

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.

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.



Deacon Ivan Alatorre

PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS - DEACON IVAN ALATORRE

O Lord of the harvest, send laborers into your vineyard. Pour your blessings on Deacon Ivan Alatorre. Keep him faithful to your Holy Will.

Mary, Our Mother, protect Deacon Ivan Alatorre and all of our priests and seminarians. Thank you for hearing our prayers. Amen.

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.

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

Meaningful human relationships rarely last if only one party makes an effort to maintain a connection. The same is true in our relationship with God. In the scene recorded in today's first reading – arguably one of human history's "Top Ten" most important events – God takes the initiative, but the encounter is two-sided. God causes the bush to burn and Moses approaches; God calls Moses and he responds, "Here I am!"; finally, Moses asks God his name and God reveals himself as "I am who am." Moses' cooperation with God throughout is essential for them to arrive at this monumental revelation which would allow Moses (and, by extension, all of the Israelites) to call upon God by name. Despite our many technological achievements, a free, generous, loving response to God's initiative is still the only "fruit" we can bear for him that he cannot procure himself. This is the fruit which the fig tree in Jesus' Gospel parable is meant to produce. If we truly desire and seek this relationship, God will reveal himself to us so that, no matter our stage or state of life, we can bear this fruit even now.

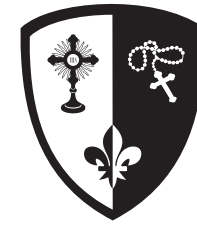
GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In his encounter with God, Moses exhibits an exemplary combination of boldness and humility which teaches us how we should approach our relationship with God. This is our "roadmap" which will help us fertilize the "ground" of our hearts. Consider Moses' bold, inquisitive spirit: "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight," and his prompt response to God's call: "Here I am!" Consider the audacity Moses must have had to ask God for his name. At the same time, however, consider his humility in removing the sandals from his feet and hiding his face before the majesty of God. The God who revealed himself to Moses is the same God who invites us into relationship with him. We can and should have Moses' boldness to ask God to teach us about himself. But

we should also approach God with a spirit of reverence and awe. Our humility will be the fertile soil that God can use to make us his intimate friends and his representatives before others.

LISTEN

Sometimes we have habits or attitudes that prevent us from hearing God's voice. Like Moses removing his sandals, choose something you can forgo this week (for example, social media or music in the car) so that you can hear and respond to the Lord. Make sure you dedicate your extra quiet time to talking to God.



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

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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*"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you;
I no longer deserve to be called your son."*

4th Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 29

(St J) 4:00 pm Larry Stafford *by Suezanne Gadacz & Family*

(St A) 6:00 pm Karen Stazer *by Anna Miles*

Sunday, March 30

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

(St J) 9:30 am Mona Kafka *by Gamble Family*

Monday, March 31

(St A) 8:00 am Anita Brock *by Ron & Shirley Richie*

Tuesday, April 1

(St J) 8:30 am Ted Bolakowski *by Andy & Judy Bolakowski*

Wednesday, April 2

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

Thursday, April 3

(St J) 8:30 am Bill Deutscher *by Hobbs Family*

Friday, April 4

(St A) 8:00 am Allen Chlupacek *by Thomas & Karen Burns, Jr.*

(St J) 6:00 pm Linda Pliske *by Mr. & Mrs. William Wendt*

Saturday, April 5

(St J) 4:00 pm Geraldine Kubaszyk *by Kubaszyk Family*

(St A) 6:00 pm St. Anthony of Padua & St. John Kanty Families of God

Sunday, April 6

(St A) 8:00 am Carol Knowlton *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.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX (DMI) SURVEY IS OPEN!

St. John Kanty Church & St. Anthony of Padua Church are on a journey to know, love and serve Christ better and thrive! **WE NEED TO HEAR FROM OUR PARISHIONERS!** Complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today. The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen our parishes and better prepare us for the future!

The survey can be done online. Simply access the website for both St. John Kanty and St. Anthony (stjohnkanty.com). Then follow the instructions in red print and click below them on the correct survey for St. John Kanty or St. Anthony. Be sure to access the correct parish to which you belong. All information you provide is totally confidential. Your name or email address is not asked for or recorded. Your survey will only be identified by the parish to which you belong. Also, paper copies of the survey will be available for those who don't have access to the Internet.

HOMESCHOOLERS

Catholic homeschoolers will meet at St. John Kanty on Tuesday, April 1st 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.

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 send 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.

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.