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The Warrior World



Thursday, December 4th, 2025

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the
School Calendar

December
Now -Sun., 12/7
PFA Book Fair

Thursday, 12/4
Poinsettia Pick-Up
2 - 6 pm in the Narthex

Friday, 12/5
Donuts with Grownups
6:30 - 7:30 am - Gym

Monday, 12/8
All-School Mass
Feast of the Immaculate
Conception 8:30 am
Wednesday Schedule

Tuesday, 12/9
Reconciliation during
the day for 3rd - 8th

Wednesday, 12/10
Monday Schedule

Thursday, 12/11
K-5 Advent Concert
6:30 pm - Church

Friday, 12/19
1:00 pm Dismissal
(PreK - 8)
No Extended Care

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

TODAY, 12/4 -

Book Fair Hours:
8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Poinsettia Pick-Up in the Narthex



Friday, 12/5- Donuts with GrownUps
Event: 6:30 am - 7:30 am (All students
must be accompanied by a "grownup" in
the Book Fair.)

Book Fair Hours: 6:30 am - 3:00 pm

**Saturday, 12/6 - After 5:00 pm Mass -
Family Friendly Happy Hour**

Book Fair Hours: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Sunday, 12/7- Final Day to Shop
Book Fair Hours: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

[Click here](#) for FAQs

ALL FOR BOOKS

Each year we hold an All for Books
Classroom Competition and students
bring in funds to their homeroom to
donate to this cause. The funds col-
lected during this competition are
used to purchase books for class-
rooms at the end of the Book Fair.
There are multiple benchmarks re-
warded.

If we meet our **school goal** of \$1,200
Prize: Non-Uniform Day

Top Earning Class:
Pajama and Pizza Party

Any homeroom to reach \$100
Prize: Cookie Party

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

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

Poinsettia Pick-Up TODAY



Thank you for ordering
poinsettias from the Class of
2026. Pick-up is TODAY, 12/4 from
2:00 - 6:00 pm in the Narthex of
the church. You can also shop at
the PFA Book Fair when you pick
up you poinsettias! It is in the
Community Room and will be
open until 6:00 pm on 12/4.



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

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 Or-
ganization) 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.

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.

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

Please note that the 2026–2027 school calendar has a longer break in the spring. This change is to allow teachers to attend the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) Conference from March 30 to April 1, which is being hosted by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. This schedule does not reflect SMS's typical one week Spring Break. We will return to our traditional schedule for the 2027–2028 school year. [Click here](#) for the Key Dates.

[Medical Authorization form](#)

[Extended Care Information](#)

[Parent Handbook 2025-26](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Faculty and Staff Directory](#)

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.

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. One parent will be sent an email with a specific link for your child's reenrollment. If you have more than one child, you will receive an email for each child. If you have any questions about reenrollment, please contact Elizabeth Ellis, eellis@saintmatt.org.

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.

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 or Elizabeth Ellis, 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. 8

- Pancakes and Sausage Patty
- Turkey & Cheese Sliders and Hardboiled Egg
- Chef Salad

Tuesday, Dec. 9

- Chicken Tinga Tostada
- Pizza Kit
- Chef Salad

Wednesday, Dec. 10

- Cowboy Burger and Baked Beans
- Turkey & Cheese Sliders and Hardboiled Egg
- Chef Salad

Thursday, Dec. 11

- Chicken Tortilla Soup
- Pizza Kit
- Chef Salad

Friday, Dec. 12

- Pizza Calzone
- Turkey & Cheese Sliders and Hardboiled Egg
- Lunchie Munchie

Lunch Policy

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

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

USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

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

Cadet A Wins City Championship!



We are Warrior Proud!

ST. MATTHEW

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK:

LEO CAIN



Role model:
My Grandpa

Activities at SMS:
Basketball, Volleyball,
Altar Server

Favorite coach at SMS:
Coach Arkenau &
Coach Ferris

Favorite sports memory:
Winning the 56A
Basketball City
Championship

Favorite quote:
"You miss 100% of the
shots you don't take."



North Deanery Night at Bishop Chatard Girls Basketball - Thursday, December 11

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!

Girls Basketball Evaluations Sunday, December 7th St. Matthew Gym



4th grade 1:00 - 1:45 pm
5th/6th grade 2:00 - 2:45 pm
7th/8th grade 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Girls basketball teams are due to CYO by Monday, 12/8 so it is imperative that you email Eddie Kever, eddiekeever@hotmail.com if your daughter wants to play this season.

