

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.

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

DIOCESE OF GARY VOCATION PRAYER

O Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call, and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocations. Give to parents that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their sons and daughters to God's service and cause them to rejoice exceedingly whenever one of their family is called to the religious life. Let Your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, encourage both young people and parents, and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

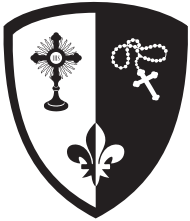
Mary and Joseph bring their 40-day-old infant Jesus to the temple in order to fulfill the Mosaic law. There, they are met by Simeon and Anna, the faithful prophets who have spent their lives waiting for the coming of the King of Glory. These many years of waiting were like the “refiner’s fire” which the prophet Malachi describes in the first reading. Refined like gold by prayer and fasting, Simeon and Anna are prepared to meet their Lord. And in this moment, the Old and New Testaments meet and the fulfillment of the Old is foreseen. Imagine the splendor of the moment when they finally laid their eyes on this king of light and glory – the culmination of a lifetime of hope, prayer, and preparation. Overcome with peace and joy at seeing his Lord, Simeon declares, “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace,” for he had seen the glory of God.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Have you ever marveled at the beauty of a shiny, gold ring? Gold has long been regarded as one of earth’s greatest treasures, yet the gold we admire today doesn’t emerge in its pure, radiant form. To produce such beauty, gold must first undergo a process of intense refinement. A crude material is exposed to extreme heat to be melted and purified – until something of profound value emerges. Like gold, we, too, must be forged in fire to be made pure and holy. This is one way we can understand the prophet Malachi’s words. The "fires" we experience in our lives are not without purpose – God is purifying us so that one day we may live with him in eternity. He isn’t afraid of our “crude material”; rather, he gazes upon us with such intense love that our own beauty is revealed. As we undergo personal purification, let us stand in holy confidence like Simeon and Anna, witnessing to the truth that it is through the refiner's fire that we are brought to glory.

REFLECT

We can become discouraged, feeling that our prayers are unanswered or that a life devoted to Christ is too difficult. When these moments arise, consider the prophets Simeon and Anna, who gave their lives in quiet devotion, trusting in God’s promises. Pray Simeon’s canticle, meditating on the glorious gift we have been given in our salvation, and the promise that even in the darkest of days a bright and shining light awaits us.



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

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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

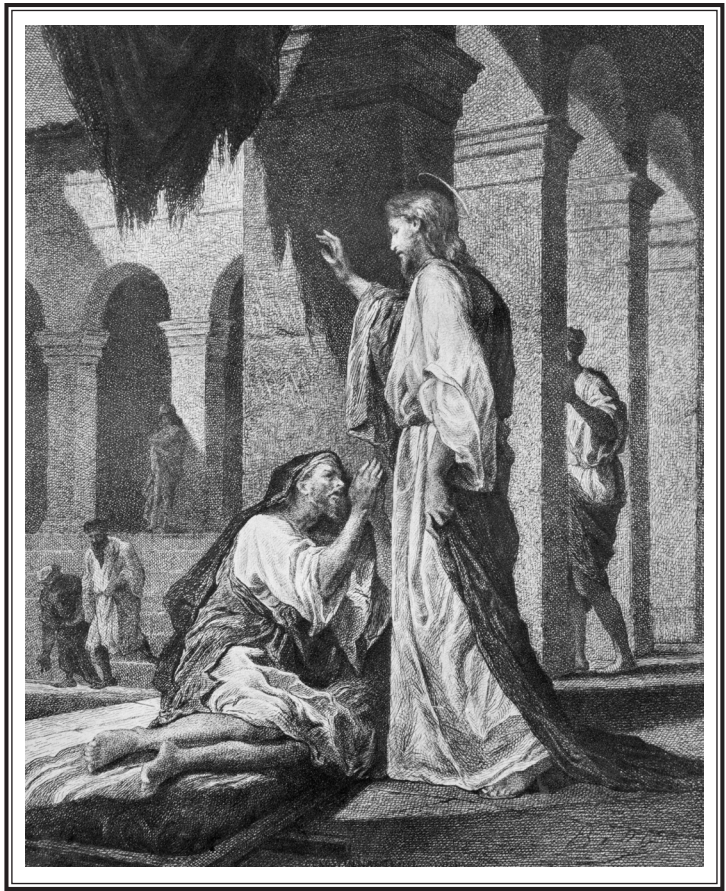
Confessions available anytime by request

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 2, 2025

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. 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, February 1

(St J) 4:00 pm Charles Hendricks by Mr. & Mrs. William Wendt
(St A) 6:00 pm St. Anthony of Padua & St. John Kanty Families of God

Sunday, February 2

(St A) 8:00 am Allen E. Chlupacek by Allen F. Chlupacek
(St J) 9:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the St. John Kanty Holy Name Society

Monday, February 3

(St A) 8:00 am Sylvester & Tessie Kaminiski by Sylvester & Tessie Kaminiski Foundation

Tuesday, February 4

(St J) 8:30 am Special Intention

Wednesday, February 5

(St A) 8:00 am Lowell Kamerer by Ed Kogut

Thursday, February 6

(St J) 8:30 am Intention of Johnny Vanek by Ilayna Baltes

Friday, February 7

(St A) 8:00 am Phyllis Logan by Sharon, Shirley & Annette

Saturday, February 8

(St J) 4:00 pm Linda Ann Pliske by Mr. & Mrs. William Wendt
(St A) 6:00 pm Ralph Grillo by Susan Grillo

Sunday, February 9

(St A) 8:00 am St. Anthony of Padua & St. John Kanty Families of God
(St J) 9:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the St. John Kanty Altar & Rosary Sodality

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.

HOMESCHOOLERS

Catholic homeschoolers will meet at St. John Kanty on Tuesday, February 4th for Mass and confessions at 8:30 am in the church and then for food, friendship, and play at the Parish Hall. All who homeschool or are considering it are welcome to attend. The first Tuesday of each month is set aside for parents and children to gather together for sacraments and social interchange.

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK

Sunday, February 9th is our monthly bi-parish potluck. Bring yourself, your family and a covered dish to St. John Kanty Parish Hall at 12:30 pm central time and enjoy an afternoon of good food and great company.

PRINT EDITION OF DIOCESAN PAPER TO END

At the end of the current subscription cycle in March, the Diocese of Gary will no longer print the Northwest Indiana Catholic newspaper. Instead, the award-winning newspaper content will be made available to everyone, **free of charge**, through the **diocesan news website** (dcgary.org/northwest-indiana-catholic) and the **Friday Good News email newsletter** (sign up at dcgary/flocknote.com, or text NWIC to 84576). The diocese wants to help everyone receive this content and realized not everyone uses digital technology. They are also working on plans for a magazine to share with every registered household. Let's ask God to guide this essential ministry as they strive to serve everyone in Northwest Indiana.

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.

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.