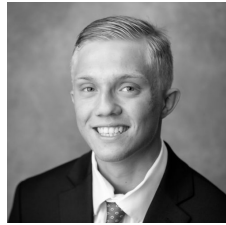


## ST. JOHN KANTY PRAYER LINE

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.



Roy Graf

### PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS - ROY GRAF

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

Mary, Our Mother, protect Roy Graf 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.

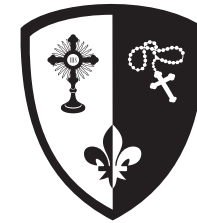
### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In his Angelus address on the Feast of the Holy Family in 2001, St. John Paul II shared this with those gathered: "If we aspire to a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and mission, we must draw close to the mystery of the Holy Family of Nazareth to observe and listen." Following in the footsteps of the Holy Family in today's Scripture, we find ourselves in quiet Bethlehem, just after the departure of the Magi. The angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream, this time with a warning: "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." They trust in God and their response is immediate. It is easy for us to imagine the Holy Family as different from ourselves – holier and more spiritual. Certainly, that's true. They were holy but they were also fully human, which means that what they attained is possible for each of us. Let us try to imitate them in this holiness.

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

It's easy to glamorize the life of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, but in reality, the cross was with them long before the crucifixion. From the moment of the Annunciation, there would be trials, temptations, and sufferings. But each time, they respond with immediate obedience and deep trust. In doing so, they give us all a perfect example of what the Christian life should look like: a life motivated by love and always listening for the voice of God, ready to respond in an instant. As we accompany others on this journey of faith, we also must listen deeply to them in order to help them in discerning the Spirit's movement in their lives. As we hone the spiritual muscle of attentive listening, we grow in our ability to respond to God and to God's action in our lives, and to help others do the same.

Most of us will never hear from an angel in the middle of the night telling us to walk hundreds of miles with our baby in tow. But every single one of us will be – has been – called. Let us pray to the Holy Family for an increase in the virtues of obedience and trust, so that we can respond to God's call in our lives.



# 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

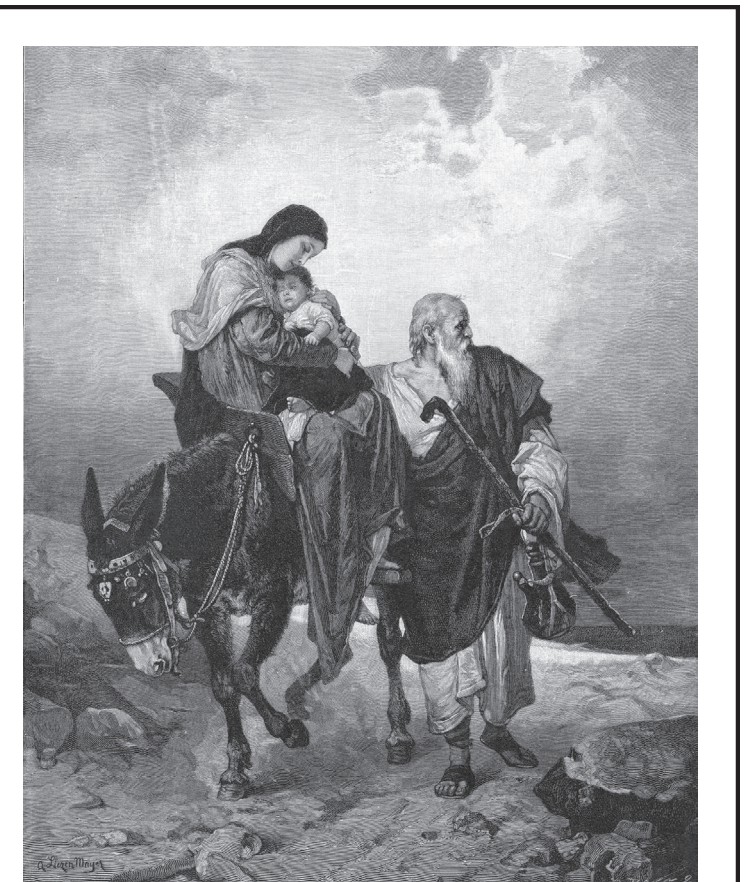
*Confessions available anytime by request*

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*The Holy Family's flight into Egypt*

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**December 28, 2025**

*O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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, December 27

(St J) 4:00 pm Sharon Blake

*by Frank & Mary Horvath*

(St A) 6:00 pm Edward L. Spence

*by Ron & Shirley Richie*

### Sunday, December 28

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

(St J) 9:30 am James Albert

*by Marge & Jerry*

### Monday, December 29

(St A) 8:00 am Special Intention

### Tuesday, December 30

(St J) 8:30 am Joseph Knapp

*by Michael & Linda Knapp*

### Wednesday, December 31

(St J) 5:00 pm Rich & Terry Kebr

*by Diane Oudhuis*

(St A) 6:30 pm St. Anthony of Padua & St. John Kanty Families of God

### Thursday, January 1

(St A) 8:00 am Teena Schoff

*by Theresa Sabinas*

(St J) 9:30 am Lillian Keck Granning

*by Keck Family*

### Friday, January 2

(St A) 8:00 am Leo Spence

*by Ron & Shirley Richie*

### Saturday, January 3

(St J) 4:00 pm William Granning

*by Coffinger & Keck Families*

(St A) 6:00 pm Poor Souls in Purgatory

*by All Souls Day Envelope Donors*

### Saturday, January 4

(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 Holy Name Society

## 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 NOTE OF GRATITUDE

My sincere thanks for your cards of greeting and your personal remembrances for Christmas. May God bless you all.

*Father Michael Heimer*

## NEW YEARS DAY - THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

New Years Day is a civil holiday marking the beginning of the new year. It's also a **Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic Church** commemorating the motherhood of Mary. Masses at St. John Kanty and St. Anthony are as follows:

**Masses at St. John Kanty are:** An anticipated Mass on Wednesday at 5pm and Mass on Thursday at 9:30am.

**Masses at St. Anthony are:** An anticipated Mass on Wednesday at 6:30pm and Mass on Thursday at 8:00am.

## SPECIAL THANKS

Many thanks to all those who participated in the Giving Tree at St. John Kanty. Many children have had a more joyful Christmas this year. Your generosity is appreciated.

## MITTEN WREATH FOLLOW UP

Our annual Mitten Wreath at St. Anthony was laden down with winter apparel for children in need. The winter apparel will be distributed to children in need at the local elementary school. Many thanks to those who donated to this worthy cause.

## MANY THANKS

Thanks to everyone at St. Anthony who donated items for the Christmas treat boxes. They were put together and given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for distribution.

## CGS & CCD CLASSES



**DRIVERS:** Please be careful and stay alert when navigating the parking lot or dropping off children for CGS/ CCD classes. Children may unexpectedly dash across the lot, so proceed with caution.

**STUDENTS:** Exercise care when walking to the Parish Hall for classes on Sundays. Always watch for moving vehicles in the parking lot, as drivers may not easily spot you.

## SNOW SCHEDULE

Please note that when school at New Prairie School System is canceled due to snow, the morning 8:30am Mass (Tuesdays & Thursdays) at St. John Kanty will be canceled as well. **Delays in school starting time due to weather will not alter the start time of Mass.** Please tune in to your local radio station for information regarding school closings and apply the same information to Tuesday & Thursday morning Mass at St. John Kanty.

## 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.