

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who donated yellow cake mixes. The Community Pantry needs now are for canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix and pancake syrup. Please leave items in the basement of the church or in the blue bin in the south vestibule. Any questions, call Phyllis Austin at (219) 778-2672. Thank you.

ST ANTHONY FOOD COLLECTION

St Anthony Parish has long been collecting food for the needy. Bring your donations anytime you come to Mass. Any items left in the back of church will be removed to the parish hall following Mass. If possible, however, it would be helpful if they could be brought directly to the parish hall. Just place them on one of the tables near the entrance to the kitchen. Whatever you can spare toward the ministry of feeding the hungry is much appreciated.

CGS & CCD CLASSES



DRIVERS: Please exercise caution when you are driving through and/or dropping off your children. The children sometimes forget and could dart out unexpectedly as they run to CGS/CCD classes on Sundays.

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

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER - THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

This prayer is repeated each day during the third week. After the prayer, the mother of the family will light the first, second purple candles and the rose candle.

All Make the Sign of the Cross

Leader:
Our hearts are filled with joy, the Savior is coming, as we prepare to light three candles on our Advent Wreath today.

Let us pray,
Savior of the World, who comes to feed, to free, to heal, and protect us. May we know the complete joy of being in Your presence, of following You and remaining in Your love. We ask this in your most holy name. **Amen.**

Reader:
Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

All:
Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Reader:
Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

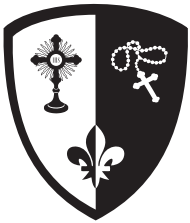
All:
Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Reader:
Sing praise to the Lord, for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

All:
Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Leader:
Let us light the first, second, and third candles on our wreath, as we sing our Advent Wreath song.

The first, second purple candles and the rose candles are lit before and left burning during the evening meals on each day of the third week in Advent.



ST. JOHN KANTY & ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
CATHOLIC CHURCHES

St. John Kanty - 7012 N 600 E, Rolling Prairie, IN 46371 St. Anthony of Padua - 7732 E State Road 4, Walkerton, IN 46574

MASS TIMES

St. John Kanty
Tue & Thur 8:30 am
Saturday Evening 4:00 pm
Sunday Morning 9:30 am

St. Anthony
Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 am
Saturday Evening 6:00 pm
Sunday Morning 8:00 am

CONFESSION

St. John Kanty
Saturday Afternoon 3:30 pm
Sunday Morning 10:30 am

St. Anthony
Saturday Evening 5:30 pm

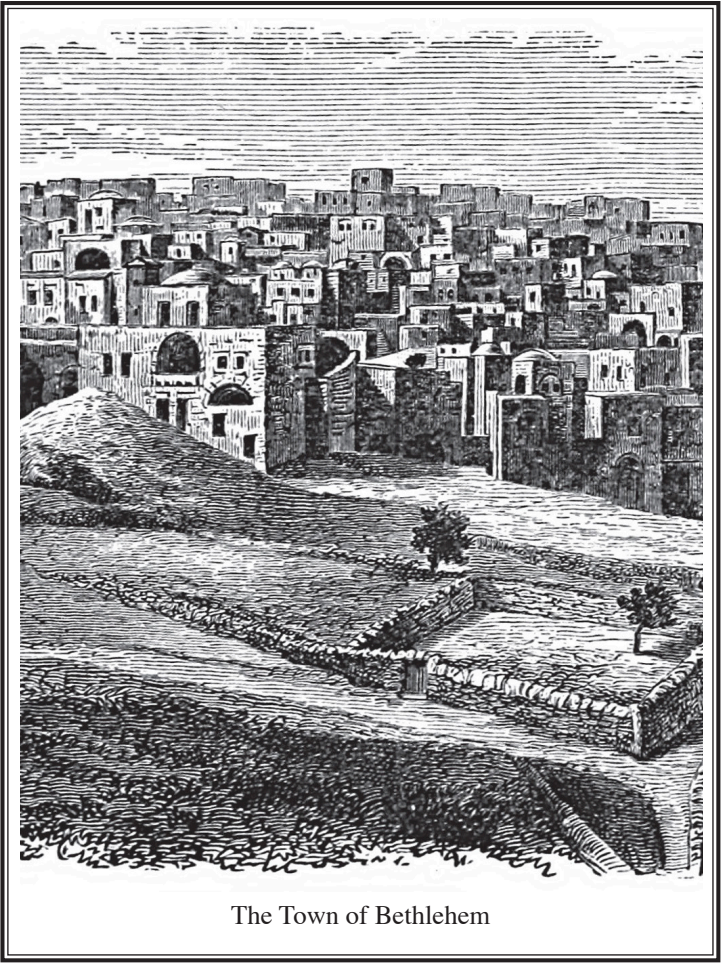
Confessions available anytime by request