Those eligible to participate include 4th through 8th grade girls who are St. Matthew parishioners or are students at St. Matthew School.

The Athletic Commission asks that parents stay in their car during evaluations to prevent any distractions to the girls. If your daughter is unable to attend the evaluations, she will still be placed on a team if you email [Eddie Kever](#) and let him know. There will be no late additions.

The cost to play is \$85.00 and is due before playing the first game. Games begin the week of January 26th and continues through February. Post season tournaments will begin in early March.

St. Matthew Athletics Facebook and Instagram Page
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580649914166>

[St. Matthew Athletics \(@stmatt_athletics\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)

Dear SMS Families,

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>.

To help make this transition and ensure every athlete is set up, SMS is holding a **special raffle** this week for all students who love participating in sports. Every student who is registered in SportsEngine **by Sunday, 12/7**, will be automatically entered for a chance to win one free sports season with our program.

To participate, please make sure your child's SportsEngine registration is completed and submitted by the end of the day on Sunday, 12/7, using the link above. No additional steps or payments are required for raffle entry; if your child is registered, they will be automatically included. After the registration deadline, one winner will be randomly selected and notified by email, and the free season will be applied to the sport of their choice within our offerings.

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 me directly at eddiekeever@hotmail.com or 317-476-2848

Thanks,

Eddie Keever

Staff Service Project

Thank you to our students and their families who donated to the staff service project Fund-a-Friend on November 21st. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide bags of groceries to help families prepare sides for a holiday meal. Each bag also included a gift card so families could purchase produce, dairy, and/or protein. These bags will be delivered to a local Catholic school food pantry.



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.



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 8th 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. Thank you.

Grandparents' and Special Persons' Day

We would like to thank everyone for a wonderful Grandparents' Day/Special Persons' Day!

It is a positive and beautiful thing to see how many adults are invested in our kids and community! There was a joyful buzz throughout the morning.

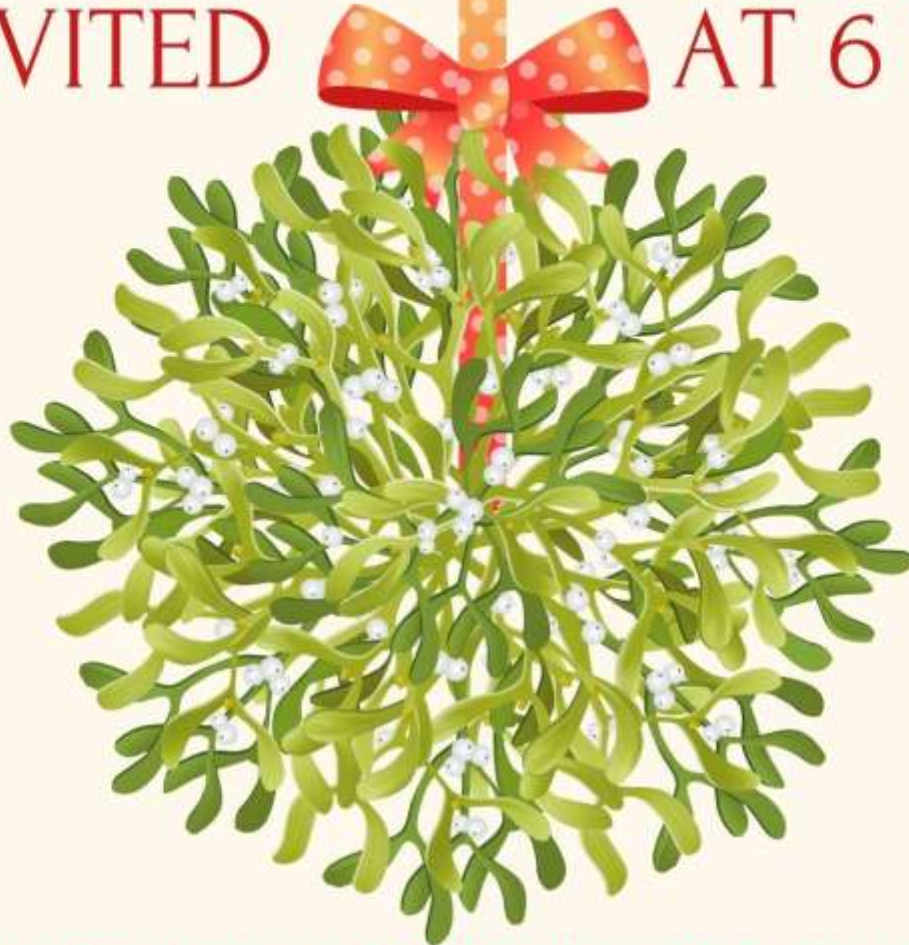
A big thanks goes out to our Book Fair volunteers! Co-chairs, Susie Vannice and Carly Brenner along with other volunteers, Jenny Hanrahan, Gretchen Lee, Megan Kever, Cristina Aparicio, Beth Walsh, Jennifer Jester, Carrie Fazio, and Liz Lichtenberger made the very crowded Book Fair run smoothly! Thank you so much!

