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# The Warrior World



Thursday, August 14th, 2025

## Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the  
School Calendar

### August

#### Friday, 8/15

First All-School Mass  
8:30 am

Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Saturday, 8/16

BINGO to benefit Haiti  
Adults Only

6:00 pm in the Gym

#### Wednesday, 8/20

8th Grade Leadership  
Shirt Mass 8:30 am

#### Thursday, 8/21

Parent Info Night  
Preschool - 8th Grade  
6:00 pm in the Church

#### Wednesday, 8/27

Picture Day 8 - 11 am  
Preschool - 8th Grade

### 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

## MANDATORY PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT - Parents Only

Preschool - 8th Grade

Thursday, August 21st - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Our Parent Information Night is a mandatory, informational evening where you will learn vital information to having a successful school year, meet and converse with your teacher and see your student's classroom. This is a parent only night.

### Childcare for Parent Information Night

SMS will provide childcare to St. Matthew students (Preschool to 8th grade) for Parent Information Night, however we must limit it to the first 50 children who RSVP to Kathy Gray, [kgray@saintmatt.org](mailto:kgray@saintmatt.org). There is no charge for this service. Childcare will be supervised by Mary Brooks in the gym.

### Calling All Chess Warriors!

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

The season starts on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 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. 8<sup>th</sup>).

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

## Discounted OKTOBERFEST KINDER AREA WRISTBANDS

KINDER AREA INCLUDES:  
MISS LIZ THE SCIENCE WHIZ  
UNLIMITED TIME ON INFLATABLES  
UNLIMITED GAMES  
FACEPAINTING  
CRAFTS



NORMALLY \$20  
ON SALE FOR \$15 AT  
PARENT INFO NIGHT  
8/21 AT 6 P.M.  
CASH OR CHECK ONLY!



## 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, [eeellis@saintmatt.org](mailto: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

## 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

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 Mrs. Brooks, [mbrooks@saintmatt.org](mailto:mbrooks@saintmatt.org).



## Lunch Information

Students may bring or purchase their lunch at school each day. St. Matthew Catholic School offers lunch and milk under the Federal Government Lunch Program. Lunch is \$4.50 for students and includes milk. Milk may also be purchased individually for students who bring their lunch for \$.50. Various a la carte snacks may be purchased for \$1.00. Lunch for parents and visitors is \$5.50. [My MealTime](#), an online payment system and cafeteria software, is in place which allow parents the ability to place money in their student's account. You will be receiving your student's MyMealTime code at Orientation, along with the classroom assignment.

[Click here](#) for the lunch policies which includes the links to the Free/Reduced lunch application.

Please contact Cafeteria Manager Angelina Jimenez, [ajimenez@saintmatt.org](mailto:ajimenez@saintmatt.org) or Kathy Gray, [kgray@saintmatt.org](mailto:kgray@saintmatt.org) if you have any questions.

Parents may bring an outside lunch for their child only. Parents may not bring outside lunches or drinks for any other students. Also, no delivery drivers from a commercial establishment may be utilized to deliver a student's lunch. Please no soda, pop, or caffeinated beverages. If you plan on eating in the Café with your student, please sign-in at the office.

Birthday treats may not be distributed in the Café during lunch. If you plan on bringing in a class treat, you must communicate with your child's teacher.

## **Picture Day Wednesday, 8/27**

Tiffany Photography Studio will be here on Wednesday, 8/27 to photograph all students, Preschool-8th. If you would like to purchase pictures, they must be pre-paid. An [envelope/flyer](#) with the photo package information and prices will be sent home with students the week of Aug. 18th. You can also [click here](#) for a form.

Students are not required to wear school uniforms for these pictures, but dress must be modest and appropriate. The shoe policy in the handbook must be followed. Sandals are not permitted.

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

## **Monday, Aug. 18**

- Hot Dog & Cucumber Dill Salad
- Pinwheels with Hummus
- Summer Berry Salad

## **Tuesday, Aug. 19**

- Chicken Tinga Tostada
- PB Banana Quesadilla, Yogurt
- Summer Berry Salad

## **Wednesday, Aug. 20**

- Hamburger & Broccoli Salad
- Pinwheels with Hummus
- Summer Berry Salad

## **Thursday, Aug. 21**

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

## **Friday, Aug. 22**

- Bosco Cheese Stick
- 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

## All School Mass

Typically our All-School Masses are on Wednesdays at 8:30 am. Occasionally they are on different days due to Holy Days. We will have Mass TOMORROW, **Friday, Aug. 15th** at 8:30 am for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## "Alumni Spotlight" bulletin board at SMS

This is an awesome example for our younger warriors to see the great things our SMS alumni have accomplished.

