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The Warrior World



Thursday, February 12th, 2026

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar

February

Thursday, 2/12

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

Friday, 2/13

Fund-a-Friend for
Blood Cancer United

Monday, 2/16

No School
Presidents' Day

Wednesday, 2/18

Ash Wednesday
Soup and Bread Supper
7:00 pm Café

Friday, 2/20

8th Grade Musical
"Annie Jr." 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 2/25

National Junior Honor
Society Mass 8:15 am

Friday, 2/27

Fish Fry 5 - 7 pm - Gym

Mon., 3/2 - Fri., 3/13

IREAD Testing Window
2nd and 3rd Grade

Wednesday, 3/4

Alumni Mass 8:30 am

Friday, 3/6

Fish Fry 5 - 7 pm - Gym
First Friday Spirit Day
End of 3rd Quarter

Sat./Sun., 3/7- 3/8

Parish Ministry Fair
All Weekend Masses in
Gym

Friday, 3/13

Fish Fry 5 - 7 pm - Gym
Irish Dancers 10 am

Saturday, 3/14

Trivia Night 6 - 10 pm

Monday, 3/16

1:00 pm Dismissal K-8
Ext Care Available

Fund-a-Friend

TOMORROW February 13th To Benefit Blood Cancer United

Students are invited to participate in our Fund-a-Friend TOMORROW by donating at least \$2 to support this worthy cause. In return, students may come to school in casual (non-uniform) clothes! Donations will be collected by homeroom teachers at the start of the day. The funds raised will benefit Blood Cancer United (formerly known as the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society).

***Please note:** If a student chooses not to participate in Fund-a-Friend, they may wear their regular school uniform instead.

Snow Waiver Granted

Due to recent inclement weather and resulting school closures (Jan 26-27th), SMS applied for and received a snow-day waiver. As a result, these snow days will **not** be made up, and the school calendar will remain unchanged. If we have additional snow days this season, adjustments may be made at a later time.

Attention 5th, 6th and 7th Grade Families!

Exciting News!! For each item your family donates to trivia's silent auction, a portion of the "selling price" will be deposited into your child's D.C. Trip Fund!

Need ideas? Event Tickets, gift certificates, and unique experiences are just a few ideas that make great donations.

Please email Beth Walsh at bkolas99@hotmail.com for more details on submitting your donation!

DEADLINE MARCH 4TH

Trivia Night Sponsorship and Auction Items Needed
[Click here](#) for details.

Calling all Warriors! Winter Spirit Wear Sale is Live!

Want to give the gift of Warrior Pride to someone in your family? Need to update your own St. Matthew apparel for game days, events, or our **new First Friday Spirit Days**? What about refreshing uniform items that your kids have outgrown? It's all here in our online store:

https://shop.distinctimages.net/st_matthew/shop/home

- T-shirts, sweatshirts, pullovers, performance wear, and fleece jackets
- Multiple colors, designs, and styles **PLUS** - 2 items exclusive to this sale that are approved for students' uniform wear in both youth and adult sizes! (pullovers and crewneck sweatshirts)

Important Info:

- The online store will close on **Sunday, Feb. 22nd at midnight.**
- All orders will be available for pickup at St. Matthew before spring break.
- All sales are custom made and final (returns and exchanges not available), so please check sizing charts and fabric/materials in the online store.



St. Vincent de Paul Blanket Drive

SVP needs gently used or new blankets for all standard bed sizes. Blankets can be dropped off at the school office or the St. Vincent de Paul bins in the back of church.

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

Warrior Showcase

TONIGHT! February 12th - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

A night for the St. Matthew Community to view the amazing student projects and activities! **There will be projects in the gym and in the students' classrooms.**

Visit the table by the front office to receive your raffle ticket!

Please write your first & last name on the ticket and return to the jar.

Winners will be announced Friday, (2/13) by Mrs. Swinefurth!

Projects on display in the gym

7th & 8th Grade Science: Science Fair Projects

MS Language Arts: Novel Projects

-6th: *Lightning Thief*

-7th: *The Outsiders*

-8th: *The Hunger Games*

Projects Displayed in Classrooms:

Art: Our World of Color (projects from various grades displayed)

Music: The Discovery Orchestra

Preschool & Pre-K: Family Fun Games

Kindergarten: Marshmallow CVC Words and Creations

1st Grade-Rathz: Personal Narrative Publishing Projects

1st Grade-Clark: Writing projects using mentor text for creative inspiration

2nd Grade: Frozen themed STEAM demonstrations & creations

3rd Grade: Array City- where Big City and Mathematics meet

4th Grade LA: The Tale of Two Mills- based on *Maniac Magee*

4th Grade Science: Weathering, Erosion, & Deposition Over Time

5th Grade Religion: The Blessed Sacrament: Jesus Christ

5th Grade: Expert Projects

MS Social Studies: Heroes of the World

MS Religion: Stained Glass Bible Stories

MS Warrior Academy: 6th-Brain Museum 7th& 8th- Digital Citizenship

MS Math: 6th-Coordinate Art, 7th - Real-Life Ratios, 8th- My Life as a Function

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

Monday, Feb. 16
Presidents' Day
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Feb. 17