Also, thank you to our Student Council students who sold and delivered special messages from our guests!



YOU'RE
INVITED

DEC 5TH
AT 6 PM



ST. MATTHEW WOMEN'S GROUP INVITES
ALL WOMEN TO
CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING

COME ENJOY AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AND
CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING LED BY PARISHONER
SANDI PATEL. NO SKILLS REQUIRED, JUST A WILLING
SPIRIT!

PLEASE RSVP [HERE](#) - THERE IS A SMALL \$10
FEE TO COVER MATERIALS

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

CALLING All Men and DADS! Fraternitas Houses Retreat

Join other men at **Marian University's campus on Friday, December 12th 8:00 am-1:00 pm** for our Fraternitas Kickoff for the 2025-2026 year. The theme is "Hidden Beauty." Our speaker, Fr. Rick Martignetti is VP of the Franciscan Leadership Institute and Lead Chaplain at Marian University. He will guide us on a retreat of prayer and meditation to prepare our hearts to experience the mystical treasure of *Tree of Life*; Saint Bonaventure's retelling of the Origin, Passion and Glorification of Jesus Christ with imaginative reflection and personal encounter with the Lord. 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 coffee, a light breakfast and lunch at no charge! Hosted by Marian University's Franciscan Leadership Institute. Please [RSVP here](#) by **Tuesday December 9th**. For more [information](#) contact St. Matthew parishioner (and former SMS dad!), Mark Bridenstine, Director of Fraternitas, at mbridenstine@marian.edu or 317-361-8084.

Youth Ministry – Schedule of Events

7th & 8th Grade Gatherings – NDYM

01/23/26 @ St. Luke 7:00p – 9:00p

High School – NDYM

01/11/26 @ St. Simon

blacklight volleyball

7th grade – 12th Grade – NDYM

02/21/26 @ Perfect North Slopes Ski Trip

ARCH INDY

01/22/26

Indiana Youth Rally & Mass for Life

Grades 7 – 12

02/28/26

Holy Fire

Grades 6 – 8

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 – 2nd 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



K-5 MUSIC PROGRAM

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR



DECEMBER 11
6:30PM
AT ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

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, December 6th at 9:00 am.**

High School Information

Christmas on Crittenden Friday, December 5

Join Bishop Chatard on **Friday, December 5, from 5:30-7:00 pm** for their annual Christmas on Crittenden celebration! Stroll down Crittenden Avenue toward Door #10, where you'll be greeted by a real North Pole reindeer! Then step inside our winter wonderland (the Auxiliary Gym) to enjoy crafts, snacks, and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Bring the whole family and celebrate the season with us at BCHS! Click [here](#) to register.



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.



St. Carlo's Corner

Tech the Halls [Gift Guide](#)

Gifting tech does not have to mean more screen time. This Christmas, give the kind of tech that sparks curiosity, creativity, and connection!

The national Saint Carlo Parent Network has rounded up engaging and kid-friendly gadgets that kids love and parents feel good about.

Whether you're shopping for a kindergartener or a Middle schooler, there's something here to make spirits (and imaginations) bright.



Find the guide at [SCPN 2025 Tech the Halls - Google Drive](#)

Birthline Donations Needed - Thank You!

Item's most needed are:

- Diapers size NB or 1
- Boys or Girls 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 (**Especially in L, 1XL, and 2XL**)
- New OR clean gently used clothing (boys and girls) newborn through 2T
- Bouncy Seats or Swings
- Baby and toddler toys and books
- Bath Tubs
- Training Potties
- Receiving Blankets and Baby Blankets
- Baby and Toddler Coats and Jackets and Hats
- Bottles/sippy cups

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](#)