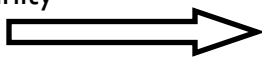
Send a picture with the student's name, year of SMS graduation, and a short description of the accomplishment to [Cmiddleton@saintmatt.org](mailto:Cmiddleton@saintmatt.org)

## St. Matthew Marketplace on Facebook

Introducing the new "St. Matthew Marketplace" - a Facebook group designed to provide the St. Matthew Community with a convenient way for school and parish families to GIVE AWAY or GET kids' stuff, amongst people we know in our community, and a familiar space to make those exchanges (school, Mass, sports practice, activities, carpool, etc.).

We all have lots of "stuff" for our kids! Sometimes we need new stuff, and other times we just want to get rid of our old stuff as quickly & easily as possible. School uniforms, sports equipment, winter clothing - we often don't realize we need new things (or that the old stuff no longer fits) until it's time to use it!

Help out a friend. Meet some new community members. Warriors supporting Warriors!



MARKETPLACE

St. Matthew Marketplace


[facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

## Attendance

**When a student is absent or going to be late due to an appointment, parents should call the school at (317) 251-3997, extension 3910, or email Elizabeth Ellis, [eeellis@saintmatt.org](mailto:eeellis@saintmatt.org) and report their student's absence by 8:30 a.m.** Per Archdiocese of Indianapolis guidance, students who are more than 45 minutes late OR leave more than 45 minutes early will be recorded as a half day of attendance. Notices will be sent to parents notifying them when their student reaches certain absence levels to be sure that everyone is aware and mindful of the importance of maintaining a good attendance record. If your child has an appointment, please make sure you provide a doctor's note.



# 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](http://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](mailto: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!



## 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](mailto:tracymgale@gmail.com) or Carrie Fazio, [carrieannklein@yahoo.com](mailto:carrieannklein@yahoo.com).

# Sports

## Future Trojans!

North Deanery students should have received their 2025-26 Future Trojan Pass in the mail last month! Use your pass for FREE admission to Bishop Chatard athletic events, concerts and theater productions. We'd love to see you on campus this year! Visit [www.bishopchatard.org](http://www.bishopchatard.org) or watch your email for information on upcoming events.



## Home Girls' Kickball Games - Back Lot

### Thursday, 8/14

56B vs. St. Barnabas	5:30 pm
56A vs. SS. Frances & Clare	6:30 pm

### Monday, 8/18

56A vs. Christ the King	5:30 pm
Cadet A vs. Holy Name	6:30 pm

### Wednesday, 8/20

Cadet B vs. St. Pius X	5:30 pm
3rd Grade vs. St. Barnabas	6:30 pm

### Friday, 8/22

Cadet A vs. St. Pius X	5:00 pm
Cadet B vs. St. Simon	6:00 pm

### Monday, 8/25

Cadet B vs. IHM	5:30 pm
56A vs. IHM	6:30 pm

### Tuesday, 8/26

4th Grade vs. St. Malachy	5:30 pm
56B vs. St. Michael-Greenfield	6:30 pm

# 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](mailto:ehv1215@yahoo.com).



## 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.



## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION! 2025 – 2026

### **Grade 2 Students**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Classes begin on Sunday, September 7.*

### **Grade 8 and High School Students**

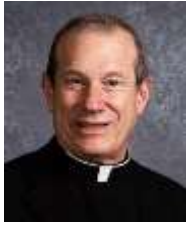
Sacrament of Confirmation

*Classes begin on Sunday, September 21.*

To register, please email the following info to Pam Fleming at [pfleming@saintmatt.org](mailto:pfleming@saintmatt.org):

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

## Mass & Reception at St. Matthew for Fr. Paul Shikany



As many of you know, our former pastor here at St. Matthew, Fr. Paul Shikany, recently retired from full-time active priestly ministry after 46 years of service to the Archdiocese. We know many St. Matthew parishioners wanted to show their appreciation for his 9+ years of service here, so we are hosting a small reception for him in the **Community Room after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, 8/23. Fr. Paul has agreed to do the Mass, and then he will be available in the Community Room to talk to in more of an Open House-style format.** Please join us if you want to say thank you to Fr. Paul.

