# 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.

# **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

As humans, we are often burdened with heavy crosses. Experiences of loss, lack, failure, and betrayal can riddle our existence, leaving us fatigued and with a weary question in our hearts: What is this all for? And then, we look up. We raise our gaze and see before us the transfigured face of Christ. Having taken on our human form, Jesus stands before us in radiant glory. As we take in the scene, our senses mingling somewhere between admiration and alarm, we remember the promise he made to us. The promise that we, too, will be made new. The promise that our bodies will also be redeemed, and our burdens will be relieved. And as we remember, we respond, like the disciples, "It is good that we are here." The life of discipleship, at times, can seem to require more than it rewards. But in these moments of intimate encounter, when we see glimpses of Jesus' beautiful face, he reminds us why we are here on this mountain: to love, to serve, and eventually to reap our eternal reward.

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

We see why we are here on the mountain, but today's readings also reveal a weighty reality: before we are transformed, we must climb that mountain. The whole story of Jesus' life is this: before a promise is fulfilled, sacrifice is offered. Our human existence, without the mercy and mission given us by Christ, is empty. But taking up the cross of Christ and following him toward glory, we find our purpose. Earth is our pilgrimage, and our journey will most certainly be punctuated by peaks and valleys. But today, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Philippians that we won't be carrying around these crosses forever. Though strapped with suffering for a time, we know our eternal destination: "Our citizenship is in heaven."

Lent is inherently a season of waiting for the fulfillment of a promise. In our own lives, we may be aching for transformation, perhaps for ourselves, or for another. Remember: God enters deeply into our lives, dwelling so intimately with us that he syncs his every breath with ours. Take the next week to think and pray about how the Lord may be asking you to be transformed. Pray today's Psalm each day, and "Wait for the Lord with courage."



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

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St. Anthony of Padua - 7732 E State Road 4, Walkerton, IN 46574

#### **MASS TIMES**

#### St. John Kanty

8:30 am Tue & Thur 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

# **CONTACT**

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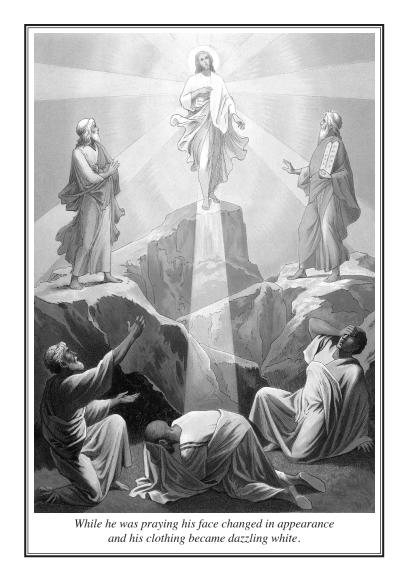
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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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, March 15

(St J) 4:00 pm Bill Kopkowski

by Pat Geitz

(St A) 6:00 pm Maltby & Peterson Families

by Muriel Peterson

# Sunday, March 16

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

(St J) 9:30 am Gerald Keck

by Keck & Coffinger Families

# Monday, March 17

(St A) 8:00 am Barbara Kosco

by John & Holly Jo Howard

# Tuesday, March 18

(St J) 8:30 am Robert Hampton & Gladys Hampton

by Peterson Family

# Wednesday, March 19

(St A) 8:00 am Joanna Robertson

by Anna Miles

# Thursday, March 20

(St J) 8:30 am Ted Bolakowski

by Lynn Kolar

# Friday, March 21

(St A) 8:00 am Harold & Grace Barker

by Don & Sharon Barker

(St J) 6:00 pm Father Rich LoBianco

by Oudhuis Family

# Saturday, March 22

(St J) 4:00 pm Joyce Barnes

by Frank & Mary Horvath

(St A) 6:00 pm Marie Hauner

by Susan Grillo

# Sunday, March 23

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

(St J) 9:30 am Bill Gamble

by Gamble Family

# 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.

# **CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL**

Our annual diocesan fund drive has begun. Parishioners should have already received an offering envelope mailed to them from the Diocese of Gary. Please return your donation directly to the Diocese and not to the parish. If you have not received an envelope from the Diocese, one will be available at the church entrances. In that case, place it in the Sunday collection and the parish will sent it to the diocese processing center. This year's assigned goal for St. John Kanty is \$9,223 and the assigned goal for St. Anthony is \$5,578.

# LENTEN MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Anthony and St. John Kanty Churches will be having Mass and Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent. Mass and Stations at St Anthony will be at 8am and at St. John Kanty at 6pm.

# SHARE FOUNDATION SPRING LUNCHEON

The Service League of the SHARE Foundation invites you to join us at the 34th annual Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, April 9th at the Halls of St. George in Schererville. Delight in a delicious meal, door prizes, and entertainment from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. This event supports Sharing Meadows, SHARE Foundation's residence and camp dedicated to enriching the lives of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Tickets are \$50 per person. For more information, please contact The SHARE Foundation at 219-778-2585 or visit ShareFoundation.org and click on the Events tab to learn more. Advance registration is required.

# 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: Rose Schoenfeld. Call or text 219-575-2050.

# 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

**Looking for a positive Lenten activity?** Consider donating 1 or 2 food items to the Community Food Pantry each week. Peanut butter, canned soup, canned mandarin oranges, peaches, or pears, and boxes of cereal are a few suggestions. Please leave donations in the box in the basement of the Church or in the bin in the South vestibule. Any questions, call Phyllis Austin at (219) 778-2672. Thank you.