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(317) 251-3997
Ext. Care:
(317)457-3165

The Warrior World



Thursday, May 7, 2026

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar

May

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

Friday, 5/22

1:00 pm Dismissal
No Extended Care
Last Day of School
K - 7th

Dine to Donate
Scoop Shack

June

Mon., 6/1 - Thurs., 6/4

Vacation Bible School
9:00 - 11:30 am

Summer Office Hours

Tuesdays, Wednesdays
and Thursdays
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Closed the weeks of
Memorial Day and
4th of July

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

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

Choice Scholarship

Proof of Residency Needed Now

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.

Attention Current 5th Grade Families

Upcoming Band Meeting:

Mr. Arrowood will host an informational meeting for all current 5th grade students and their families to learn about joining band in 6th grade.

Date: May 13

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Community Room

All library books are due
by Friday May 15th.

**YEARBOOKS
ON SALE NOW!**

Order your 2025-26 yearbook now! The cost is **\$15 if ordered before TOMORROW, 5/8** or \$20 if ordered between 5/9 - 5/31. 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=OC98ED4E-C04C-4AD0-8265-C56CFE6A5EFA

Yearbooks will be delivered in August.

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

Back-to-school shopping is not just about buying supplies. It is about navigating the list, comparing brands, and making multiple store runs. With 1st Day School Supplies, that entire process disappears. Order online in minutes, and everything arrives in one box, exactly as requested by your teacher. [Click here](#) to order. Deadline is July 1st.

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](#).



Saint Matthew TEACHER & STAFF

Appreciation Week
May 11th—May 15th
See flyer on page 3.
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.

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](#)

8th Grade Leaves for DC!



Kindergarten students are waving goodbye to Mrs. Padgett who is chaperoning!



Gettysburg



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

Monday, May 11

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

Tuesday, May 12

- Sausage Pizza
- Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap
- BLT Salad

Wednesday, May 13

- Beef & Cheese Taco
- Pepperoni Pizza Kit
- BLT Salad

Thursday, May 14

- Hot Dog
- Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap
- BLT Salad

Friday, May 15

- Potato Wedge Nachos
- 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.

PFA Teacher Appreciation Week begins next week, May 11 - May 15.

If you have any questions, please contact Cristina Aparicio, cristinajaparicio@gmail.com or Lisa Lecher, lisamlecher@gmail.com.



Teacher Appreciation Week!

Monday: Morning Boost!

Treat your teacher to their favorite drink!



Thankful Tuesday

Bring in a sweet treat.
& a kind note of gratitude!



Snack-tacular Wednesday

Help us fill the Snackle Box with
your teacher's favorite snacks!

Blooming Thursday

Bring your teacher
their favorite flower - drawn or real!



Fruit-ful Friday

Share your teacher's
favorite fruit!

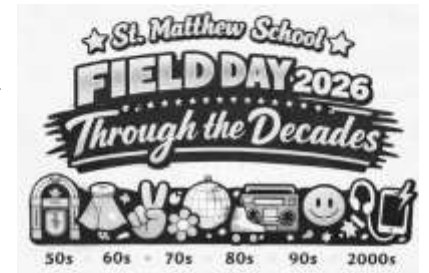


Thank You for All You Do!



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well! As I am preparing for our upcoming Field Day on Friday May 15th, I wanted to share some exciting updates to this cherished school tradition.



My goal is to make the day fun, inclusive, and memorable for all students. I hope to promote leadership, teamwork, and celebration.

Student Leadership Focus: Our 8th graders will lead the activity stations, while 7th graders **will serve as team “coaches”**—motivating and supporting their peers throughout the day. This shift gives students meaningful leadership roles and helps them contribute to the **day’s success**.

New Rotations & Challenges: **I’m adding new, creative activities**—from water relays to bounce houses to team-based problem-solving games—while keeping some traditional favorites. The rotations are designed to encourage movement, collaboration, and lots of smiles.

Celebration Over Competition: While friendly games remain, the emphasis is shifting from prizes to recognizing effort, spirit, and participation—reflecting *The Warrior Way!* **Everyone’s contribution matters.**

Lunch/Snack: A sack lunch will be available for purchase from the cafeteria on Field Day, students will let their teacher know on the morning of Field Day, or students can bring their lunch from home. Every student will receive a refreshing treat at one station during the morning – no need to bring money.

Field Day is scheduled for May 15, 2026 and our theme is “Through the Decades” – a fun way to celebrate from throughout the years!

Students should wear their Field Day/Walkathon T-shirts, school-appropriate shorts or sweats and sneakers. Please bring a water bottle. Because of some water activities, students may want to bring an extra set of clothes.

Please apply sunscreen at home before school. Students will be outside for extended periods, and we want everyone to stay safe and comfortable.

In case of inclement weather, information about a Rain Out plan will be communicated in advance to homeroom teachers. We will enjoy modified activities, but we will not reschedule our day.

The first Field Day event will begin at 8:30am and end at 11:00am. Lunch will be from 11:10-11:50 with the 7th Grade Kickball game starting at 11:55am. Dismissal is at 1:00pm with No Extended Care.

