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# The Warrior World



Thursday, December 11th, 2025

## Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the  
School Calendar

### December

#### Thursday, 12/11

K-5 Advent Concert  
6:30 pm - Church

#### Friday, 12/19

1:00 pm Dismissal  
(PreK - 8)  
No Extended Care  
Non-Uniform Day  
earned from All for  
Books

#### 12/22 - 1/2

No School  
Christmas Break

### January

#### Monday, 1/5

Return to School

#### Wednesday, 1/14

1:00 pm Dismissal  
K-8 Ext. Care Available  
Preschool/PreK regular  
schedule

#### Monday, 1/19

No School - MLK Day

#### Tuesday, 1/20

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

#### 1/25 - 1/30

Catholic Schools Week

#### Tuesday, 1/27

Talent Show 1:15 pm

#### Friday, 1/30

Staff vs. 8th Grade  
Volleyball Game

### February

#### Tuesday, 2/3

PFA Speaker 6:30 pm  
Community Room  
Childcare Available

#### Friday, 2/6

Middle School  
Extravaganza

## Registration for the 2026-27 School Year

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year for **current students** will begin on Monday, Jan. 5. The registration fee is \$100 per student until Friday, Jan. 30 then it will increase to \$150 per student on Saturday, January 31. On Monday, Jan. 5, parents will be sent an email with a specific link for your child's reenrollment. Only one parent has access to complete the application. If you have more than one child, you will receive an email for each child. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Ellis, [eellis@saintmatt.org](mailto:eellis@saintmatt.org).

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



**If you did not receive a text message notification that we were on a 2-hour delay a few weeks ago, [click here](#) for instruction on how to opt-in to receive text messages from School Messenger.**

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

**Tuesday, January 20th**  
5:00 - 6:30 pm

## Crew Carwash eWashes

Do you need stocking stuffers for Christmas this year? Our middle school students are selling Crew Carwash e-certificates. These certificates can be purchased through 1/6. [Click here](#) to purchase.

## Christmas and New Year's Mass Times



Christmas Eve  
4:00 pm with  
Nativity Pageant

10:00 pm Vigil

Christmas Day  
10:00 am

New Year's Eve  
6:00 pm

New Year's Day  
10:00 am

Receive a 50% Indiana Tax Credit!

[Click here](#) to learn about how to receive a 50% Indiana tax credit by donating to our SGO fund. SGO (Scholarship Granting Organization) is an entity that awards Tax Credit Scholarships to eligible students at St. Matthew School. If after reading the [letter](#) and [FAQs](#) you have any questions, please email Mrs. Swinefurth, [cswinefurth@saintmatt.org](mailto:cswinefurth@saintmatt.org).

Thank you for your consideration!

## 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

**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](#)

[Click here](#) for the Key Dates for the 2026-27 School year.



Our Staff dressed up in denim!

## Stocking Stuffers

Non-Uniform Pass \$10 each  
Limit 1 pass per student.  
Order deadline is  
Friday, 12/19 - 1:00 pm.

All money raised will go towards the teachers' Sunshine Fund. This is a fund each staff member contributes to take care of flowers and gifts for illnesses, funerals, births, weddings, etc.

You can fill out the form or stop by the school office to purchase.

Questions, contact Kathy Gray, [kgray@saintmatt.org](mailto:kgray@saintmatt.org) or Elizabeth Ellis, [eellis@saintmatt.org](mailto:eellis@saintmatt.org).

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Non-Uniform Passes: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you want to receive your passes:

◇ Blank envelope through backpack express Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

◇ Will pick up at the office.

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

### Monday, Dec. 15

- Orange Chicken
- Turkey & Cheese Sliders and Hardboiled Egg
- Chef Salad

### Tuesday, Dec. 16

- Beef Soft Tacos
- Pizza Kit
- Chef Salad

### Wednesday, Dec. 17

- Pulled Pork Sandwich and Mac & Cheese
- Turkey & Cheese Sliders and Hardboiled Egg
- Chef Salad

### Thursday, Dec. 18

- Spaghetti and Garlic Bread
- Pizza Kit
- Chef Salad

### Friday, Dec. 19

- Buffalo Chicken Flatbread Pizza
- Turkey & Cheese Sliders and Hardboiled Egg
- Lunchie Munchie

