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# The Warrior World

Thursday, February 19th, 2026

## Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar

### February

#### 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., 3/6

IREAD Testing Window  
2nd and 3rd Grade

#### Wednesday, 3/4

Alumni Mass 8:30 am  
Class of 2022

#### Friday, 3/6

Fish Fry 5 - 7 pm - Gym  
First Friday Spirit Day

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

Parish Ministry Fair  
All Weekend Masses in  
Gym

#### Friday, 3/13

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

#### Saturday, 3/14

Trivia Night 6 - 10 pm

#### Monday, 3/16

1:00 pm Dismissal K-8  
Ext Care Available

#### Tuesday, 3/17

Fund-a-Friend for  
Seeds of Hope

#### Wednesday, 3/18

Honors Mass  
Confirmation 7:00 pm at  
SS. Peter & Paul  
Cathedral

#### Friday, 3/20 - Fri., 3/27

Spring Break

#### Thursday, 4/2

7th Grade Last Supper  
2:00 pm in the Gym

## Last Day to Order is Sunday 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](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.



Join us as the SMS Gym is transformed into Hogwarts!

Themed games, food, Quidditch, potions, wand battles & movie

Sat. Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## Attention 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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 [bkolasz99@hotmail.com](mailto:bkolasz99@hotmail.com) for more details on submitting your donation!



DEADLINE  
MARCH 4TH



February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, &  
March 13<sup>th</sup>

As this is one of the largest parish events of the year, it is imperative that we have as many volunteers as possible. Please click/tap anywhere on this graphic to access the Sign Up Genius. We need your help! Thank you!

**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](mailto: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

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

### Monday, Feb. 23

- Regular or Spicy Chicken Sandwich
- PBJ
- Chicken Caesar Salad

### Tuesday, Feb. 24

- Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Yogurt Parfait
- Chicken Caesar Salad

### Wednesday, Feb. 25

- Cheeseburger and Fries
- PBJ
- Chicken Caesar Salad

### Thursday, Feb. 26

- Beef and Cheese Nachos
- Yogurt Parfait
- Chicken Caesar Salad

### Friday, Feb. 27

- Mac and Cheese
- PBJ
- Lunchie Munchie

### Lunch Policy

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

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

**USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.**

**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.

To receive important text messages from St. Matthew School Messenger, [click here](#) for instruction on how to opt-in.

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[\*\*Click here for 2026-27 Key Dates\*\*](#)

## Science Fair 2026



It has been a long-standing tradition that the SMS seniors who attend Bishop Chatard HS return to judge the Science Fair!



Congratulations to all of our 7th and 8th grade students who participated in the Science Fair! Your hard work, creativity, and dedication were truly impressive. Every single project showcased curiosity, innovation, and a commitment to learning — we are so proud of you all!

We would like to give special recognition to this year's winners:

**1st Place** – David

**2nd Place** – Baillie and Avery

**3rd Place** – Todd

**Honorable Mentions** –

Noah and Sam

Addison and Norah

Marcela

A big thank you goes out to our Middle School Science teacher, Mrs. Middleton for her guidance and expertise!

# 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](mailto: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

## 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](mailto:Info@RoyalIrishRugby.com)

 **317-847-4701**

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

[St. Matthew Athletics Facebook Page](#)

[St. Matthew Athletics Instagram Page](#)

## Break a Leg 8th Grade



Tomorrow is showtime!

We want to wish our 8th grade class tremendous success as they perform *Annie Jr.* tomorrow evening. Their hard work and teamwork have truly paid off.

The entire school will get to enjoy the performance tomorrow afternoon. We are so proud of you all — shine bright and enjoy every moment!

## Attention 2nd and 3rd Grade Parents IREAD Testing: March 2-6

IREAD testing will begin on Monday, March 2, for all 2nd and 3rd grade students. Testing is scheduled to be completed by Friday, March 6. There will not be testing on Wednesday, March 4th.

On March 2, 3, 5, and 6, testing will begin **promptly at 8:00 a.m.** and conclude by 9:30 a.m. Please avoid scheduling appointments during these times. To help your child do their best, please ensure they:

- Arrive at school on time
- Get a good night's rest
- Eat a healthy breakfast

Thank you for your support in helping our students be successful !

