

## 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

"Love your enemies" may be one of the most oft-quoted verses of Scripture. We tend to think of it as a moral principle to guide us in our dealings with people who rub us the wrong way. But do we ever consider what it tells us about God? After all, Jesus, who is God himself, speaks it. God tells us to love our enemies because God loves his "enemies" – that is, those who freely choose to oppose his plan of life and love. On the cross, Jesus forgave and prayed for the people who sought to kill him while they were crucifying him. But his mercy was not confined to that time and place alone; he died for each of us who, whenever we sin, refuse to love him. If we get this into our heads and our hearts – "God loves and forgives me" – we can begin to rest in his embrace like children confident in the unconditional love of their father's heart.

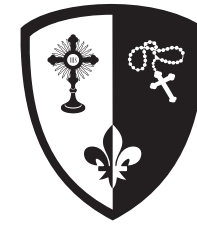
### GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

If, as a child, you learned a musical instrument for which regular recitals were the norm, you know how many hours of practice are required for a few short minutes of performance. You know, too, that if you are well prepared, a musical composition which appeared impossible months before comes easily and naturally on the day of the recital. For most of us, loving our enemies as Jesus commands us to do appears far beyond our reach – impossible, in fact. But this kind of heroic love is nevertheless God's call for us, and he will never deny us the grace we need to respond to his call. What's required on our part is a willingness to practice. If we practice loving in small things even

when it's difficult – listening patiently to someone whose conversation bores us, for example, or taking on an extra chore without seeking recognition or thanks – we will be prepared for the day when God asks us to make an even greater act of love for his sake.

### PRACTICE

This week, go out of your way to find opportunities to love even when it's difficult. Do your best to be conscious of your intentions, even in the moment, by asking God for the grace to love generously and by offering your act of love to him.



# 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

|                  |         |
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| Tue & Thur       | 8:30 am |
| Saturday Evening | 4:00 pm |
| Sunday Morning   | 9:30 am |

#### St. Anthony

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| Mon, Wed, Fri    | 8:00 am |
| Saturday Evening | 6:00 pm |
| Sunday Morning   | 8:00 am |

### CONFESSION

#### St. John Kanty

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| Saturday Afternoon | 3:30 pm  |
| Sunday Morning     | 10:30 am |

#### St. Anthony

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| Saturday Evening | 5:30 pm |
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*Confessions available anytime by request*

### CONTACT

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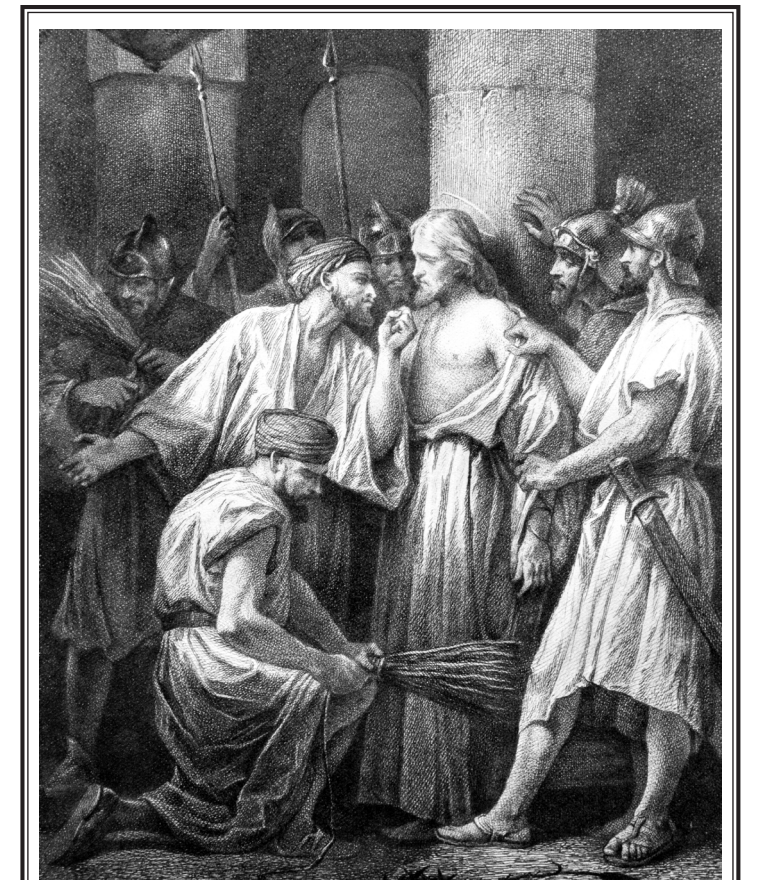
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"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you."

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**February 23, 2025**

*Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is 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 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*

### Monday, February 24

(St A) 8:00 am Olive Mankowski *by Family*

### Tuesday, February 25

(St J) 8:30 am Intention of Celebrant

### Wednesday, February 26

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

### Thursday, February 27

(St J) 8:30 am Intention of Johnny Vanek *by Donor*

### Friday, February 28

(St A) 8:00 am Barbara Kranz Kosco *by Trudy DesLauriers*

### Saturday, March 1

(St J) 4:00 pm Charles Hendricks *by Mr. & Mrs. William Wendt*  
(St A) 6:00 pm Carol Knowlton *by Joseph Spence*

### Sunday, March 2

(St A) 8:00 am Mariah Caroline Emerick *by Ron & Shirley Richie*  
(St J) 9:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the St. John Kanty Holy Name Society

## 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.

## 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

The Food Pantry needs are for peanut butter and canned chicken noodle soup. Please leave donations in the basement of the church or in the blue bin in south vestibule. Any questions, call Phyllis Austin at (219) 778-2672. Thank you.