

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Thank you to all who donated to the Community Food Pantry during Lent. Dry spaghetti, canned pasta and boxed potato flakes are still needed. Any donation is welcome. Please leave items in the box in the Church basement or in the bin in the south vestibule. Any questions, call Phyllis Austin at 219-778-2672



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.



April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | 1 Pt 2:20b-25 | Jn 10:1-10

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Today's readings invite us to reflect on our willingness to hear the voice of the Lord, especially when he speaks a word that will convict our hearts. In the first reading, Peter stands up and proclaims Christ crucified and risen, and some three thousand people who heard this were "cut to the heart" and were baptized. Peter's message was not an easy one to hear; he was, in part, reminding them that they had put Jesus to death. But something about Peter's words made it clear that he was speaking the truth. And they repented. They recognized, as we hear in our second reading, that they "had gone astray like sheep" but now they "have returned to the shepherd and guardian of [their] souls." As we seek to grow in discipleship, may we learn to recognize the Lord's voice in our lives, especially when he speaks a word that convicts our hearts, because it is only through him that we find abundant life.

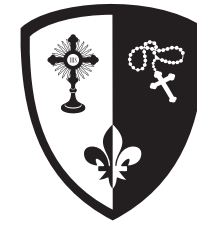
REFLECT

St. Ignatius of Loyola outlined several rules for the "discernment of spirits," a way of recognizing God's movement in our hearts. A simple summary of the rules says that when we stray from the Lord, the Spirit convicts our hearts, drawing us to repentance. When we are moving toward the Lord, the Spirit encourages our growth toward holiness by gifts of his peace and consolation. Spend some time reflecting on this current phase of your spiritual life. How is the voice of the Good Shepherd speaking to draw you toward his abundant life?

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our Gospel tells us that the sheep recognize the shepherd's voice. We "sheep" who know the Lord have the awesome task of helping others to come to know his voice. One of the most powerful tools we have at our disposal in the work of evangelizing is simply sharing about our own walk with the Lord. Take some time to talk with someone about the ways you recognize the Lord's voice in your life. Those for whom a relationship with God seems far-fetched or difficult can draw great encouragement from hearing about what that relationship looks like in your own life. Often, our own sharing can make it clear that it is possible to hear and communicate with God in a personal and life-changing way, leading them to seek that in their own life.



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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4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

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, April 25

(St J) 4:00 pm Richard Kebr

by Frank & Mary Horvath

(St A) 6:00 pm St. Anthony of Padua & St. John Kanty Families of God

Sunday, April 26

(St A) 8:00 am Ethel Hudak

by Susan Grillo

(St J) 9:30 am Improved Health for Rosanna Mills

by Tim & Melanie Creason

Monday, April 27

(St A) 8:00 am Special Intention

Tuesday, April 28

(St J) 8:30 am Lawrence Robinson

by Hobbs Family

Wednesday, April 29

(St A) 8:00 am Tacho Martinez

by Ron & Shirley Richie

Thursday, April 30

(St J) 8:30 am Will Sickman

by Michael & Linda Knapp

Friday, May 1

(St A) 8:00 am Allen Chlupacek

by Joseph Spence

Saturday, May 2

(St J) 4:00 pm Sharon Blake

by Baltes Farms

(St A) 6:00 pm St. Anthony of Padua & St. John Kanty Families of God

Sunday, May 3

(St A) 8:00 am Jim Spence

by Don & Sharon Barker

(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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SPIRITUAL GIFT BAGS

Three children will be making their 1st Holy Communion at St. John Kanty on Saturday, May 9th. We invite you to show your support for them by leaving them a card, note, a promise of prayer, or even a little memento such as a bookmark or rosary pouch. Gift bags, marked with the name of each one, are at the main entrance to the church to receive them. Please call or text Roslyn Davila at 219-405-7709 with any questions.

BURN & BURY BONFIRE

Once a religious object is blessed, it must be treated with reverence and must not be used in either an improper or profane way (cf. Code of Canon Law #1171). Religious sacramentals (rosaries, statues, dried out palms, etc.) that have been blessed but are broken or unrepairable should be burned or buried. We should never just throw into the trash that which has been dedicated to God. If you have broken or unrepairable sacramentals that you would like to dispose of properly, please come to the Burn & Bury Bonfire beside the St. John Kanty Parish Hall in June. If you are unable to be there, a collection box has been placed inside the front entrance doors of St. John Kanty Church to collect your religious items and we will see that they are properly disposed of.

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 send it to the diocese processing center. This year's assigned goal for St. John Kanty is \$9,724 and the assigned goal for St. Anthony is \$6,581.

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.

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 219-363-9078.

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.