

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.

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.

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.

THE BROWN SCAPULAR

Our Blessed Mother presented this sacred garment to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251 as a gift to the Carmelite Order. She said, "Whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire...It is my garment. To be clothed in it means you are continually thinking of me and I in return am always thinking of you and helping you to secure eternal life."

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

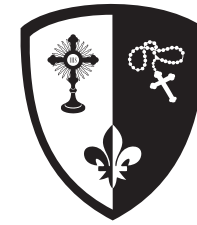
"Woe is me, I am doomed!" "I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle." "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Do you notice a theme today? Each of these lines – taken from our readings – reveals the humbling reality that when humans stand in the glorious presence of God, we must confront the Truth, look at ourselves honestly, and recognize our sin. We are reminded of the Garden, when original sin disfigured human nature and Adam and Eve, realizing their nakedness, hid themselves from God. The story would be tragic if that had been the end. But in today's readings and in our own lives, the crippling effects of our sin are not the end. By becoming aware of our sin – agonizing though this may be – we invite the Lord in. It's the crack in the door that he will enter, bringing mercy and freedom found only in him.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Each of today's readings shows how God's presence leads us to acknowledge our lack; however, that's only "step one." Notice what happens next in each instance. "Your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective." "Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid.'" See how, in each example, hearts are transformed from shame and guilt to courage and confidence. The readings explain how as each person is freed, they are compelled to act boldly. So, what changed? The same thing that can happen in our own lives: as we acknowledge our sin, we open ourselves to the flow of grace. We allow the Lord to heal and free us, making us radiant and setting our hearts on fire with love.

LEARN

Choose one virtue you'd like to cultivate in order to root out a sinful habit. Then make a plan to practice that virtue. It can be as simple as "I will always pray to the Holy Spirit before I talk to that person at work who bothers me." Make sure your plan is: (1) specific ["I will never sin again" doesn't count], and (2) doable ["I will pray every day for six hours to grow in patience" is not possible for most people]. Finally, offer your plan to God and ask him for whatever strength, grace, and healing you need to grow in that virtue.



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
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Confessions available anytime by request

CONTACT

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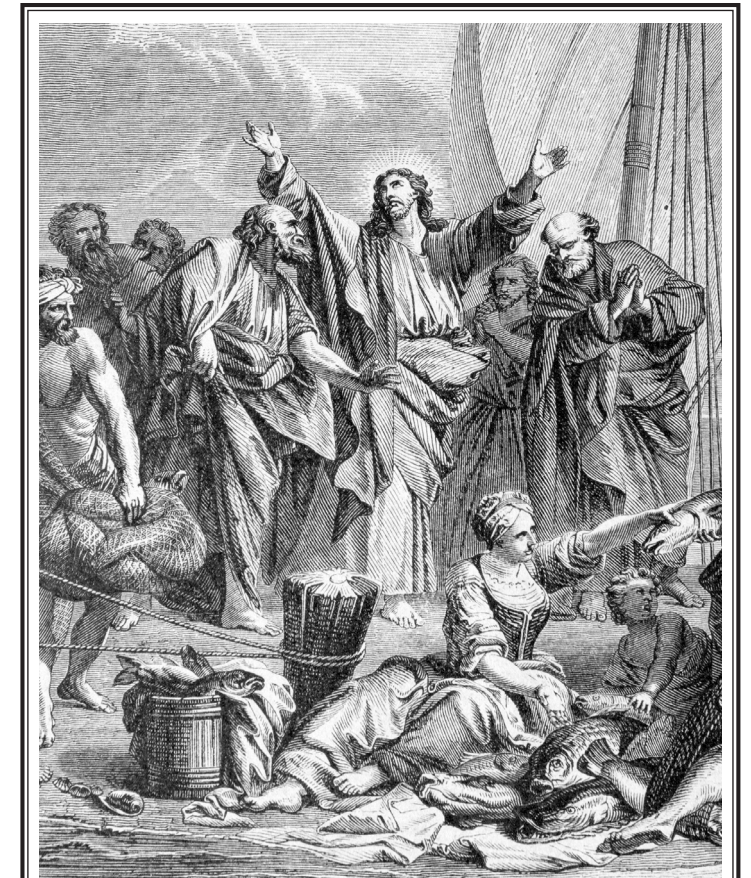
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"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 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

Monday, February 10

(St A) 8:00 am Allen Chlupacek *by Kogut Family*

Tuesday, February 11

(St J) 8:30 am Intention of Johnny Vanek *by L. E. Robinson*

Wednesday, February 12

(St A) 8:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory *by All Souls Day Envelope Donors*

Thursday, February 13

(St J) 8:30 am Steve Drab *by Donor*

Friday, February 14

(St A) 8:00 am Allen Chlupacek *by Don & Sharon Barker*

Saturday, February 15

(St J) 4:00 pm Larry Stafford *by Sue Gadacz*

(St A) 6:00 pm Julia (Dolly) Tyukodi *by Susan Grillo*

Sunday, February 16

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

(St J) 9:30 am William Keck, Sr. *by Keck & Coffinger Families*

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.

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK TODAY

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** (dgary.org/northwest-indiana-catholic) and the **Friday Good News email newsletter** (sign up at dgary/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.

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.