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The Town of Bethlehem

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 14

(St J) 4:00 pm	Ed & Marie Kopkowski	<i>by Pat Gietz</i>
(St A) 6:00 pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory	<i>by All Souls Day Envelope Donors</i>

Sunday, December 15

(St A) 8:00 am	St. Anthony of Padua & St. John Kanty Families of God	
(St J) 9:30 am	Lillian Keck Granning	<i>by Keck Family</i>

Monday, December 16

(St A) 8:00 am	Barbara Kosko	<i>by Trudy DesLauiers</i>
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Tuesday, December 17

(St J) 8:30 am	Special Intention	<i>by Donor</i>
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Wednesday, December 18

(St A) 8:00 am	Dee Miles	<i>by Anna Miles</i>
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Thursday, December 19

(St J) 8:30 am	Boniface, Cecilia & Titus Kilimo	<i>by Sister Theopista</i>
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Friday, December 20

(St A) 8:00 am	John Paul David Eckel	<i>by Susan Klibinski</i>
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Saturday, December 21

(St J) 4:00 pm	Antonette Wozny	<i>by Diane Richardson</i>
(St A) 6:00 pm	St. Anthony of Padua & St. John Kanty Families of God	

Sunday, December 22

(St A) 8:00 am	Intention of Allen & Marilyn Chlupacek	<i>by Joanne Janisch</i>
(St J) 9:30 am	Wayne Dudek	<i>by Dan & Tammy Bealor</i>

MASS DATES AVAILABLE

The most powerful gift you can give is to have a Mass offered for someone. If you would like to have Mass said for relatives or friends who have passed away or for personal intentions a large number of dates are available both now and in the foreseeable future. Drop your intention(s) in an envelope marked MASS, with the requested date(s) in the collection basket. In most cases the date that you requested is usually available, if not, the next available date will be scheduled. The usual stipend for a Mass in the Diocese of Gary is \$10.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses - Tuesday, December 24th

St. Anthony	5:00 pm
St. John Kanty	8:00 pm

Christmas Confession Schedule

Sunday, December 22 nd	10:30 - 11:30 am (St J)
Monday, December 23 rd	8:30 - 9:30 am (St A)
Tuesday, December 24 th	4:00 - 4:30 pm (St A)
Tuesday, December 24 th	7:00 - 7:30 pm (St J)

Christmas Day Masses - Wednesday, December 25th

St. Anthony	8:00 am
St. John Kanty	9:30 am

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

A Christmas tree has been placed at the interior entrance of St. John Kanty church with tags of different children's names, ages and gift requests. This is sponsored by Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities will disperse these gifts to the children of needy families in LaPorte County. Be sure to attach the tag to your gift and return it wrapped to the hall beneath the church by **Sunday, December 15th**.

MITTEN WREATH

St. Anthony has placed the annual Mitten Wreath on the outside of the cry room again this Advent season. It will remain in place until the 4th Sunday of Advent. The people of St. Anthony are asked to decorate this special wreath with mittens, scarves, and hats for needy children. The winter apparel will be distributed locally. Your gifts can provide warmth for many children, so hopefully our wreath will be filled with a beautiful display of colorful knit and fleece apparel.

CHRISTMAS TREAT STOCKINGS

St. Anthony Parish is once again putting together Christmas treat stockings for distribution through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Items needed include: oatmeal packets, hot cocoa packets, candy canes, snacks, raisin boxes, juice boxes or whatever you think would be good choices. Please bring your donations to the St. Anthony Parish Hall by Sunday, December 22nd.

SNOW SCHEDULE

Please note that when school at New Prairie School System is canceled due to snow, the morning 8:30am Mass (Tuesdays & Thursdays) at St. John Kanty will be canceled as well. **Delays in school starting time due to weather will not alter the start time of Mass.** Please tune in to your local radio station for information regarding school closings and apply the same information to Tuesday & Thursday morning Mass at St. John Kanty.

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 contact is: Mary Smith 219-778-2494.

ST. ANTHONY PRAYER LINE

If you or someone you know needs 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 219-369-9582 or Susan Grillo 219-369-1159.