I’m truly looking forward to a fun, uplifting day with your support. Thank you for helping me create a Field Day that celebrates leadership, community, and joy for every student.

Miss Sawyer
Physical Education Teacher
St. Matthew Catholic School

Sports

CYO Sports Banquet

Sunday, May 17th from 5:00 – 7:30 pm in the St. Matthew Gym

Join us for an end-of-year celebration honoring all students who participated in CYO Sports this year. This event is a chance to recognize our athletes, bring families together, and continue building a stronger, more connected sports community at our school. All student-athletes and their families are encouraged to attend as we celebrate the season, the friendships, and the shared mission of our Sports Committee. This celebration will be on Sunday, May 17th from 5:00 – 7:30 pm in the St. Matthew Gym.

Please RSVP by clicking on the link below. **Please RSVP by Thursday, May 14th.**

<https://forms.gle/o3tsxNFyeC2iqze48>

If you have any questions, please contact our Athletic Director, Eddie Kever, eddiekeever@hotmail.com.

CYO Track and Field

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.

[St. Matthew Athletics Facebook Page](#)

[St. Matthew Athletics Instagram Page](#)

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? [Sign up 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! 🏈 📸

KICK off the FALL with 2026 CYO GIRLS KICKBALL!

Calling all 3rd–8th grade girls!

Are you ready for a season filled with fun, teamwork, and big kicks? Registration is officially **OPEN** for our Fall Girls Kickball Program!



THE DETAILS



WHO:
Girls in
Grades 3-8



LEAGUES:
3rd, 4th,
56 (A & B), and
Cadet (A & B)



WHEN:
Early August –
Early October



SUMMER CLINICS:
Starting the
week of June 1st
(stay tuned for
more details!)



QUESTIONS?

Reach out to Kelly Miller @
kelljmill@gmail.com



LET'S MAKE THIS THE BEST SEASON YET! GO WARRIORS! 🏈

[Click here](#) to register for Fall Kickball.

Summer Activities

**JUNE 1ST TO JUNE 30TH
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
6PM TO 7PM**



**Summer
CAMP**

SCHOOLS INVITED:
ST MATTHEWS
ST PIUS
CHRIST THE KING

[Click here](#) for the registration link. This is a **FREE** camp for the month of June for St. Matthew, St. Pius and Christ the King students. To get this 100% discount, you must email St. Matthew dad, parishioner and owner, Matt Newmann at matt@crossfitdogfight.com.

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.

Summer Swim Team



Devon Country Club @46th & Millersville

No Pool Membership Required!

Boys & Girls ages 4-17

Season: May 26- July 11 th

Practice options Mon-Fri mornings

Swim Meets on Tues & Thurs evenings

(See website for specific times & dates)

Members: \$130/1 child, \$60/additional child

INFO & REGISTRATION
[HTTPS://DEVONSWIM.SWIMTOPIA.COM/](https://devonswim.swimtopia.com/)

Questions? Contact
Kay Memmer
k.memmer@att.net



Summer Youth Tennis Classes

indynjtl.org

When: June 1 - July 17 - Classes twice a week

Where: Various tennis courts in the city

Who: Youth ages 5 - 18 All skill levels welcome

[Click here](#) for information.

Indiana Basketball Academy Summer Camp

[Click here](#) for the flyer.

Purdue Summer Enrichment

Need summer enrichment for your children? Enroll in Super Summer (SSUM) before the slots fill up! This camp takes place in Beering Hall on Purdue's West Lafayette campus. We not only offer enrichment courses for our students but also integrate social-emotional curricula designed for high-ability students of their age. Click [here](#) for the detailed course description and registration link.

Earliest drop off time is 7:45AM; latest pick-up time is 5:30PM

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Program Coordinator, Yichen Dong, at dong288@purdue.edu or geri@purdue.edu.



Congratulations to our young parishioners who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2

Skye	Benjamin	Mena
William	Ryan	Evelina
Madison	Byron	Finn
Maggie	Hadley	Samuel
Wade	Cooper	Benjamin
Natalia	Maya	Olivia
May	Madelyn	Carmen
Olivia		

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. 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](#).



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 - Scoop Shack!

Friday, May 22nd

to benefit SMS
Note: DATE CHANGE!



Enroll Your Kroger Plus 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 SMS 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.**

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.

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



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.



David, a 7th grade student, had a special experience this week serving as Assistant Principal for the day! He worked alongside Mr. Arnold, helping with a variety of tasks and getting a behind-the-scenes look at school leadership. This opportunity was made possible thanks to his family's winning bid at Trivia Night —what a memorable day!



St. Carlo's Corner

It can be easy as parents to see the negative in technology. But as our patron St. Carlo knew technology can be used for good too!

This summer the North Deanery is sponsoring the [Sizzlin' Summer Saint Series](#) - a series of three films to help us all deepen our faith.

First up in the series is the movie "David" showing on June 13th at 10:00 am. Tickets are FREE but must be reserved in advance [here](#).



"David" is an animated film that tells the story of a young shepherd boy and his defeat of a giant and his help unifying the kingdom.

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

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.

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.