## Lunch Policy

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

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

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# Sports

## CYO Boys Home Basketball Schedule



Saturday, December 6th

56C 9:00 am  
Cadet C 10:00 am

Saturday, December 13th

56A 9:00 am  
56C 10:00 am  
4th Grade 11:00 am

Saturday, December 20th

4th Grade 9:00 am  
56B 10:00 am  
Cadet B 11:00 am

Sunday, January 4th

56A 1:00 pm  
56B 2:00 pm  
56C 3:00 pm  
Cadet A 4:00 pm

Wednesday, January 7th

**PACK the HOUSE NIGHT!**

Free Admission for SMS Students

Cadet C 6:00 pm  
Cadet B 7:00 pm

**8th Grade Recognition between games**

Cadet A 8:00 pm

Saturday, January 10th

56A 9:00 am

## North Deanery Night at Bishop Chatard Girls Basketball - TONIGHT!

North Deanery students receive FREE admission with their Future Trojan Pass or by wearing their school or parish's spirit wear. Girls Basketball North Deanery Night will be Thursday, December 11 against University High School. [Click here](#) for more details! They look forward to seeing you!

## CYO SPORTS SIGN-UP

This year, the SMS Sports Committee purchased SportsEngine, an online sports management platform that will be the primary method for families to register and pay for sports at SMS moving forward. SportsEngine will make communication easier for the committee, coaches, and others. Beginning next year, all sports sign-ups, payments, and communication will be managed through SportsEngine. Therefore, it is essential that parents and guardians create a SportsEngine account and register their families and athletes. Students can register now for past, current, and upcoming sports seasons, including programs such as Track, Baseball, and Softball. To get started now, please use this registration link:

<https://stmatthewssportscommittee.sportngin.com/register/form/305878932>.

Thank you for supporting our school's sports programs and for helping us ensure all athletes are registered on time. If you have any questions or need help with SportsEngine registration, please contact Eddie Keever directly at [eddiekeever@hotmail.com](mailto:eddiekeever@hotmail.com) or 317-476-2848.

St. Matthew Athletics Facebook and Instagram Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580649914166>  
[St. Matthew Athletics \(@stmatt\\_athletics\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)

## Seeking Volunteers to Serve as Heads of CYO Track and Boys' Volleyball

The responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Shall identify coaches to be assigned to the individual sports
- Inform each coach of the guidelines established by the Athletic Committee as they relate to the parish objectives and philosophies of participation
- Coordinate the distribution and collection of equipment and uniforms
- Confirm participation fees are collected for each player
- Verify all coaches are Safe Parish certified
- Creates a selection committee for each sports team per level

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



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



## Volunteer Service Hour Google Form

<https://forms.gle/atrsNZWT8udMSaTH8>

Click on the above link to submit your hours of service. If you already submitted on paper, those have been entered on the google form.



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!

# 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.



## Effective Year-End: Significant Change to Raise Right Program (formerly Scrip)

The Raise Right fundraising program allows members of our school and church community to buy, via the program's app or website, a wide array of gift cards at face value and then receive a rebate back that is shared with St. Matthew. Our active users have, to date, been able to receive their portion of the rebate amount back annually in the form of a payment by check back to them, or, if they choose, a payment directed to a church ministry, or to a child's tuition or 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington, D.C. trip.

However, for a variety of reasons, the Raise Right gift card program is simply not the successful fundraiser for St. Matthew it once was, and participation has greatly declined in recent years. Because of this decline, the value of the program no longer offsets the administrative time and expense it takes to manage the sharing or "split" of the rebate. Therefore, after careful review and consideration, a decision has been made to end the Raise Right rebate share or split, effective January 1, 2026. We know this may be disappointing to the group who use the program to benefit from the split rebate, but we hope the logic of the decision will be understood and appreciated.

The good news is that the St. Matthew Raise Right program will continue! The difference will be that as of January 1, **St. Matthew will receive 100% of the rebate** of any gift cards purchased by a community member who participates in the program. By no longer managing the "split" of the rebate, St. Matthew will simply receive the full rebate from Raise Right with no additional accounting, administration or management needed on our end. We already have a group of active users who have dedicated 100% of their rebate to go back to St. Matthew, and we are hopeful that even more community members will sign up to help make the program a meaningful fundraiser once again for St. Matthew!

Please feel free to reach out with any questions about this change, or how to enroll in the program, to [RaiseRight@saintmatt.org](mailto:RaiseRight@saintmatt.org). Thank you.



Mrs. Donnenhoffer's 2nd Grade class wore their zoo shirts to attend the Wild Book Fair!

**BOOK FAIR - Thank you!**  
A HUGE thank you goes out to Susie Vannice and Carly Brenner for another successful Book Fair! The decorations were amazing as always! We even had a Jeep in the Community Room! Thank you to all our volunteers and those who visited the Wild Book Fair.

Thank you to those who donated to All for Books. We collected

\$1,241.55! Since we met our goal of \$1,200, the whole school earned a **non-uniform day on Friday, 12/19.**

The Cookie Party winners are:

- Miss Bridge's class
- Miss Hubert's class
- Mrs. Kaminski's class

The PJ and Pizza Party was earned by Miss McAllister's class!