### What is IREAD?

IREAD is an assessment developed to evaluate the reading proficiency of Indiana students, particularly focusing on foundational skills aligned with Indiana Academic Standards. The test is administered to all 2nd and 3rd grade students. The assessment consists of three segments that measure various reading skills, including phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension of both nonfiction and literary texts.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

## Update to Rectory Sidewalk & Entrance

You may have noticed during carpool this week the work taking place at the rectory. We want to be sure you are aware that a friend of Fr. Bill's noticed the broken sidewalk and the state of the entire front entrance. The friend generously donated the entire amount to replace the sidewalk, steps, and door. This allows us as good stewards to address this need without having to utilize any parish funds. We are appreciative of this donor and all of our benefactors who make it possible to do so many things around St. Matthew, both new initiatives as well as necessary upkeep, and we hope you will continue to keep all of our supporters in prayer for their generosity.

## 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](mailto: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.

## CALLING ALL DADS!

Northside Fraternitas House: Join other men and dads for an event each month this year at Liter House in Broad Ripple. The next event will be Friday, February 27th, from 6:30 am to 8:15 am. The theme: "Blessed Are Dads Who Mourn".

Join us for Brian McQueen's moving, powerful story on trusting God and allowing him to comfort you even if you don't feel you deserve it. Brian is a devoted parishioner at St. Luke, loving husband to Laurie, proud father of four, and joyful grandfather of two. Make time for this one—it will make a difference!

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! [Click here](#) for details.

Hosted by Marian University's Franciscan Leadership Institute. RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/FraternitasNorthside>. For more information contact Mark Bridenstine, Director of Fraternitas, at [mbridenstine@marian.edu](mailto:mbridenstine@marian.edu) or 317-361-8084.

Mark your Calendars! Ignatius Book Fair at Christ the King Parish  
March 3rd - 8th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
and immediately following all Masses that week

The Ignatius Book Fair returns to Christ the King Parish from March 3rd – 8th with an incredible selection of Catholic and secular books designed to inspire, educate, and spark a love of reading in students of all ages.

# 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.



**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](#)

## 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).



If you are interested in volunteering in our First Aid Office, [please click here to sign-up](#).

## Volunteer Service Hour Google Form

<https://forms.gle/atrsNZWT8udMSaTH8>

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

## 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](mailto: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.



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**

Locally Owned -  
St. Matthew Family

### 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

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

# 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](mailto:kelljmill@gmail.com)

Gaming License #002563

## Choice Scholarship Information

Many of you may be aware that beginning in the 2026–2027 academic year, all Indiana families with students in kindergarten through 12th grade will be eligible for the Choice Scholarship (voucher program). This change removes previous income restrictions and allows every family to apply for vouchers to help cover tuition costs at participating private schools.

We have recently received clarification regarding the documentation required to process student applications.

- Choice scholarship (voucher) will open later in the spring.
- Every family requires proof of address / residency.

**Any of the following documents with a printed address on it are acceptable as proof of residency:**

- o Copy of Driver's License
- o Bank statement
- o Credit card statement
- o Loan statement
- o Lease agreement
- o Mortgage / rental contract
- o Property deed
- o Voter registration
- o USPS change of address confirmation
- o Insurance policy (homeowners, renters, auto, health)
- o Tax statement
- o **Please turn in this documentation as soon as possible, so that we can be prepared to process student applications when the window opens.**

Parents will still need to sign paperwork after it is processed in the school office.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Ellis, [ellis@saintmatt.org](mailto:ellis@saintmatt.org).



## 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., 3/7 at 9 am.**

## SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation  
Bible School 2026

June 1 – 4

**Jesus, Tell Us a  
Story**



## St. Carlo's Corner

Join us in our St. Carlo Acutis Family Lenten challenge! Click here to see the challenge or stop in the church Narthex to pick up a copy <https://stcarlo.link/lent-2026>. The challenge is designed to help start conversations and let you talk as a family about your technology use!

For week 1 of the Challenge the topic is "Technology is a Tool, Not a Master" We challenge you to think about your intentional use of screens.

Please join us to learn and grow healthy digital habits at home.

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

## ST. CARLO ACUTIS LENTEN TECHNOLOGY FAMILY CHALLENGE



FORMING HOLY, HEALTHY DIGITAL HABITS AT HOME



"Technology is a gift when it helps us love God and one another."

## 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.