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The Warrior World



Wednesday, March 18th, 2026 - Early Edition

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the
School Calendar

March

Friday, 3/20 - Fri., 3/27
Spring Break

Thursday, 4/2
7th Grade Last Supper
2:00 pm in the Gym

Friday, 4/3
1:00 pm Dismissal
NO EXTENDED CARE
K - 8 students must be
in school uniform
(non-uniform passes
not accepted)

Good Friday
8th Grade Living
Stations 10:00 am
7th Grade Flower
Orders Due by 1:00 pm

Monday, 4/6

No School
Easter Monday

Wednesday, 4/8

Mandatory 8th Grade
Parent/Student Meeting
6:00 pm in Café

Friday, 4/10

Fund-a-Friend
Village of Merici

Mon., 4/13 - Fri., 5/8

ILEARN Testing
Window

Sunday, 4/19

Haiti Run

Thursday, 4/23

Middle School Band
and Music Concert
6:30 pm - Gym

Wednesday, 4/29

Walk-a-thon

Thursday, 4/30

Flower Pick Up
1:30 - 2:30 pm and
3:30 - 5:00 pm

Choice Scholarship Information needed from all families who are enrolling in K - 8 for the 2026-27 school year

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:

- Copy of Driver's License
- Bank statement
- Credit card statement
- Loan statement
- Lease agreement
- Mortgage / rental contract
- Property deed
- Voter registration
- USPS change of address confirmation
- Insurance policy (homeowners, renters, auto, health)
- Tax statement

Please turn in this documentation to the school office as soon as possible, so that we can be prepared to process student applications when the window opens. We need this documentation from only one parent.

Summer Care 2026

May 26th to June 26th

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Register before **May 10th** with the \$35 registration fee and receive a camp shirt. [Click here](#) for the registration form and details. If you have any questions, please contact our Summer Care Director, Sam Padgett, spadgett@saintmatt.org.

Friday, March 20th - Friday, March 27th
Spring Break

No School for Preschool - 8th

Friday, April 3rd

Good Friday

1:00 Dismissal for PreK - 8th

No Extended Care

Monday, April 6th

Easter Monday

No School for PreK - 8th

Holy Week Schedule



Thursday, 4/2

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

7:00 pm Mass

Good Friday, 4/3

8th Grade Living Stations 10:00 am
Students must be in school uniform

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, 4/4

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 4/5

Mass at 7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 11:30 am

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

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](#)

Please join BCBS at the 2026 Bishop Chatard High School Easter Egg Dash on Saturday, April 4 at 9:30 am. This family-friendly event for children 10 and under is sure to make your Easter weekend a fun one.

This free event will include:

**The Easter Bunny
Coffee & Donuts
Face Painting
Take-Home Crafts
Easter Egg Dash**

Grab your friends, bring your baskets and head on over for a morning of fun. Rain or shine. Parking will be available in the back lot behind the school.

RSVP at www.bishopchatard.org/news/easter-egg-hunt.

For any questions, please contact Deanna Murphy, Director of Alumni Relations & Special Events at dmurphy@bishopchatard.org.



Congratulations and best wishes to our students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation tonight at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. May this special moment strengthen their faith and guide them on their journey ahead.

Jesús Angeles
Aimes Arkenau
Emerson Bartenbach
Noah Barth
Addison Buehner
Leo Cain

Natalie Fazio
Michael Fredrickson
Gavin Jarman
Annalynn Millsaps
Christian Newmann

Sam Rues
Jack Schaller
Maria Tappel
Luke Werne
Penelope Williams
Raegan Yeadon

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

Monday, March 30

- Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich
- Pepperoni Pizza Kit
- BLT Salad

Tuesday, March 31

- Sausage Pizza
- Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap
- BLT Salad

Wednesday, April 1

- Beef and Cheese Taco with Mexican Street Corn
- Pepperoni Pizza Kit
- BLT Salad

Thursday, April 2

- Hot Dogs and Baked Beans
- Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap
- BLT Salad

Friday, April 3

- Potato Wedge Nachos with Beans and Cheese
- Cheese Pizza Kit
- Lunchie Munchie

[Lunch Policy](#)

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

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

USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

If your student owes money on his/her lunch account, they will not be allowed to buy extras or snack.

Sports

CYO Track and Field

It's not too late to join!



All Students 4th - 8th are invited to join the fun!

