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(317) 251-3997
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The Warrior World



Thursday, April 23, 2026

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar

April

Thursday, 4/23

Middle School Band and Jazz Band Concert
6:30 pm - Gym
Dine to Donate - Scoop Shack for Blood Cancer United

Wednesday, 4/29

Walk-a-thon 1:45 pm

Thursday, 4/30

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

May

Friday, 5/1

May Crowning 1:30 pm

Saturday, 5/2

First Communion

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

8th grade to DC

Mon., 5/11 - Fri., 5/15

Staff Appreciation Week

Wednesday, 5/13

5th Grade Parent Band Meeting 6 - 7 pm
Community Room

Thursday, 5/14

Last Day of Preschool

Friday, 5/15

Last Day of PreK

Field Day

1:00 pm Dismissal

No Extended Care

Wednesday, 5/20

Honors Program which includes Field Day Awards, OWA, 8th Grade Awards 9:30am in the church
8th Grade Graduation 6:00 pm in the church

PFA Walk-a-thon

The PFA Walk-a-thon will take place next **Wednesday, 4/29 at 1:45 PM**. We're excited to see our students get moving while supporting our school!



Earn Raffle Prizes

Check the next page for details on how your child can earn raffle tickets and win fun prizes.

Register & Donate

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up—we're already receiving pledges! If you haven't registered yet, you can do so here: <https://stmatthew.pledgestar.com>

Pledge Envelopes

Students have received pledge envelopes if they'd like to collect donations from family and friends in person.

Volunteers Needed!

We'd love your help to make this event a success! If you're available to volunteer, please email:

Jen Hurrle: jenhurrle@gmail.com or
Shannon Everly: shmcnulty@aol.com

Volunteer Perk

As a thank you, your student(s) will receive a **non-uniform pass!**

Choice Scholarship Proof of Residency Needed Now

Only 50% of our families have submitted proof of residency.

All Indiana families with students in kindergarten through 12th grade are eligible for the Choice Scholarship (voucher program). **Please turn in a document that has your printed address on it as proof of residency** to the school office as soon as possible. [Click here](#) for a list of documents that are acceptable. This list includes a copy of your driver's license. We can make a copy of this in the office, so stop by anytime or email it to Elizabeth Ellis, eellis@saintmatt.org.

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.

School Supplies 2026-27 School Year

It's time to buy your 1st Day School Supplies. I know it seems early, but before you know it, summer will be here. Start the school year with the exact supplies your teacher requested. Plus it is so convenient! The supplies will be in your child's classroom on the first day of school. [Click here](#) to place your order! **Act fast! If we sell 50 kits by April 27th, we will be entered into a drawing to win \$2,500 of free supplies.**

This program is optional. If you don't purchase the kit through 1st Day School Supplies, the supplies listed for your student's grade level will need to be purchased and brought to school on the first day of school. See the 2026-27 list by [clicking here](#).



Spring Flower Pick-Up

Flower pick-up will be Thurs., 4/30 in the back parking lot from 1:30 - 2:30 pm and 3:30 - 5:00 pm Thank you for supporting the Class of 2027!

All non-uniform passes will expire at the end of this school year.

MOVIN' FOR ST. MATT'S

WALKATHON

APRIL 29TH, 2026

TOP EARNERS ENTERED TO WIN!



COLLECT
SEND EMAILS
EARN PRIZES!

RAFFLE PRIZES!



GRAND PRIZE!

PACERS
SIGNED
BASKETBALL



JIMMY JOHN'S
LUNCH DELIVERED
TO SCHOOL



3 WINNERS

NON-UNIFORM
PASS



10 WINNERS

IRC
CERTIFICATE



1 WINNER

WIN AN EXTRA
RECESS FOR YOUR
HOMEROOM



1 WINNER

HOW IT WORKS:

Students will be entered by registering on Pledgestar and sending at least 1 email to family and friends.



- ✓ Top 3 earners in each class will be entered in a raffle to win the autograph Pacers basketball
- ✓ Top earning homeroom will enjoy a pajama and stuffy day.

<https://pledgestar.com/stmatthew/>



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](#)

Upcoming Early Dismissals

Friday, May 15th - Field Day

Last Day for PreK

1:00 pm Dismissal (K—8)

No Extended Care

Friday, May 22 - Last Day (K-7)

1:00 pm Dismissal

No Extended Care

May Crowning

Join us for May Crowning on Friday, May 1st at 1:30 pm in church. Our 8th grade will crown Mary and lead us in praying the rosary. This has been a long-standing tradition at St. Matthew School.



Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Gray felt the love from the students yesterday on Administrative Assistants Day!



**YEARBOOKS
ON SALE NOW!**

Order your 2025-26 yearbook now! The cost is \$15 if ordered before May 8th or \$20 if ordered between May 9th - May 31st. Last day to order is May 31st. A limited number are available, so get yours today!

You can purchase online at: https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/view_account.asp?l=0C98ED4E-C04C-4AD0-8265-C56CFE6A5EFA

Yearbooks will be delivered in August.

