Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 2

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

Wednesday, Sept. 3

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

Thursday, Sept. 4

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

Friday, Sept. 5

- Meatball Sub
- Pinwheels with Hummus
- Lunchie Munchie

Lunch Policy

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

USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

Other Information



Jonas and Carys are future Warriors dressed and ready!

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.

Help Wanted - Kitchen Assistant at Bishop Chatard

Bishop Chatard High School has an immediate opening for a Kitchen Assistant. This role offers flexible hours and a great work environment. Please contact Michael Dlugosz, Foodservice Director, at mdlugosz@bishopchatard.org or (317) 251-1451 ext. 2240.

Visit our [Employment Opportunities web page](#) for more open positions.

High School Info

Class of 2030 - Applications are OPEN!

Two application deadlines:



September 15th
Decisions sent November 1st

October 15th
Decisions sent December 1st

Dates and Events to Remember:

● Future Irish Nights

- Girls Volleyball 9/11
- Boys Soccer 9/11
- Football and Cheer 9/12
- Girls Soccer 9/13

● High School Placement Test (HSPT)

- September 20th
- October 25th

● Cathedral Coffee/Campus tour/Q & A

- September 3rd
- October 8th
- November 5th

● Open House October 2nd

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

North Deanery students receive FREE admission with their Future Trojan Pass or by wearing their school or parish's spirit wear. We look forward to seeing you!



Girls Volleyball North Deanery Night Thursday, September 4

Join us as the Lady Trojans take on Lawrence North! Wear your grade school or middle school t-shirt for free admission. Arrive a little before 6:30 pm and meet Coach Wind behind the Trojans JV bench in the Varsity Gym, help with warm ups and high-five the athletes as they enter the court! T-shirts will be given to the first attendees. Questions? Contact head coach Ellen Wind at ewind@bishopchatard.org.


Football North Deanery Night Friday, September 5

All North Deanery football players are invited to join the Trojans for North Deanery Night on Friday, September 5! Wear your jersey or spirit wear for free admission. Players can check in at 6:00 pm at the south end of the stadium (near the concession stand) and enjoy dinner at the Trojan Horse before the game, get a free Bishop Chatard football t-shirt, hear a pre-game talk from Coach Doyle, and cheer on the Trojans as they battle Roncalli!

Cheerleading North Deanery Night Friday, September 5

Join the Bishop Chatard cheerleaders as they cheer on the Trojans football team against Roncalli! Wear your spirit wear for free admission and special giveaways. And bring your school spirit as you'll help our cheerleaders on the sidelines during pre-game festivities!

Fundraisers

 **RaiseRight**
by ShopWithScrip

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.

Once you are signed up for the program, you can order gift cards through the Raise Right app on your phone or the website (www.raiseright.com). Most gift cards can be added directly to your wallet or received as eGift cards. You can even send e-Gift cards directly to your favorite recipient and schedule your choice of delivery date! Most brands also allow you to request a physical gift card which can be mailed to your home address for a small fee to cover the postal expense.

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! Wishing everyone a great school year!
- 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.

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.



Box Tops for Education

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

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.

Little Saints "Learn to Play" Lacrosse Clinic

Boys and Girls
Ages 6-10

When:

Saturdays: September 20, 27 & October 4, 11
9:30-11:00 AM at St. Pius X School

What to Expect:

- Introduction to the game of Lacrosse
- Fun skill-building drills and games
- Instruction by experienced Lacrosse players & coaches

REGISTER NOW >>>

www.catholiclax.com



Home Girls' Kickball Games

Wednesday, 9/3

4th Grade vs. SLDM	5:30 pm
Cadet B vs. St. Simon	6:30 pm

Thursday, 9/4

Cadet A vs. St. Roch	
8th Grade Recognition Night	5:30 pm
56A vs. St. Roch	6:30 pm

Friday, 9/5

56A vs. St. Malachy	5:00 pm
Cadet B vs. St. Barnabas	6:00 pm

Cross Country Meets

Saturday, Aug. 30th at 9:00 am
Location: SS Frances & Clare

Saturday, Sept. 6 at 7:30 am
Location: Northview

Saturday, Sept. 13th at noon
Location: Guerin Catholic

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.