The CYO fee for track is \$85. Register at:

[Welcome | Copy of SMS CYO Registration 25-26 - Track | St Matthews Sports Committee](#)

Upcoming Practices:

Thursday, March 19th - 5:30-6:30 pm @ SMS Gymnasium / Back Parking Lot (Depending on Weather)

Monday, March 30th - 5:30-7:00 pm @ Cathedral

Wednesday, April 1st - 5:30-7:00 pm @ Cathedral

Tentative Meet Schedule: (All Meets Will Start At 1:00 PM

Excluding City Finals Meet)

Sunday, April 12 at Chatard-North Deanery Meet

Sunday, April 19 at Roncalli

Sunday, April 26 at Clark Pleasant Middle School

Sunday, May 3 - Location TBD but will be either at Roncalli or at Guerin

City Finals: Friday, May 15th & Wednesday, May 20th

Any questions, please contact Barrett Brown at bbbrown-bsu@gmail.com or 317-903-2456.

CYO Boys' Home Volleyball Games

Tuesday, March 31st

PACK the HOUSE Night

Free Admission for SMS Students

56A 6:00 pm

Cadet B 7:00 pm

8th Grade Recognized between games

Cadet A 8:00 pm

Tuesday, April 7th

4th Grade 7:00 pm

Cadet B 8:00 pm



Tuesday, April 14th

56A 7:00 pm

Cadet A 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 16th

4th Grade 6:00 pm

Cadet B 7:00 pm

Next Level Sports Co-Ed Flag Football at Cathedral High School is looking for more players as we approach the final two weeks before kickoff.



We are especially in need of 2nd and 3rd graders. Please help us spread the word to St. Matthew families and friends. This is a great opportunity for kids to have fun, compete, and grow their love for the game in a positive Sunday atmosphere. Register here: <https://www.nextlevelsports.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1040921>



Congratulations to James (1st Grade) and Flavian (K) for competing in the CYO Wrestling City Championship this past weekend. Flavian place 2nd overall in the Kindergarten 60 lb. weight class!

CYO Cadet Girls Softball Games

All games are played at Chuck Klein Sports

[4702 Rockville Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46222](#)

Tuesday, March 31st 5:30 pm

Thursday, April 9th 5:30 pm

Tuesday, April 14th 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 16th 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 21st 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 28th 5:30 pm

Thursday, April 30th 7:00 pm



Softball Lessons

Hitting, Pitching, Fielding

Grades K - 6

Sundays in March, April and May



Clearwater Elementary Fields

45 minute sessions

\$25 per session

If interested, please contact St. Matthew Alum, Meg Jennings, 317-777-3842.

[St. Matthew Athletics Facebook Page](#)

[St. Matthew Athletics Instagram Page](#)

Such a fun Trivia Night! A HUGE thank you goes out to the amazing Trivia Night Committee, led by Kelly Miller, Beth Walsh and Kathi Snyder. We also would like to thank the team from the Men's Club who tabulated the results. Mrs. Donnenhoffer was auctioned off to be an expert in all thing Disney! We appreciate our event sponsors, table sponsors, round sponsors and friends/family sponsors. We also appreciate all who donated items for the raffle baskets and silent auction! And what a surprise visit from the Indianapolis "500" Gordon Pipers!



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

The SMS library is always looking for volunteers! Volunteer shifts are available Wednesdays and Fridays, for just a few hours. You can sign up to help any day or time that's convenient for you. Volunteers read to the students (they love this!), help them find books, and reshelve books. Training is provided. Must be Safe Parish-certified. This is also a great opportunity for grandparents and a fun way to get your service hours! If you're interested, sign up [here](#).



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.

Fundraisers

Save the Date Dine To Donate at SCOOP SHACK

Thursday, April 16th to benefit our sister school in Haiti
Thursday, April 23rd to benefit Blood Cancer United
Thursday, May 14th to benefit St. Matthew School

Reminder to submit your volunteer hours via this link:
<https://forms.gle/atrsNZWT8udMSaTH8>

12 volunteer hours = 1 non-uniform pass earned. Maximum of 5 passes can be earned per school year. [Click here](#) for explanation on what types of activities count (basically anything that benefits a class, the school, or the church, rather than just one individual student).

Please contact Nick McCallum (nicholas_mccallum@hotmail.com) with any questions.



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**

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

Locally Owned -
St. Matthew Family

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



Geranium Planter

Combination Sun Loving Planter



Gerbera Daisy, Mixed Colors, 12" Patio Pot

St. Matthew FLOWER SALE

[Click here](#) for the order form.