## 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.

## BLAZE: Bible Study for 7th and 8th Grade Girls

Blaze is Back with a Bash in 2025-2026! Hey, 7th and 8th grade girls! Get ready for a super fun, new Blaze format next year! We're kicking off monthly Blaze Bashes just for you.

**What's a Blaze Bash?** Each two-hour Bash (4:00 to 6:00 pm) will be packed with:

**Blaze Bible Study:** Dive into "Walking with Purpose" discussions that connect with your life.

**Fun & Games:** Get your game face on! **Spiritual Reflection:** Explore an ancient way to pray and connect with God's word. We'll have simple snacks, but no dinner.

**What is Blaze?** It's a welcoming Catholic Bible study for 7th and 8th grade 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!

**Ready to Join?** Registration is required for each free Bash Night! Hey parents!?!?! Want to help out? Let me know! For more info or to register, email [theresa.r.neff@gmail.com](mailto:theresa.r.neff@gmail.com).

### Blaze Bash Dates (4-6 PM)

September 7, 2025	January 18, 2026
October 5, 2025	February 22, 2026
November 2, 2025	April 19, 2026

We will meet in the Church's Narthex then move to the St. Matthew Room. Get ready to have a blast!

Cell (317) 515-0807 or Email [theresa.r.neff@gmail.com](mailto:theresa.r.neff@gmail.com)

## CALLING ALL DADS! Northside Fraternitas House:

Join other men of St. Matthew and the north deanery for a breakfast event each month this fall at Liter House in Broad Ripple. On Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30am-8:30am, we will have our featured speaker, Matt Mohlman, devoted husband, father, business owner and parishioner at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. He will motivate you to embrace the role of a sacrificial leader for your family and community, as we are all called to be! Pray, learn, and discuss how to be a better father... and enjoy a delicious FREE breakfast! The mission of Fraternitas is to help dads pass on their faith to their families. Hosted by Marian University. Please RSVP here: [www.marian.edu/fraternitas](http://www.marian.edu/fraternitas). For more [information](#) contact Mark Bridenstine, parishioner, [mbridenstine@marian.edu](mailto:mbridenstine@marian.edu) or 317-361-8084.

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 at [pffleming@saintmatt.org](mailto:pffleming@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 [pffleming@saintmatt.org](mailto:pffleming@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 [pffleming@saintmatt.org](mailto:pffleming@saintmatt.org). Thank you.



# BINGO

## ◆ GAMES ◆

### HENS FOR HAITI!

Join us for an unforgettable evening of eggcitement, camaraderie, and the thrill of the win at Bingo Games & more! Mark your calendars for an evening filled with prizes, fun, and silent auction, Beer, wine and Chick-fil-A sandwiches available for purchase. All proceeds go to chicken farming in Haiti

For more information contact Jan Baele @ (317) 405-7306 or janjoe9@aol.com

### PRIZES | FOOD | FUN

**There will also be a  
Silent Auction at  
BINGO night!**

August 16, 2025 at 6 PM

St. Matthew Church

4100 E 56<sup>th</sup> St. 46220

Gaming License #002563



**\$50 includes 10/3 card Bingo games and  
a \$10 ticket for food & drinks. Checks and cash only.**



ST. MATTHEW PARISH

# OKTOBER

## Fest



**SEPTEMBER 27TH  
6-10 P.M.**

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

BIERGARTEN FEATURING ST. JOSEPH'S BREWERY  
ALONG WITH DOMESTIC BREWS, WINE AND SELTZERS

COLLEGE GAMES STREAMING

SPECIALTY SAUSAGES FROM CLAUS' GERMAN MARKET

LIVE MUSIC FEATURING "THE BISHOPS"

**FREE**

**ADMISSION**

MOSTLY CASH EVENT

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**SEPTEMBER 27TH**

**6-10P**

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

**\*\*\*Discounted Wristband Prices\*\*\***

**during  
Parent Info Night  
August 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 p.m.  
For \$15**

**\*Not Responsible for Lost or Stolen Wristbands**

**Special  
DISCOUNT**

