

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.

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

I am particularly struck by this line from Solomon’s prayer in today’s first reading from the Book of Wisdom: “Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high?” Solomon doesn’t seem to be seeking direct answers to the questions he presents today, but rather, uses them as a sort of poem of praise to honor God in all his glory. In modern language, we could rephrase his questions: What do we know that God has not instilled into our minds? What wisdom do we have that was not infused by the Holy Spirit? There are many things that we cannot understand without the wisdom God gives us. May we, like Solomon, praise and thank God for this gift. Let us trust that where our feeble, corruptible humanity falters, our heavenly Father is our refuge in every age.

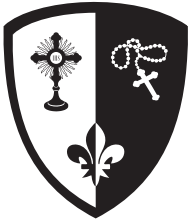
GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today’s Gospel is certainly one that we need God’s wisdom to understand. This reading always makes me do a double take or a read-over. “What did Jesus just say?!” His words today are stark and can feel disconcerting. “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” When I encounter a challenging Scripture such as this one, I try to immediately root myself in concrete truths about the Lord. First, I acknowledge that he is good and desires my good. He is all-knowing, all-powerful and all-loving. After centering on those realities, I can look at this Gospel again, but this time through a clearer lens. Ultimately, this Gospel is a piercing reminder of the radical renunciation desired by the Lord. It is a rubric for the narrow

road and for sanctity. Jesus does not mince his words, nor does he seek to confuse or confound: to follow Jesus is to release our hearts from earthly attachments, to embrace our cross and to set our lives in proper order. Clear and direct? Certainly. Easy? Not at all. But doing this in union with Jesus? *Absolutely possible.*

REFLECT

Today, consider reflecting on your attachments – the places you cling to anything that is not Christ. As you go into these tender places, invite Jesus to gently reveal where he wants to grant you his freedom.



ST. JOHN KANTY & ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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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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*"Whoever does not carry his own cross and
come after me cannot be my disciple."*

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7, 2025

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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, 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

Monday, September 8

(St A) 8:00 am	St. Anthony of Padua & St. John Kanty Families of God
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Tuesday, September 9

(St J) 8:30 am	Living & Deceased Members of the St. John Kanty Holy Name Society
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Wednesday, September 10

(St A) 8:00 am	Donald A. & Jane Lasky	by Pavey Family
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Thursday, September 11

(St J) 8:30 am	Victoria Daniels	by Mr. & Mrs. William Wendt
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Friday, September 12

(St A) 8:00 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory	by All Souls Day Envelope Donors
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Saturday, September 13

(St J) 4:00 pm	Jack Blake	by Art & Karen Schuck
(St A) 6:00 pm	St. Anthony of Padua & St. John Kanty Families of God	

Sunday, September 14

(St A) 8:00 am	Special Intention	by Muriel Peterson
(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.

PASTORAL PLANNING SESSION OPEN TO PARISHIONERS

Thursday, September 11th from 6 to 8 pm at Sacred Heart Church in LaPorte the first of two Pastoral Planning sessions open to parishioners will be held. Parishioners from St. Anthony and St. John Kanty are encouraged to attend and participate. The next open meeting will take place on Thursday, October 30th at the same time and location.

RELIGION CLASSES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY - REGISTRATION TODAY

Online registration is open on the parish website: stjohnkanty.com. Fees remain the same at \$30 (1 child), \$40 (2 children) and \$50 (a family of 3 or more). This year you have the ability to make your payment online. Payment by cash or check may also be brought to the in-person registration on Sunday, September 7th at St. John Kanty at 10:30am central time in the Parish Hall.

There will be a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program parent orientation meeting in the St. John Kanty Parish Hall on Sunday, September 7th following the 9:30 am 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.

Classes begin next Sunday, September 14th and will be held on the premises of St. John Kanty. Atrium Level 1 will be in the hall beneath the church. Atrium Levels 2&3, and CCD classes for Junior High and High School students will be in the Parish Hall. Weekly sessions this year will run from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Any questions please call or text Roslyn Davila at 219-405-7709.

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday, September 14th 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.

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.