Combination Planter \$35

Gerbera Daisy Planter \$35

Red Geranium Planter \$35

Begonia—Green Leaf Flat \$25

Begonia—Bronze Leaf Flat \$25

Impatiens Flat \$25

Spring Mix Hanging Basket \$25

Impatiens Hanging Basket \$25

Geranium Hanging Basket \$25

Petunia Hanging Basket \$25

Dragon Wing Begonia Basket \$25

6 in Geranium flat:
red, white, pink, violet, salmon
(6 plants/flat) \$50



Petunias, Various Colors



Spring Mix, Various Mixes



**FUNDRAISER FOR 7TH GRADE'S
WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP**

PAYMENT DUE UPON ORDERING



1801 Bedding Impatiens



1801 Bedding Begonias



Dragon Wing Begonias



Impatiens, Various Colors

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.

This Lent, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is buying new beds for those without one. Sadly, many poverty-stricken individuals and families are forced to sacrifice the pleasure of a suitable place to sleep. Without this, they suffer the consequences of sleep deprivation. St. Vincent de Paul is making it their duty to provide more beds for those in need through their 40 Days for 40 Beds Drive. An effort like this cannot succeed without support from the community. Therefore, we pray that you are able to assist our sisters and brothers at this time. A \$100 donation will provide one twin bed for a child; a \$200 donation will provide a double or queen bed for adults. Donations for this drive are being collected now through Easter Sunday. Please designate how your donation should be used by making checks payable to "St. Matthew SVDP" with the memo "Lenten Bed Drive." Thank you for your support and generosity.

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>

"Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!" (St. Teresa of Calcutta)



St. Carlo's Corner

Join us in our St. Carlo Acutis Family Lenten challenge! Click here to see the challenge <https://stcarlo.link/lent-2026>

This week's challenge is "waiting is a gift." We live in a Society filled with instant gratification, what technology/app/devices can we choose to wait until later as a family?

If you have never heard about the Wait until 8th pledge we highly encourage you to check it out and consider signing it! Click [here](#) to read more about it!

As you spend time as a family over spring break perhaps think back to previous week's challenges. Where did you start? Where are you now? What areas can you grow more! We challenge you to find one small way to connect offline over spring break!

St. Carlo pray for us as we navigate our tech journey!

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



Year-End Tax Statements

2025 year-end tax statements for tuition payments and childcare payments are available online through your FACTS account and your Smartcare Account. Tuition statements can be accessed by logging into your FACTS account and clicking on "**View Details**" and then "**View Payment Summary**." You can then enter a date range and click "**View**."

For instructions on how to access **Extended Care statements**, please [click here](#).

High School Information

Wednesday Walk-Thru

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.

VBS 2026
PARTICIPANT
&
VOLUNTEER
REGISTRATION

Jesus, Tell Us a Story

Parables of Jesus



For more information,
please contact Pam Fleming.
pfleming@saintmatt.org

VBS participants:
Ages 3 YEARS OLD (potty-trained) - completed GRADE 2
Student volunteers:
Completed GRADES 5 - 6 - 7
Adult volunteers:
HS Juniors and older, yet young at heart

MONDAY, JUNE 1 -
THURSDAY, JUNE 4
9:00a - 11:30a

VBS ADULT VOLUNTEER	VBS STUDENT VOLUNTEER
Name: _____	Name: _____
Cell: _____	Grade completed: _____
Email: _____	Student cell: _____
Safe Parish trained YES ___ NO ___	Parent email: _____
	Parent cell: _____

Participant

Student name: _____

Grade completed: _____ Age: _____

Birthdate: _____

Allergies: _____

Participant

Student name: _____

Grade completed: _____ Age: _____

Birthdate: _____

Allergies: _____

Participant

Student name: _____

Grade completed: _____ Age: _____

Birthdate: _____

Allergies: _____

REGISTRATION FEES	
VOLUNTEERS (\$0)	
PARTICIPANTS	
MARCH 5 - APRIL 20	(\$30 per child)
APRIL 21 - MAY 25	(\$35 per child)

CONTACT INFORMATION

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: _____

CELL: _____ EMAIL: _____

CELL: _____ EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

CELL: _____

Our 3-year-olds will be led by Margaret Stempky and Laura Legault.

Please return this registration form with payment to Pam Fleming in the Parish Office.
Make checks payable to St. Matthew Catholic Church.

THANK YOU!

TRIVIA NIGHT SPONSORS



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