- Teriyaki Chicken and Rice
- Yogurt Parfait
- Chicken Caesar Salad

Wednesday, Feb. 18
ASH WEDNESDAY

- Cheese Pizza
- PBJ
- Garden Salad

Thursday, Feb. 19

- Breakfast Pizza
- Yogurt Parfait
- Chicken Caesar Salad

Friday, Feb. 20

- Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup
- PBJ
- Lunchie Munchie

Lunch Policy

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

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

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Sports

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

Spring sports registrations are due to CYO by **Sunday, February 22**. Once teams are registered, registration fees are non-refundable, so we must be sure we have enough players to field each team before submitting.

To make this possible, please register your son(s) and/or daughter(s) **no later than 2/22**. We also encourage you to spread the word to other families who may be interested.

Below you'll find:

- Registration links
- The current number of players registered for each sport

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to Eddie Keever, eddiekeever@hotmail.com. Thank you for your support in making our spring sports season a success!

[Soccer](#) (Coed grade 5-8)

Cadet - **2 players**

5 / 6 - **10 players**

Teams are 11 v 11

[Boys Baseball](#) (7-8) **2 players**

[Softball](#) (7-8) **6 players**

[Track](#) (Coed 3-8) **10 players**

CYO Girls Basketball Home Schedule

Tuesday, February 24th

4th Red 6:00 pm

56B 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 1st

56A 3:00 pm

Cadet A 4:00 pm

56B 5:00 pm



Thank you to everyone who attended Pack the House Night where our 8th grade players were recognized.

Join the Royal Irish Youth Rugby Team!

Calling all athletes in **2nd–8th grade!**

Whether you're brand-new to the sport or already developing your skills, **ALL experience levels are welcome** to join the Royal Irish Youth Rugby program.

Come discover the excitement of one of the world's most dynamic team sports - full of movement, teamwork, and nonstop action! Our season runs from **mid-March through Memorial Day weekend**, offering a fun, supportive environment where players can learn the game, build confidence, and make new friends.

To learn more or sign up, contact us at:

✉ Info@RoyalIrishRugby.com

☎ **317-847-4701**

🌐 Visit the [Royal Irish Rugby](#) website for details and registration.

Don't miss this chance to be part of Royal Irish Youth Rugby—where every player can thrive!



Congratulations to SMS's 1st Club Volleyball Team! They continue to impress us with their wins on the court and their development of new skills. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Padgett for launching this program! Thanks to Grace Gwin, SMS Alum for assisting!

[St. Matthew Athletics Facebook Page](#)

[St. Matthew Athletics Instagram Page](#)

Next Level Flag Football League at Cathedral High School - Co-ed League for K-7 Students

- Season: **March 29 – May 17, 2026**
- Games: Sundays (Week 2 is Saturday, April 4 due to Easter weekend)
- Cost: **\$205** (includes custom jersey + shorts + equipment)
- Weekly format: short practice then game (times by grade listed on the registration page)
- Registration closes: **Sunday, April 5 at midnight**

Registration link and details: <https://www.nextlevelsports.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1040921>

Congratulations to our Musicians!

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the CYO Music Contest this year! Their hard work, dedication, and talent truly shined, and we are so proud of their accomplishments.

Please join us in recognizing the following students:

- **Connor** – Vocal Solo, Division 2, **Silver**
- **Ellie** – Vocal Solo, Division 1, **Gold**
- **Wyatt** – Division 2, **Silver**
- **JJ** - Piano, **Gold**
- **Iris** – Vocal & Guitar, Division 1, **Gold**
- **Lilly** – Division 1, **Gold**
- **Colin, Ethan, and Connor** - Instrument Trio, Division 1, **Gold**



Great work, Warriors! Thank you to everyone who supported and encouraged our students along the way. Thank you to Mr. Arrowood and Mr. Hammes for their guidance!



We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to our annual supply drive for the [Arthur and Ruth Browne St. Vincent House](#). Your generous support is greatly appreciated by the families who depend on the house while remaining close to Ascension St. Vincent Hospital.

BLAZE: A Youth Ministry for Girls in Grades 7 & 8

Do you have questions about faith or ever struggle to believe? 7th and 8th grade girls, please bring your questions and your friends to "Blaze Bash" on **Sunday, February 22nd from 5:00 -6:30 p.m.** for an honest and open discussion about doubt, finding God in the tough times, and strengthening our belief together. Please email Theresa Neff, theresa.r.neff@gmail.com if you have any questions.

