

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 all at St. John Kanty who donated during Lent. Please remember the Food Pantry through the year. Needed are peanut butter, canned soups, canned tuna and anything you would like to donate. Any questions, call Phyllis Austin at (219) 778-2672. Thank you.



Nicholas Emsing

PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS - NICHOLAS EMSING

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

Mary, Our Mother, protect Nicholas Emsing 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

After years (and, for many of us, decades) of celebrating Easter, we may not be sensitive to the sheer peculiarity of the Resurrection accounts. But a close reading of today’s Gospel prompts us to ask: If most of us were dreaming up the greatest event in history, wouldn’t we have made it more exciting? A little fanfare would have gotten the message out to the world and nipped future skepticism in the bud. Yet this is not what God did. The account of Jesus’ resurrection has no fanfare; in fact, it is not an account of a resurrection at all. It is a story of an empty tomb discovered by a woman from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons (cf. Lk 8:2), and two fishermen. Awestruck by the simplicity of these circumstances, we are inspired to adore the profound humility of God who invites – but never forces – us to respond to him in faith.

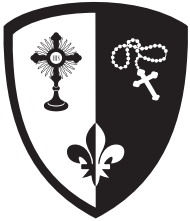
GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Although we cannot know exactly why God chose to arrange the events this way, today’s second reading offers a hint: “For you have died,” writes St. Paul, “and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” This world which we consider home, and everything that comes to mind when we say “my life” – these are only shadows of the life that is found in Christ alone. Like the disciples in the Gospel, we are meant to gaze past the outward appearances of our mundane and sometimes pain-filled lives and, with the eyes of faith, place our hope in the true life that comes from God. But how often we forget! How often we live as if this world were all there was, without hope for eternal life! We are not alone in forgetting God’s promises; Mary Magdalene and the disciples do not seem to expect Jesus’ resurrection – even though he

had repeatedly predicted it. At the tomb, they sought a dead body; but Jesus wished to offer them his life. We, likewise, must desire and seek his life by laying aside everything that does not lead us to him.

REJOICE

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Although we don’t place our hope in this life, marking the Church’s feasts in our homes and families can inspire us to seek “what is above” by giving us a foretaste of the joys of heaven. Today through next Sunday, as we celebrate the “Easter Octave,” every day is Easter Day! Use simple reminders – decorations, an extra treat, an additional time of prayer – to rejoice each day of the Octave.



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

Rev. Michael G. Heimer, Pastor
Rector: 219-369-1210

Website: www.stjohnkanty.com
Fax: 219-369-9500
Email: stanthony.kanty@frontier.com

Mailing Address (both parishes):
7732 E State Rd 4
Walkerton, IN 46574



Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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 19

(St J) 8:00 pm Intention of Celebrant

Sunday, April 20

(St A) 8:00 am Frank Chlupacek

by Family

(St J) 9:30 am William Gamble

by Ruiz Family

Monday, April 21

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

Tuesday, April 22

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

by Victoria Daniels

Wednesday, April 23

(St A) 8:00 am Wayne Maurer

by Donor

Thursday, April 24

(St J) 7:00 pm Poor Souls in Purgatory

by All Souls Day Envelope Donors

Friday, April 25

(St A) 8:00 am Barbara Kosco

by John & Holly Jo Howard

Saturday, April 26

(St J) 4:00 pm Ralph Dom

by Anna Miles

(St J) 6:00 pm Benjamin Torres

by Ruiz Family

Sunday, April 27

(St A) 8:00 am Special Intention

(St J) 9:30 am Katie Keck

by Keck & Coffinger Families

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.

A DAY OF DIVINE MERCY

The diary of Saint Faustina Kowalska (d. 1938) entitled *Divine Mercy in My Soul* contains at least fourteen passages in which Our Lord is quoted as requesting that "A Feast of Mercy be established in the Church." In His private revelations to her He declared: "It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated the first Sunday after Easter . . . I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners. On that day the divine floodgates throughout which grace flows are opened . . . Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. But there must also be acts of mercy. I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it." He further told Faustina that the soul that will go to Confession (within 8 days before or after "Mercy Sunday") and receive Holy Communion on the Feast itself shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and temporal punishment. To put it another way, Our Lord promised a "clean slate" to those who piously fulfill these requests - forgiveness of all sins and all punishment still due in Purgatory. Theologians liken this to the graces received at Baptism. Today, Sunday, April 27th is *Mercy Sunday*. Celebrate this day in the way Christ desires and open your heart and soul to the torrent of mercy bursting through the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Only such a merciful and loving God as we have could give so much in return for so little.

DIVINE MERCY APP

A free Divine Mercy App from the Marian Helpers is now available. This free app offers the complete Divine Mercy message and devotion in an easy to navigate format. Visit <http://thedivinemercy.org/app> for details and to download the app.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Holy Family Parish in LaPorte will host a holy hour at the St. Joseph Church location on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th, at 3:00pm. Please be aware that Mass will **not** be celebrated in conjunction with the service.

MANY THANKS

Special thanks are extended to everyone who contributed items for the children's Easter baskets distributed by the St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry in La Porte. Also, please don't forget that we collect non-perishable food for the needy all year long. Your donations can be brought to the tables near the entrance to the St. Anthony Parish Hall kitchen.

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.

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.