## 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students

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

January 11  
Grades 9 – 12  
North Deanery  
Black Light Volleyball

February 28  
Grades 6 – 8  
Arch Indy  
Holy Fire

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

February 21  
Grades 7 – 12  
North Deanery  
Ski Trip

January 23  
Grades 7 & 8  
North Deanery  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Gathering

Click on the follow links for details:

[Black Light Volleyball](#)  
[Arch Indy Rally for Life](#)  
[North Deanery 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Gathering](#)  
[Ski Trip](#)  
[Arch Indy Holy Fire](#)





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 they will donate 50% back to our school for any new members in December.

- 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](#).

### 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:

- **Costumes** – Organize, gather, or create costume pieces
- **Set Pieces** – Build before February 15th or help build/locate on Sunday, February 15th
- **Hair & Makeup** – Assist cast on performance night
- **Videographer** – Record the performance on Friday, February 20th

#### Important Dates:

- **Set Building Day:** Sunday, February 15th
  - **Performance Night:** Friday, February 20th
- Your help makes this production unforgettable for our students!

If interested, please email Mr. Arrowood at [narrowood@saintmatt.org](mailto:narrowood@saintmatt.org)



Some of our Choir Club members sang this past Sunday at the Advent Music program.

## CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PAGEANT CHRISTMAS EVE

If your child is interested in participating, please email Pam Fleming the following info:

+ **Child's Name & Age**

+ **Parents' names and cell numbers**

+ **Choose one of the following for your children:**

**Boys & Girls in Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: *angel, animal, shepherd***

**Boys & Girls in grades 3 – 5: *readers***

*Please have your child attend practice after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, December 21.*

*The roles of Mary and Joseph will be chosen randomly prior to practice.*

*Pam Fleming, [pfleming@saintmatt.org](mailto:pfleming@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 Saturday, January 3rd at 9:00 am.**



## St. Carlo's Corner

Consider taking on the Christmas break bingo challenge! The core of the challenge is a simple screen fast. Saint Carlo loved video games but chose to limit himself to just one hour per week. Following his example, we're inviting each family to limit recreational screen time to one hour per week throughout Christmas break. This includes things like TV, video games, and social media, but does not limit screen time that is necessary for school or work.

When we step away from screens, what new things will we find time for? We've created a Christmas Break Bingo card filled with fun ideas. Click [here](#) or see the Bingo board the next page and enjoy making new memories and traditions this holiday season!

## Birthline Donations Needed - Thank You!

### Item's most needed are:

Diapers size NB or 1, clothes size 24 months or 2T, baby books, hi-chairs, strollers, port-a-cribs

### Other gently used or new items which are always accepted include:

New OR clean gently used maternity clothing, newborn-2T clothing, bouncy seats or swings, baby and toddler toys and books, bath tubs, training potties, blankets, winter item, bottles

A donation box is located in the back of church or we are happy to pick up your donations upon request. Simply call or text 317-775-5080.

You may also donate via amazon with this link : [Check out my list on Amazon](#)

## St. Matthew Class of 2007 Alumni

Ted Karras

Walter Payton NFL

Man of the Year Nominee!

Please help Ted win the 2025 Nationwide Charity Challenge! [Cast your vote](#) for St. Matthew Alum, Ted Karras - Cincinnati Bengals Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year nominee! The player with the most votes wins \$35,000 for their charity, while club winners with the second- and third-most votes win \$10,000 and \$5,000, respectively, for their charities. Vote today, tomorrow and every day until January 5th. We are Warrior Proud!



## 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.



# CHRISTMAS BREAK BINGO

HOW MANY ACTIVITIES CAN YOU COMPLETE  
DURING YOUR SCREEN FAST?

**INVITE  
FRIENDS  
OVER**

**LIST 5  
THINGS FOR  
WHICH YOU  
ARE  
GRATEFUL**

**WRITE  
SOMEONE A  
LETTER &  
MAIL IT**

**DONATE BOOKS  
/CLOTHES YOU  
DON'T NEED**

**PLAY A  
GAME**

**BUILD A  
FORT**

**GO ON A  
HIKE**

**CREATE ART**

**PRAY FOR  
SOMEONE WHILE  
YOU WALK OR  
DRAW**

**OFFER TO HELP  
A PARENT &  
FOLLOW  
THROUGH**

**SPEND TIME  
IN ADORATION**

**COMPLETE A  
PUZZLE**

**READ A  
BOOK**

**COOK  
SOMETHING  
WITH PARENT  
APPROVAL**

**GO TO BED  
30 MINUTES  
EARLIER**

**GO TO A  
DAILY MASS**