

CCD & CGS REGISTRATION NEXT SUNDAY

Online registration opened August 27th on the parish website: stjohnkanty.com. Fees will remain the same at \$30 (1 child), \$40 (2 children) and \$50 ( a family of 3 or more). This year you will have the ability to make your payment online. Payment by cash or check may also be brought to in-person registration on Sunday, September 7th at St. John Kanty at 10:30am central time in the Parish Hall. There will also be a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program parent orientation meeting in the Parish Hall that same day following the 9:30am Sunday Mass. All parents of CGS students (ages 3-12) are invited and strongly encouraged to attend, especially if you are new to the CGS program. Again classes will begin Sunday, September 14th and will meet this school year each Sunday from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Please call or text Roslyn Davila, DRE with questions and to reserve your spot at 219-405-7709.

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. 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 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

The Community Food Pantry is in need of cream of chicken soup, pancake mix and peanut butter. Please leave donations in the basement of the church or in the blue bin in south vestibule. Any questions, call Phyllis Austin at (219) 778-2672.

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

There’s a well-known story about an actor who was asked by an elderly priest to recite Psalm 23. The actor agreed only if the priest also recited the psalm. While the actor’s delivery was met with esteem and applause, the priest’s was met with raw emotion, stunned silence, and tears. The actor, smiling, said, “I may know the psalm, but the priest, he knows the Shepherd.” I can’t help but be reminded of this story when reading today’s Gospel. Like the Pharisees, the actor represents the one who was the “center of attention” who was humbled whereas the priest, in his humble service to God, found himself exalted. That is where true humility lies, when our actions and our everyday lives are rooted in God first and not ourselves.

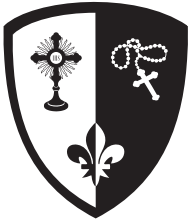
GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As Jesus reminds us today, “Every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Beyond telling us this truth, Jesus lived it. Scripture tells us that Jesus – the second Person of the Holy Trinity – “emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...” (Phil 2:7), and that he came not “to be served but to serve” (Mk 10:45). Each of us is invited to consider the ways we can imitate the same humble servant-leadership which Jesus showed throughout his life. What does servant leadership look like, practically speaking? Some simple examples: At work, it might look like signing up to do those less desirable tasks that others would prefer to avoid. In our homes, it could look mean letting your children or spouse choose what’s for dinner rather than asserting your own preferences over meal

planning. In our relationships, it might mean allowing a friend to talk through their struggles without offering advice or sharing how you might have handled things differently. With the eyes of faith, each of us can see countless opportunities to practice the virtue of humility in daily life.

WITNESS

Like the priest in the story above who revealed God to the crowd in his recitation of Psalm 23, you have the opportunity to let God shine through in your life to others. Be a servant leader, seeking to glorify God rather than yourself. When you are humble you “will be exalted” and “repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”



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

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"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,  
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted"

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

*God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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, August 30

(St J) 4:00 pm Joe & Mary Horvath by Frank & Mary Horvath

(St A) 6:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Schortgen & Carpenter Families by Bonnie Maurer

Sunday, August 31

(St A) 8:00 am Frank & Judith Blackmore by Sandy & Kevin True

(St J) 9:30 am Joseph & Helen Zurek by David & Julie Rice Zurek

Monday, September 1

(St A) 8:00 am Leo & Caroline Spence by Ron & Shirley Richie

Tuesday, September 2

(St J) 8:30 am George Wendt by Mr. & Mrs. William Wendt

Wednesday, September 3

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

Thursday, September 4

(St J) 8:30 am William Granning by Coffinger & Keck Families

Friday, September 5

(St A) 8:00 am Allen Chlupacek by Ray, Joanne & Monica

Saturday, September 6

(St J) 4:00 pm Matthew John Gansemer by Suzanne Buelow

(St A) 6:00 pm Mary & Larry Tatro by Susan Grillo

Sunday, September 7

(St A) 8:00 am Vera Ford by Theresa Sabinas

(St J) 9:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Keck & Coffinger Families 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.

PASTORAL PLANNING PROCESS 2025

From August 2025 through December 2025 our parishes, along with a number of others, will be participating in a Diocesan facilitated process known as *Pastoral Planning*. This is an extremely important undertaking designed to help us meet the future sacramental and pastoral needs of our communities.

Earlier this year, we invited you to participate in an anonymous parish survey. Your input helped us to better understand the beliefs, practices, needs, and desires of our communities. Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback.

What is "pastoral planning"?

Pastoral Planning is a prayerful, strategic process by which a group of parishes take inventory of the human and financial resources of their community and realign them to meet the future sacramental and pastoral needs.

Is "pastoral planning" just a fancy way of saying that parishes are going to close?

While some parishes may close and merge with other nearby parishes, this is not the driving force behind pastoral planning. In order to maximize talents and resources, some church buildings may close or remain open as a worship site while the parish operations merge with another parish. Other parishes may remain, grow in their operations or remain unchanged depending on the sacramental and pastoral needs of the local community.

Who makes the decisions in this process?

Bishop McClory is the ultimate decision maker as the shepherd of the Diocese of Gary. To reach his decision, Bishop McClory is seeking a recommendation from the parishes within each planning area. Each pastor has appointed three Key Parish Leaders to serve as advisors to explore the current ministry landscape, review future strategies for an effective Catholic presence in the area, and formulate recommendations for Bishop McClory's consideration.

The bishop has appointed Fr. Christopher Stanish, Vicar General; Fr. Jeff Burton, Northlake Dean; and Deacon Brad Hendrickson to facilitate the *Pastoral Planning Process*.

**St. Anthony's Key Parish Leaders** are: Andy Chlupacek, Karoline Emerick, and Beverly Noel.

**St. John Kanty's Key Parish Leaders** are: Pete Cook, Roslyn Davila, and Joyce Forbes.

Our two parishes are in the LaPorte/Starke Grouping and encompasses eleven parishes. Six meetings are scheduled as part of the Pastoral Planning Process and will be held at Holy Family Parish, Sacred Heart Campus (201 Bach Street in LaPorte). Four will be with Key Parish Leaders and two will be open meetings (September 11th and October 30th) in which all parishioners are encouraged to attend and participate. All sessions will be on Thursday evening and run from 6 to 8 pm.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND BAKE SALE

The St. John Kanty Altar & Rosary Sodality will sponsor a bake sale after the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, August 30th and the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, August 31st in the Hall beneath the church. Stop by for some delicious home-made baked goods for your holiday weekend. The Sodality only has two fundraisers anymore (Memorial Day & Labor Day weekends) so your support is greatly appreciated.

LABOR DAY MASS

Labor Day Mass will be celebrated at the St. John Kanty Cemetery at 8am central time on Monday, September 1st. Father Father Ciesla and Brother Shawn will be there. All are welcome to come and pray for our parish community, family members and friends who are buried in our cemetery. Please bring your own lawn chairs for seating if your wish. In the event of inclement weather that morning, NO Mass will be held.

BABY BOTTLES BACK AGAIN!

The Baby Bottle Collection of Donations for the Women's Care Center in LaPorte will start August 2nd and will continue through September 7th. Please put your spare money in a Baby Bottle that will be in a basket at each entrance to the Church and return it to the basket by September 7th. Our donations will help support the new mothers who chose to have their babies. God Bless You.