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

Monday, April 27

- Pulled Pork Sandwich
- Pepperoni Pizza Kit
- BLT Salad

Tuesday, April 28

- Chicken Penne
- Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap
- BLT Salad

Wednesday, April 29

- Philly Cheesesteak
- Pepperoni Pizza Kit
- BLT Salad

Thursday, April 30

- Italian Sub
- Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap
- BLT Salad

Friday, May 1

- Cheese Quesadilla
- 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



Sunday, April 26 - 1:00 pm at Brebeuf Jesuit HS
Sunday, May 3 - 12:00 pm at Clark Pleasant MS

City Prelims: Friday, May 15th at Guerin Catholic HS
City Finals: Wednesday, May 20th at Marian University

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

ATTENTION CYO FOOTBALL PLAYERS JOIN THE ST. MATTHEW TEAM!

Are you ready for an exciting, action-packed fall? If your **incoming 3rd–8th grade** student is interested in playing CYO football for St. Matthew, now is the time!

Our program is a great opportunity for student-athletes to build skills, grow in confidence, and be part of something bigger than themselves. Whether your child is new to football or already loves the game, there's a place for everyone on our team!

The 3rd and 4th grade teams play a 7-on-7 format on a smaller field, focusing on safety, fundamentals, and skill development. This level is designed to be fun, instructional, and inclusive—ensuring all players get plenty of playing time and a great experience.

👉 **Interested? Reach out today!**

Kyle Padgett

✉ kpadgett@bishopchatard.org

☎ 317-679-0104

John Mills

✉ john@javelinamilling.com

☎ 317-223-3456

Don't miss your chance to be part of St. Matthew Football this fall—we can't wait to see you on the field! 🏈 🏈

CYO Boys' Volleyball

Tournament Games



Thursday, April 23rd

Cadet B 6:30 pm at St. Monica

4th Grade 7:00 pm at St. Pius

56 A 8:00 pm at St. Malachy

Monday, April 27th

Cadet A 7:00 pm at St. Matthew

CYO Cadet Girls Softball Games

All games are played at Chuck Klein Sports

[4702 Rockville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46222](https://www.google.com/maps/place/4702+Rockville+Rd,+Indianapolis,+IN+46222)

Tuesday, April 28th 5:30 pm

Thursday, April 30th 7:00 pm



CYO Cadet Boys Baseball Games

Thursday, April 30th

6:00 pm at Optimist Park



CYO Co-ed 5th/6th Soccer

Home Games

Monday, April 27th

5:30 pm



[St. Matthew Athletics Facebook Page](#)

[St. Matthew Athletics Instagram Page](#)

Offseason Basketball Training

Attention St. Matthew basketball families! Looking to keep your child's skills sharp over the offseason?

Dylan Gray, head coach of the Cadet A basketball team, is offering **1-on-1 and small group training sessions** this offseason.

Whether your player wants to improve shooting, ball-handling, defense, or overall game IQ, these customized sessions are a great way to grow confidence and elevate performance in a focused, supportive setting.

Training Options:

- Individual Sessions – personalized, high-intensity skill development
- Small Group Sessions (2–4 players) – skill development, competitive drills and team play focus

Open to: St. Matthew students/parishioners (2026-27 grades 4 through high school)

When: Weekday evenings & weekend mornings (May-August)

Where: St. Matthew Gym

Cost: Competitive rates – contact for details

Spots are limited! To reserve a spot or ask questions, email Coach Gray at dylangray0124@gmail.com or text (317) 408-9249.



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>

Fundraisers

Box Tops for Education

[Click here](#) to read more on how you can help SMS earn money!



Dine To Donate



Thursday, April 23rd to benefit Blood Cancer United

Friday, May 22nd to benefit SMS
Note: DATE CHANGE!



Dine to Donate!

Blood Cancer United

Mention *Blood Cancer United* at checkout & a portion of your purchase will be donated!



Thursday, April 23 - All Day!

HOSTED BY
3rd Grade Girl Scouts



Enroll Your Kroger Plus Card!

St. Matthew School just received a quarterly check from Kroger for \$526 — 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!

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.



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](#).

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.



Cathedral Parent Coffees

Join the Cathedral Admissions Team for coffee and a campus tour! Coffee begins at 9:30 am.

During the coffee sessions, parents will hear from Cathedral educators about life at Cathedral. Educators will share information about academics, student life, arts, academics, and the enrollment process. Parents will also have the chance to ask any questions they might have about life at Cathedral.

Upcoming Information Session - May 5th

Learn more and register at gocathedral.com/coffeetalks

Schedule a Campus Tour

Check out all the Cathedral has to offer on a personalized campus tour. A Cathedral educator will guide you and your family around campus while answering any questions you have about Cathedral or the admissions process. Please contact us at gocathedral.com/admissions to set up a tour!

7th Grade High School Placement Pre-Test Saturday, April 25



Bishop Chatard invites 7th grade students to take the High School Placement Pre-Test on Saturday, April 25. There is no cost to participate, and students may use their results when applying to the BCHS Class of 2031.

