

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

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



Nathan Knowlton

PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS - NATHAN KNOWLTON

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

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



May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 | 1 Pt 2:4-9 | Jn 14:1-12

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

When the needs of ministry became overwhelming, the Apostles did not say they would sleep less or pray less in order to have more time to serve others. Instead, they appointed leaders from the community to help so they could continue to devote themselves to prayer and preaching. This reminds me of a story I read about Saint Teresa of Calcutta, in which the sisters of the Missionaries of Charity asked to be excused from the mandatory daily Holy Hour because the needs of the poor were so overwhelming. Saint Teresa is said to have responded that the sisters should then spend not one, but two hours in prayer each day. She knew that the foundation of a life of service was a life of prayer. We are asked in all that we do to rely not on our own abilities, but to humbly recognize that all we have to give comes from God.

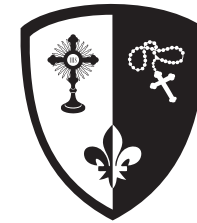
PRAY

This week, consider how you can develop or strengthen a habit of prayer as the first act of your day. You might be able to pray in silence, or you might choose to incorporate prayer into the activity of your morning. However you are able to establish this routine, be intentional about how you recognize prayer as the cornerstone of all that you do.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The cornerstone of our lives – the piece that gives strength to everything else that grows within us – is our relationship with God. The works of our vocation are meant to flow from that relationship. And so coming to know Jesus through prayer is at the core of serving others. In my vocation as a wife and mother, I sometimes get consumed in completing tasks and only realize at the end of the day that I have not prayed. But even Christ, the Son of God, tells us in the Gospel that “the Father who dwells in me is doing his works.” Life in the Trinity means that the love of the Father flows through the Son. If Jesus does not rely on his own being to preach and serve, I certainly cannot respond to God’s call to love my family apart from him. As we complete the daily tasks of our vocations, we must remember that the ultimate call of a life of holiness is to allow God’s love to flow forth through us.



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

CONTACT

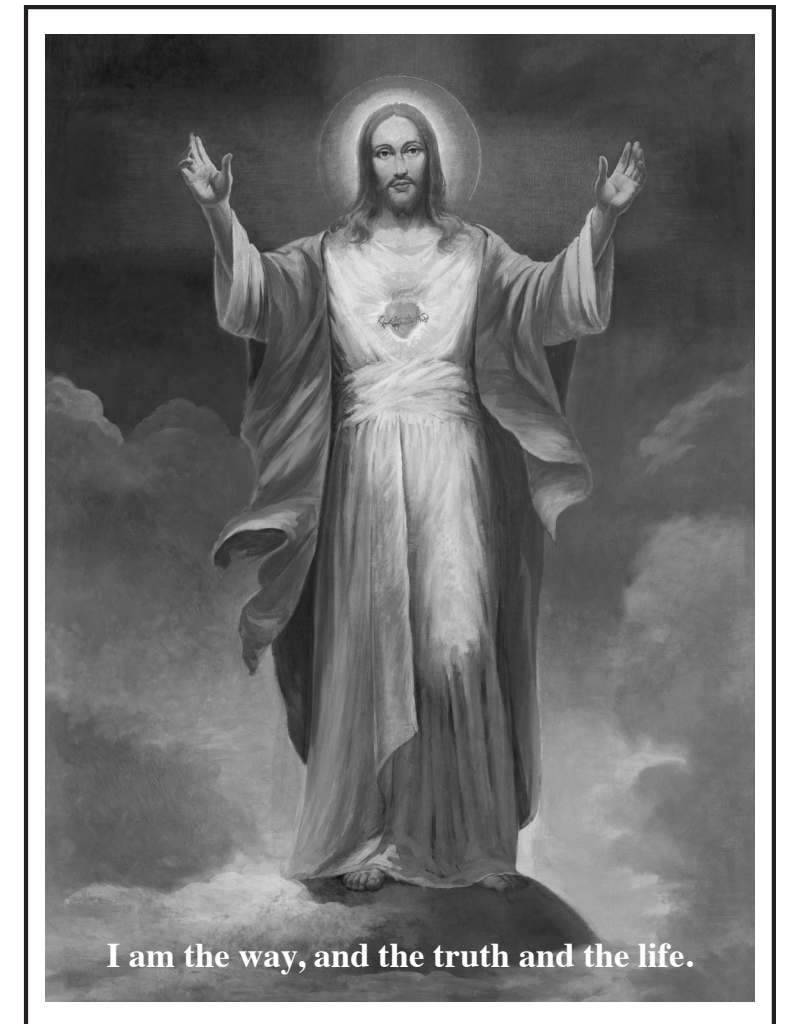
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5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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, 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

Monday, May 4

(St A) 8:00 am Special Intention

Tuesday, May 5

(St J) 8:30 am Joseph T. Cloonan

by Judith Cloonan

Wednesday, May 6

(St A) 8:00 am Father Pat Gaza

by Joanne Janisch

Thursday, May 7

(St J) 8:30 am Irvin Wojciechowski

by Estate

Friday, May 8

(St A) 8:00 am Allen E, Chlupacek

by Mitch Chlupacek

Saturday, May 9

(St J) 4:00 pm Pat Geitz

by Frank & Mary Horvath

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

Sunday, May 10

(St A) 8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the St. John Kanty Altar & Rosary Sodality

(St J) 9:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the
Peterson & Maltby Families

by Muriel Peterson

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.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON CHANGE

The St. John Kanty Altar & Rosary Sodality has in the past provided luncheons in the Parish Hall following funerals for parishioners. It regrets that it will no longer be able to provide this service. It will, however, both coordinate and donate homemade desserts for these events, but individual families will be responsible for obtaining a catering service from the restaurant of their choice. In the future please let Father Heimer know if a luncheon is planned in order that the Parish Hall can be setup and the Altar & Rosary Sodality can be notified to prepare desserts for the event.

HOMESCHOOLERS

Catholic homeschoolers will meet at St. John Kanty on Tuesday, May 5th for Mass and confessions at 8:30 am in the church and then for food, friendship, and play at the Parish Hall. All who homeschool or are considering it are welcome to attend. The first Tuesday of each month is set aside for parents and children to gather together for sacraments and social interchange.

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.

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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.