

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 11

(StJ) 4:00 P.M. Norman Wagner by James & Carla Barnes

(StA) 6:00 P.M. Irvin Wojciechowski by Estate

Sunday, December 12

(StA) 8:00 A.M. St. Anthony of Padua & St. John Kanty Families of God

(StJ) 9:30 A.M. Living & Deceased Member of St. John Kanty Holy Name Society

Monday, December 13

(StA) 8:00 A.M. Ray Schoenfeld by Isabelle Korbecki

Tuesday, December 14

(StJ) 8:30 A.M. Arlene Fitzpatrick by Tom & Eunice Conway

Wednesday, December 15

(StA) 8:00 A.M. Maltby & Peterson Families by Muriel Peterson

Thursday, December 16

(StJ) 8:30 A.M. Ray Schoenfeld by Rich & Marlene Reynolds

Friday, December 17

(StA) 8:00 A.M. Lillian Keck Granning by Bonnie Troyer

Saturday, December 18

(StJ) 4:00 P.M. Joe Hartig by William & Catherine Farrington

(StA) 6:00 P.M. Poor Souls in Purgatory by All Souls Day Envelope Donors

Sunday, December 19

(StA) 8:00 A.M. St. Anthony of Padua & St. John Kanty Families of God

(StJ) 9:30 A.M. Lillian Keck Granning by Keck Family

POTLUCK PLUS ANNIVERSARY: December 12th, is the second Sunday of the month and the date of our monthly bi-parish potluck. It will begin in the St. John Kanty Parish Hall at 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite covered dish and join us. Father is also celebrating his 50th Anniversary of his ordination this year. The exact date was the 4th of December 1971. We are combining the potluck with an informal reception for our pastor. Father has specifically asked there be no gifts or envelopes. Just bring yourselves and celebrate with him his 50 years as a priest.

HOLIDAY STOCKINGS: St Anthony Parish is once again putting together stockings for distribution through the La Porte St. Vincent de Paul Society. The goal this year is for 40 stockings. Please help if you can with the following items: candy canes, hot chocolate packets, oatmeal packs, raisin

boxes, juice boxes, or your choices. Please bring your donations to the St. Anthony parish hall. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: In order to help parishioners, plan their holiday events, the Christmas Mass Schedule will be as follows:

Friday - December 24th - 5:30 PM (St. Anthony)

December 24th - 8:00 PM (St. John Kanty)

Saturday - December 25th - 8:00 AM (St. Anthony)

Saturday - December 25th - 9:30 AM (St. John Kanty)

(Please note that since Christmas falls on a Saturday, there will be no anticipated Saturday evening Masses for Sunday, December 26th. The only scheduled Masses will be on Sunday itself - 8:00 AM for St. Anthony and 9:30 AM for St. John Kanty.)

CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHOIR: St. John Kanty has formed a youth choir (18 and under) for the 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass. They meet each Sunday during Advent from 8:45 AM to 9:15 AM in the St. John Kanty parish hall.

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL: Please be aware that our goals this year of \$9,408.00 for St. John Kanty has not yet been reached. We are still \$2,573.00 short. St. Anthony of Padua has nearly reached the assigned goal of 4,677.00. We are \$127.00 short. Please send your donation directly to the Diocese at Diocese of Gary, CSA Campaign 2021, 9292 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410. Any checks are to be made out to the Diocese of Gary. Be sure to note on the check: CSA and the parish name.

CGS/CCD SAFETY REMINDER: Drivers, please exercise caution when leaving the parking lots if you are driving through and/or dropping off your children. The children forget sometimes and could dart out as they run to CGS/CCD classes on Sundays.

STUDENTS: Please be careful as you head over to the hall for CGS/CCD classes on Sundays. Drivers may not see you as you cross the parking lot to go to CGS/CCD classes.

ST. ANTHONY PRAYER LINE: If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, St. Anthony of Padua at Fish Lake has a ministry from which parishioners will pray for you. Please provide the name of the person or persons and the prayer intention. These requests are confidential. Prayers will then be offered daily by our prayer warriors. Contacts are Phyllis Schoof at (219) 369-9582 or Susan Grillo at (219) 369-1159.

ST. JOHN KANTY PRAYER LINE: Please reach out to our St. John Kanty prayer ministry if you or someone you know can benefit from divine assistance. Just provide the name of the person or persons and the prayer intention. All requests are confidential. St. John Kanty Prayer Line contacts are: Vivian Rogozinski at (219)778-4834 or Mary Manzuk at (219)575-8356.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS: The community Food Pantry of Galena, Hudson, Kankakee and Wills Townships needs canned peas, canned carrots and cranberry sauce. Please drop off your donations in the St. John Kanty hall beneath the church when you come to Mass. Any questions, please contact Phyllis Austin at (219) 778-2672. Thank you for your continued generosity.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES: The 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday and the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday from St. John Kanty will continue to be lived streamed. Pick it up on Facebook, You Tube or our St. John Kanty/St Anthony website: stjohnkanty.com. We will continue to live stream the weekend Masses from St. John Kanty for those who are confined to home, are sick, or have another grave reason for not being able to fulfill their obligation to attend Mass in person.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Please be aware that both St. John Kanty and St. Anthony have set aside special times for private Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord. At St. John Kanty the Holy Eucharist is exposed on the altar each Sunday, following the 9:30 AM Mass until 12:00 Noon. At St. Anthony adoration follows the 8:00 AM Mass until 9:30 AM each Friday. Use these opportunities if you can to deepen your prayer life and your relationship with Our Lord by quietly spending this time with Eucharistic Christ. Incredible graces flow into the souls of those who regularly come into the penetrating presence of the Risen Christ.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT PRAYER

"O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth. Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way. Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and to hear your voice. Help us Lord, to focus on you. Amen."

The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday; the word Gaudete means rejoicing. We are reminded of the true meaning and joy of Christmas. It is easy to become swallowed up by the way the world sometimes perceives Christmas and forget to focus on the true joy of Christmas. We can get caught up in the whirlwind of consumerism and materialism. We can miss the opportunity to focus on fully welcoming Jesus into our midst, allowing him to enter our hearts. The first path to finding joy is gratitude. You'll never be happy unless you are grateful for what you have. The second way to find joy is to build an authentic community. We all long for community and belonging. The third opportunity to experience joy is serving others, giving of oneself. Jesus taught us this in everything he did. St. Bernard of Clairvaux said: "Real happiness will come not in gratifying our desires or in gaining pleasures, but in accomplishing God's will for us." What is God's will for me as I seek the joy of Advent out in my life?

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ST. JOHN KANTY CATHOLIC CHURCH WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Mass Times

St. Anthony of Padua
Saturday Evening: 6:00 PM
Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM
Weekdays (Monday, Wednesday
and Friday) 8:00 AM

St. John Kanty
Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday Morning: 9:30 AM
Weekdays (Tuesday
and Thursday) 8:30 AM

Confessions

St. Anthony of Padua
Saturday at 5:30 PM
and any time by request

St. John Kanty
Saturday at 3:30 PM
Sunday at 10:30 AM
and any time by request