

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.



Gianni DiTola

PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS - GIANNI DITOLA

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

Mary, Our Mother, protect Gianni DiTola and all of our priests and seminarians. Thank you for hearing our prayers. Amen.

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.

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

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” The spiritual riches contained in this line alone are enough to sustain us for a lifetime. First, we rejoice that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us his own. We belong to him who, like the shepherds of bygone days, protects his sheep – capable of little in the way of self-defense – even at the cost of his own life. Also, among the distinctive marks of Jesus’ sheep are that they hear his voice and follow him. Thus, to be part of Christ’s flock involves not only being known by him, but knowing him and heeding his call. A sheep who has not attuned its ears to the voice of its shepherd is a lost sheep! Although the world’s fertile meadows may look inviting, not to attune our ears to the voice of Christ means exposing ourselves to the dangers of a life apart from God. On the other hand, if we make our pilgrimage of life with him, we abide within the protective confines of his love until the day we follow him into the pastures of eternal life.

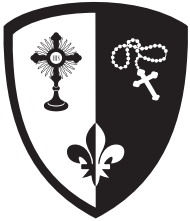
GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Frequently, our free will (something we do not share with sheep) gets in the way of our ability to heed the Shepherd’s voice. For us, his voice is expressed in concrete ways: in his commandments, in the teachings and tradition of his Church, in the Scriptures, in our legitimate superiors, and in prayer. These are the means he uses to mark out the path he wishes us to follow. But this path always involves the cross, and our sheep-ish (pun intended) nature recoils at the sight of suffering. In today’s second reading, however, St. John’s vision offers the key to overcoming our resistance: “For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them.” In other words, Jesus, our Divine Shepherd, is also a lamb who has tread the difficult way of the cross. He is the Lamb of God who offered himself in a sacrifice of perfect

obedience to his Father’s will. Thus, we do not embark along the way of obedience and suffering alone; Jesus walks before us to sustain and protect us along the way.

OBSERVE

Find an image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd online and spend 15 minutes praying about what you see. What is the Shepherd’s attitude toward his sheep, and the sheep’s attitude toward their Shepherd? What do we learn from this about *our* relationship with Christ?



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

<b>St. John Kanty</b>	
Tue & Thur	8:30 am
Saturday Evening	4:00 pm
Sunday Morning	9:30 am

<b>St. Anthony</b>	
Mon, Wed, Fri	8:00 am
Saturday Evening	6:00 pm
Sunday Morning	8:00 am

CONFESSION

<b>St. John Kanty</b>	
Saturday Afternoon	3:30 pm
Sunday Morning	10:30 am

<b>St. Anthony</b>	
Saturday Evening	5:30 pm

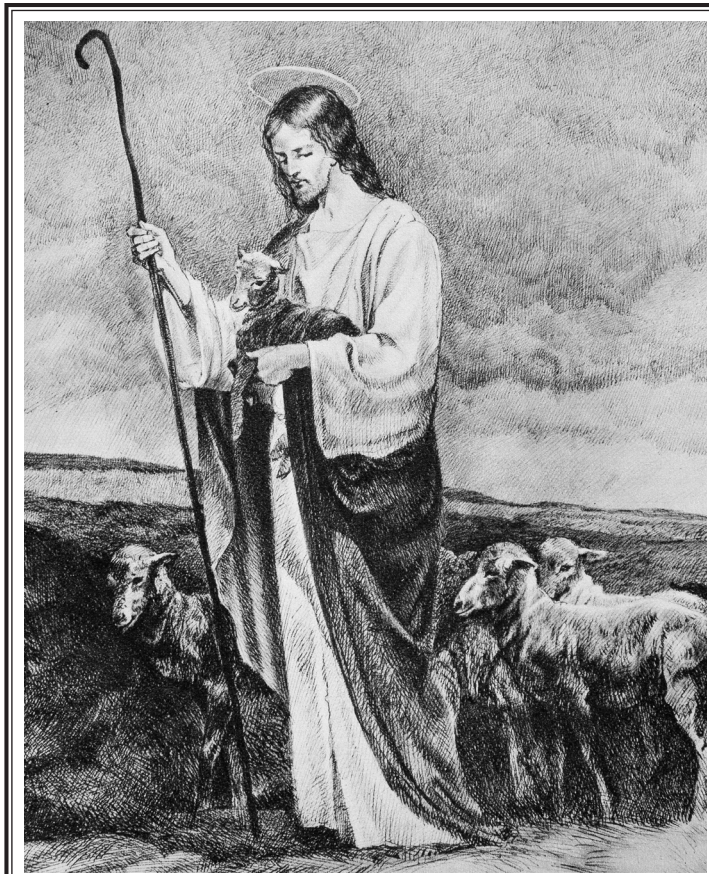
*Confessions available anytime by request*

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*The Good Shepherd*

4th Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

*Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 10

(St J) 4:00 pm Antonette Wozny by Diane Richardson  
(St A) 6:00 pm Elizabeth Bordak by Susan Grillo

Sunday, May 11

(St A) 8:00 am John F. Spence by Ron & Shirley Richie  
(St J) 9:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the St. John Kanty Altar & Rosary Sodality

Monday, May 12

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

Tuesday, May 13

(St J) 8:30 am Intention of Justin Groves by Hobbs Family

Wednesday, May 14

(St A) 8:00 am Allen Chlupacek by Grandkids

Thursday, May 15

(St J) 8:30 am Ruth Harness by Ruiz Family

Friday, May 16

(St A) 8:00 am Maltby & Peterson Families by Muriel Peterson

Saturday, May 17

(St J) 4:00 pm Don Kopkowski by Pat Geitz  
(St A) 6:00 pm St. Anthony of Padua & St. John Kanty Families of God

Sunday, May 18

(St A) 8:00 am Barbara Kosco by Ron & Shirley Richie  
(St J) 9:30 am Doris Truyaert 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to and prayers for those who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 10th at St. John Kanty at the 10:00 am Mass. They are Josephine Covarrubias, Leah Gamble, Merit Hobbs, Ava Mills, and Peter Reickens.

ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

The St. John Kanty Altar & Rosary Sodality will have their monthly meeting following the 8:30 am Mass on Tuesday, May 13th. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

MONTHLY POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY

Normally our bi-parish potluck occurs on the second Sunday of each month. However, because Mother's Day will be on that same day, our potluck will be moved to Sunday May 18th at 12:30 pm. Bring yourself, your family and a covered dish to St. John Kanty Parish Hall 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.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Totus Tuus program is back! Two separate programs, one for elementary children (ages 6-11) and one for middle and high schoolers (ages 12-18), will be held at St. John Kanty Sunday, July 12th through Friday, July 18th. The goal of the program is to help youth know the Lord and love Him more deeply. The entire week is filled with fun and faith events. The facilitators are four college students – two Catholic young ladies and two Catholic young men. More details will follow as the event draws nearer.

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.