Testing will occur from 8:00 am to noon. Parents are welcome to attend a Parent Questions & Coffee session from 8:30 to 9:30 am on the same day.

Please click [here](#) to register. Questions? Email Karen Aruta, Enrollment Manager, at karuta@bishopchatard.org or call (317) 251-1451, ext. 2234.



St. Carlo's Corner

Several parents at St. Matthew have joined together and signed the [Wait until 8th pledge](#). Simply put the pledge asks us as parents to "let kids be kids longer."

"We signed the Wait till 8 Pledge for several reasons. The three most important are protecting the mental health of our children (being in the mental health field has shown how detrimental technology can be for anyone's mental health but especially children), helping brain development and in-person communication (important developments and skills that are harmed by smart phones at young ages), and to build a community at SMS to help all of our children be safe in a technology driven world. This is something we have felt passionately about for many years, but even more so with new data and information available. Plus, SMS is a wonderful community for open conversations with other parents and for combating these issues together.

- Lamar and Noelle Sykes
(Etta 5th, Gabby 4th, Jemma K)

St. Carlo pray for us as we navigate our tech journey!
Missed a Corner? [Find previous ones here.](#)



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. **For the month of May, we will be meeting**

on May 9th. Donuts and fellowship follow the Rosary. Questions, contact Kara or Tim Tappel at (317) 914-7028.

Upcoming Bishop Chatard North Deanery Nights

North Deanery Nights are a fun opportunity for students to experience exciting athletic and performance events at Bishop Chatard! North Deanery students receive FREE admission with their Future Trojan Pass or by wearing their school or parish spirit wear. We look forward to seeing you!

Girls Lacrosse - Friday, April 24

Join us for the Trojan Horse tailgate and watch the Trojans battle the Brebeuf Braves! JV starts at 6:00 pm with varsity to follow at 7:30 pm. Come out to support SMS Alum, Goalie - Maggie Ellis!

Boys Lacrosse - Saturday, May 2

The Trojans take on Evansville Reitz Memorial at 5pm. Come watch SMS Alum James Hanrahan!

From: Pope Francis
To: St. Matthew Catholic Parish
TheLetterFilm.org



THE LETTER

A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH

Please join us on Sunday, April 26th, right after 11:30a Mass, for a free screening of the movie *The Letter: A Message for our Earth*. The screening will be in the Community Room. Snacks and drinks will be provided. We hope to see you there!
Approx. Run Time 80 Min.



Scan me!

As stated on TheLetterFilm.org, "We suggest that secondary school students are the youngest group that should watch the film." Please scan the QR code or visit theletterfilm.org to learn more.

DADCAMP at Marian University

Dads, here's your chance to create unforgettable memories with your kids! Join us at **DADCAMP® at Marian University**, part of the Fraternitas initiative, dedicated to building stronger fathers who raise stronger families. Through epic weekend experiences, you'll grow closer to your son or daughter while having a blast. **Enjoy a variety of activities, including playing games, canoeing, and racing in a soapbox derby—all while staying overnight in the dorms.** More than just fun, **DADCAMP** is an opportunity to deepen your bond, grow in faith, and be inspired by meaningful moments together.

We have two camps at Marian this year:

- **Elementary School age: Dads and Daughters/Sons Grades 1-5, Friday evening, June 19th through Sunday morning, June 21st**
- **Middle School age: Dads and Daughters/Sons Grades 6 - 8, Friday evening, June 26th through Sunday morning, June 28th**

Don't miss this chance to invest in your relationship with your son or daughter while making lifelong memories. Learn more and register at www.marian.edu/dadcamp or contact Mark Bridenstine at mbridenstine@marian.edu or 317-361-8084.

Saint Matthew TEACHER & STAFF

Appreciation Week

Save the Date

May 11th—May 15th

Full details coming in May!



CYO Camp Rancho Framasa: 2026 Summer Season

Join us for a summer of faith, friendship, and adventure!

Registration is now open for our 2026 summer programs. We offer a variety of camp experiences designed to help children grow in their faith while enjoying the great outdoors. For more information and to register visit:

www.ranchoframasa.camp

**CYO CAMP
RANCHO
FRAMASA**
REGISTER TODAY!



Camp activities include swimming, canoeing, campfires, games, sports, nature, faith hour (parables), hiking, horseback riding, scripture, handicrafts, climbing tower, dance, low ropes challenge, camp-out, Mass, cook-out, drama, and archery.

Whether campers are at Mass, hiking in the woods or sleeping under the stars self-esteem grows, friendships form, cooperation, and courage happen ALL within a child who attends Camp Rancho Framasa for a few days!



THANK YOU

to our Walkathon Sponsors



The Mike Jones Family



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The Jelev Family



The Everly Family



The Tom Jones Family



The Sparks Family



The Hurre Family

O'CONNOR TEAM



BERKSHIRE
HATHAWAY
HomeServices



The Werne Family



The Homan Family



The Latos Family

The Riedle Family



The Lashenik Family



Consulting Engineers



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.