

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

"It is so good to be poor, to have nothing, to await all from God!" These sentiments of the humble French religious sister St. Jeanne Jugan sum up the spirit of Jesus' words in today's Gospel. Jesus praises poverty, hunger, sadness, and rejection, but certainly not as ends in themselves; God does not take pleasure in our suffering! He does use our suffering, however, to awaken us to our need for him. Poverty can spur us to pursue heavenly goods, and thus Jesus assures the poor, "the kingdom of God is yours." Hunger can cause us to seek God who alone can truly satiate our desires, and thus Jesus says to the hungry, "you will be satisfied." Those who weep will laugh, Jesus says – so long as their sadness inspires them to seek happiness in the service of God and the joys of eternal life. For all of us, no matter our means or our circumstances, today's Gospel is a reminder to allow everything – including our difficulties, disappointments, and unfulfilled desires – to turn our hearts to God and rely on his loving care.

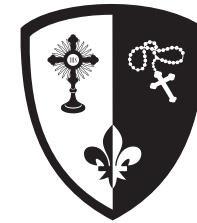
GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It can be difficult to practice the spirit of the Beatitudes (as the "blessings" in today's Gospel are called) in the moment. Suffering, distress, and confusion easily divert our attention from God as we attempt to "make the problem go away." Sometimes we are even tempted to give up, to turn aside from God, and to seek consolation in other things. This is exactly the opposite of what he wants for us, and for good reason! God knows that it is best for us to always rely on him. This is why, as today's first reading explains, the man who trusts in the Lord is secure – "like a tree planted beside the waters ... it fears not the heat when it comes" – and fruitful – "its leaves stay green." For those who trust in the Lord, help comes from the all-powerful,

infinitely loving Creator of the universe. When we entrust ourselves to him, we have nothing to fear.

ACCOMPANY

Is there someone in your life who is struggling with fear, loneliness, anxiety, or sadness? Take time to pray with that person and, together, try to discover God's invitation to a deeper reliance on him in the midst of the distress. These moments of suffering are never occasions for us to get "preachy." Instead, accompany your friend and be a reminder of the hope we have in God.



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

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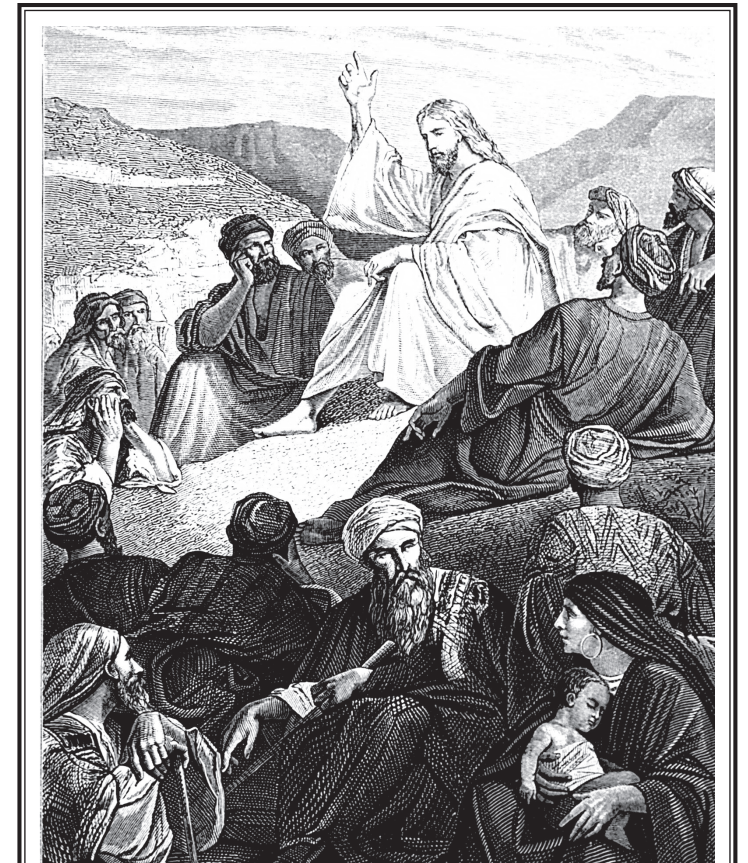
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"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours"

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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 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*

Monday, February 17

(St A) 8:00 am Dave & Phyllis Logan *by Don & Sharon Barker*

Tuesday, February 18

(St J) 8:30 am Linda Ann Pliske *by Mr. & Mrs. William Wendt*

Wednesday, February 19

(St A) 8:00 am Dave Logan *by Ron & Shirley Richie*

Thursday, February 20

(St J) 8:30 am Robert Hampton & Gladys Hampton *by Peterson Family*

Friday, February 21

(St A) 8:00 am Loretta Gantert *by Ron & Shirley Richie*

Saturday, February 22

(St J) 4:00 pm Frances Vogeler *by Tom & Kathy Byrne & Family*

(St A) 6:00 pm Kieran Miles Stratton *by Anna Miles*

Sunday, February 23

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

(St J) 9:30 am Carl, LaVerne & Barb Grothouse *by Karen Grothouse*

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.

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.

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.