This is a Walking with Purpose ministry for tween/teen girls that was created to counteract the way society drives girls to question their true worth and beauty. Through BLAZE, we emphasize how a girl's identity is rooted in Christ as God's chosen, beloved daughter. An antidote to bullying, anxiety, and body-image issues, BLAZE replaces lies with truth and strengthens girls from the inside out through Scripture-based learning.

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.



Friday Night Fish Frys
5:00 - 7:00 pm
2/27, 3/6, 3/13

Volunteers Needed!

We need many volunteers to make our Fish Frys successful. Please click on the link below to sign up for a shift or two!

[Fish Fry Community Fundraiser: 2026 St. Matthew Fish Fry](#) Thank you to the loyal committee for planning this fun family event!

Volunteers Needed for Ministry Fair

Our St. Matthew Parish Ministry Fair will be held along with all weekend Masses on March 7-8. We need help setting up and tearing down this important event to help promote ways for our community to become involved and give back to our parish. On Sat., 3/7, we will be setting up the gym (stage, tables, and chairs) from 8 am-10 am, and on Sunday, 3/8, we will be tearing down everything beginning shortly after the 11:30 am Mass.

If you are able to help, please go to the link at <https://forms.gle/GZqLh4H3SGyibyeB8> to sign-up. This is a great way for young people to give back to their parish and earn service hours for high school or Confirmation. If you have any questions, please contact David Smock at dsmock@saintmatt.org.

Fundraisers

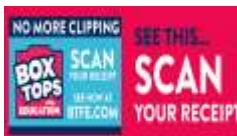


Enroll Your Kroger Plus Card!

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.



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.

- 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](#).

♥ VALENTINE'S DAY GRAMS FOR SALE! ♥

Send a special Valentine's Day treat and note to your child for only \$1 and support your Student Council!

Valentine's Day Grams will be delivered on Friday, February 13th!

Grams can be purchased at the Warrior Showcase tonight.

Deadline to purchase is TODAY!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day Gram

To: _____ Class _____

From: _____

Note:

Support our SMS Girl Scout Troops!

Check in with a 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Grade Girl Scout to order your favorite cookies or stop by a cookie booth throughout the next month at SMS:

- Athletic Events
- Thursday, 2/12 at Warrior Showcase
- Sunday, Feb. 22 after Masses

Questions?

Sharece Phillips - 3rd Grade (812-629-5206)

Julie Reyes - 2nd and 4th Grade (317-762-6341)



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 am.**

SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School 2026

June 1 – 4

**Jesus, Tell Us a
story**



St. Carlo's Corner

Gen Zers are spending 4+ hours every day on social media, but most of them agree that it's bad for their generation and society as a whole. Almost half wish it had never been invented. (From the Harris Poll)

Join us in delaying social media as long as possible and also consider taking the [wait til 8th pledge!](#)

Looking for more guidance?

We created this Lent challenge <https://stcarlo.link/lent-2026> it is designed to help start conversation and let you talk as a family about your technology use!



Want to hear from an expert?

CKS is hosting an internet safety speaker (chief investigator Darin Odier) on Wednesday, 2/25 from 6:15-7:30 pm in Tuohy Hall.

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

Save the Date - St. Matthew Ministry Fair

Join us on March 7th and 8th for the Ministry Fair. Representatives from every parish ministry will be present to answer questions. This is a terrific way to become more involved in St. Matthew Catholic Church. All Masses will be in the Gym that weekend--as will the Ministry Fair. Refreshments will be served as well!

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>

"Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you."
- St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei

High School Information

Wednesday Walk-Thru

Feb. 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.

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.



Join us as the SMS Gym is transformed into Hogwarts!
Themed games, food, Quiddich, potions, wand battles & movie

Sat. Feb 28th 4-9pm

\$15 pp @ the door or to school office (funds support SMS)

Hosted by: Jester, McCallum, Shipley & Sundberg Families

RSVP to Crystal McCallum by Feb 26th

crystalann25@gmail.com/(812) 483-3925

Do you have a special skill?

Do you have a special skill that you would like to teach to others?

Whether it's crocheting, photography, dessert making, etc, our Trivia Committee would love your time and talent as a donation for the Silent Auction!

Please email Beth Walsh at
bkolasa99@hotmail.com
for more information!!

[Click here](#) for details.



St. Matthew Catholic School

Trivia Night

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The Luxury Service and Expertise You Deserve

March 14th, 2026

6pm - 10pm

St. Matthew School Gym

\$350/Table of 8

-Beer, Wine and Liquor included with purchase of table-
Guests can bring in their own food

**Prize for Best
Table Decor**



**Silent Auction,
50/50 & more!**

To purchase tickets, please contact Kelly Miller at kelljmill@gmail.com

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