

## 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.



Deacon Alexander Kouris

### PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS - DEACON ALEXANDER KOURIS

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

Mary, Our Mother, protect Deacon Alexander Kouris 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

Today's culture creates and sees constant change, innovation, and novelty at record speeds. But even more astounding than the technological advancements we observe around us is God's power to inspire interior transformation in each individual life. In today's Gospel, instead of condemning the woman caught in adultery whose punishment was certain death, Jesus speaks words of mercy, forgiveness, and life. Their encounter lifts the woman out of the shame of her sin, restores her dignity, and strengthens her to "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." This woman, whom others saw as hopeless, is transformed because Jesus' mercy has touched her soul. Long before, the prophet Isaiah had alluded to this time in which the Messiah would bring new life even in the most desolate places: "See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers." God constantly calls us to leave sin behind, to keep moving forward – and we can be confident that he is with us at each new step to lead us to himself.

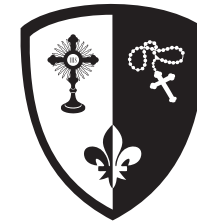
### GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How do we take these steps? How do we respond to God's call? In his Letter to the Philippians, Paul speaks of how he willingly gave up everything, even those things which made him righteous according to the laws of the Old Testament, and learned to depend on Jesus and the changing power of his resurrection. For us as for Saint Paul, each step along the path of transformation requires faith in God's ability and intention to heal us and draw us to himself. If we are willing to leave behind old identities and desires, we will see more clearly the true identity God created for us as we begin to live more like Jesus. Paul even describes being "taken possession of by Christ Jesus," because the change is so deep and powerful. For us as for God's chosen people

in the readings from Isaiah, at first some parts of the path may look like an aimless desert, but the way will appear with each step of faith, and it is filled with mercy.

### PRAY

Transformation doesn't happen all at once. Reflect on your Lenten prayers, fasting, and almsgiving and consider how they've helped to conform your will to God's. How will you be found changed on Easter Sunday? Is there something you can improve upon during these final two weeks of Lent? It's not too late to offer a loving sacrifice 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

*Confessions available anytime by request*

### CONTACT

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*Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."*

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

*By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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, 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

### Monday, April 7

(St A) 8:00 am Benjamin Hostetler *by Burgo Family*

### Tuesday, April 8

(St J) 8:30 am Intention of John & Nancy Glon *by Kubaszyk Family*

### Wednesday, April 9

(St A) 8:00 am Jimmy Spence *by Don & Sharon Barker*

### Thursday, April 10

(St J) 8:30 am Ray & Betty Hobbs *by Hobbs Family*

### Friday, April 11

(St A) 8:00 am Carol Knowlton *by Don & Sharon Barker*

(St J) 6:00 pm Felix Torres *by Ruiz Family*

### Saturday, April 12

(St J) 4:00 pm Gary Barnes *by Frank & Mary Horvath*

(St A) 6:00 pm Violet Robertson *by Anna Miles*

### Sunday, April 13

(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

## 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! Survey closes on April 15<sup>th</sup>.** 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 by simply access the website for both St. John Kanty and St. Anthony ([stjohnkanty.com](http://stjohnkanty.com)). Follow the instructions in red and click the button to access the survey for St. John Kanty or St. Anthony. Be sure to select the correct parish to which you belong. Your survey responses are totally confidential. We do not collect your name or email. Your survey is only linked to your parish. Paper copies of the survey are available for those without internet access.

## EASTER BASKET ITEMS NEEDED

St. Anthony Parish will once again be filling children's Easter baskets to be distributed by the St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry in La Porte. Treats to fill them are needed. Wrapped candy, including jellybeans, candy eggs, as well as small packs of chips, nuts or raisins—whatever you think will work is welcomed. Please bring them to the St. Anthony Parish Hall next weekend (April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>) and they will be sorted and made into baskets for the children of families experiencing financially difficult times.

## ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING

The St. John Kanty Altar & Rosary Sodality will have their monthly meeting following the 8:30 am Mass on Tuesday, April 8th. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

## SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK

Sunday, April 13th 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.

## 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.

## 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.