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.

WHO BENEFITS FROM THE TRASH BAG SALE?

The trash bag sale benefits our school and community in a number of ways such as classroom supplies and computer equipment, continuing education and development for teachers and staff, after school enrichment programs, and school-wide events. These funds also provide classroom support for teachers/subject areas.

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 bags - or stop by the school office!

Volunteer Service Hour Form

[Click here](#) for the form that can be completed and dropped off at the school office.

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



Men's Club New Member Steak Night

Thursday, September 4th, 7:30 p.m. at the Outdoor Shelter

All men of the parish (21+) are invited to a relaxed evening of fellowship, food, and fun with the St. Matthew Men's Club! We will be grilling up sizzling steaks, serving cold drinks, and gathering at the outdoor shelter, weather permitting. It's the perfect chance to meet the guys, enjoy a great meal, and see what we're all about - serving our parish, supporting our community, and having a good time doing it. Come as you are and bring a friend!



[St. Matthew
Men's Club
Golf Outing](#)

Wednesday, 10/1

Ironwood Golf Club



All **current** St. Matthew Catholic Church altar servers are invited to attend altar server refresher training on Monday, September 15th, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Deacon Mike will

conduct this training session.

Additional training sessions will be scheduled for **new** altar servers in grades 4th through 8th, at different dates this Fall during school hours. Please contact Deacon Mike Braun, mbraun@saintmatt.org if you have any questions. Thank you!

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.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION!

Grade 2 Students

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Classes begin on Sunday, September 7.

Grade 8 and High School Students

Sacrament of Confirmation

Classes begin on Sunday, September 21.

To register, please email the following info to Pam Fleming at pfleming@saintmatt.org:

- Child/Teen name
- Date of birth
- Grade level
- Name of Parents
- Parents' cell numbers & email addresses



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*

Are you desiring the **Sacrament of Baptism** for your child who is age 7 years or older? For more info regarding *OCIA-Adapted for Children & Teens*, contact Pam Fleming, pfleming@saintmatt.org.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Are you feeling called or more drawn into the Catholic faith? Do you desire to be baptized in Christ and confirmed in the Holy Spirit? Does your heart yearn to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist at Mass? If you find yourself searching and are seeking the next step, you may be ready to begin the OCIA process. Since the early Church, this process has led many to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist). If you or someone you know would like more information, please contact Pam Fleming at pfleming@saintmatt.org.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will start back up in mid-September for our children **ages 4 through grade 1**. This ministry is offered during the Liturgy of the Word at 9:30a Mass on Sundays. *There is no registration necessary for the children to attend.* Prior to the First Reading, the presider will call the children forward to receive a blessing, and then they will go with the catechists to hear the Good News! The children return after the homily has been delivered.

IMPORTANT: Catechists are needed for this ministry to continue. Two catechists must be present for each Sunday CLW, *Children Celebrate* leaflets from Pflaum Publishing are supplied, and as a catechist you can choose the Sunday that works best for you. If your child or grandchild has participated in Children's Liturgy of the Word, then you know how valuable this ministry is. If you're interested in being a catechist, know someone who might be interested, or have a question, please contact Pam Fleming at pfleming@saintmatt.org. Thank you.

ST. MATTHEW PARISH

OKTOBER

Fest



SEPTEMBER 27TH
6-10 P.M.

St. Matthew Oktoberfest
presented by



KID'S AREA WITH MISS LIZ THE SCIENCE WHIZ,
INFLATABLES, FACE PAINTING, GAMES & CRAFTS

COLLEGE GAMES STREAMING

BIERGARTEN FOOD TRUCKS

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ST. MATTHEW OKTOBERFEST

SEPTEMBER 27TH

6-10P

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WRISTBANDS
ONLY \$20**

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



**THANK YOU FOR
JOINING US!**



It makes us feel so heartened to have such a great turnout at a parish event. We GREATLY APPRECIATE ALL who volunteered for and/or attended Haiti Bingo Night.

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!*