

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



Gianni DiTola

PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS - GIANNI DITOLA

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

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

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

Today we celebrate the Lord's resurrection, the pinnacle of the Church's entire liturgical year. As disciples, we know that Christ's resurrection is not something that happened to him alone; his resurrection offers us the promise that all who believe in him will one day rise with him. But the new life Christ promises is not something we have to wait for the next life to experience! Everything we have been doing throughout Lent to prepare for today's celebration also gives us a foretaste of the fullness of life we will share with him at our own resurrection. By God's grace, we have been inwardly renewed by Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our minds and hearts have been lifted from the things of earth to the things of heaven. As disciples of the risen Christ, let us continue to "seek what is above," deepening our own participation here and now in the life he won for us through his cross and glorious resurrection.

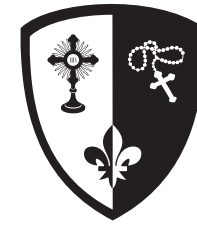
GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The scene in today's Gospel offers us a helpful insight for evangelization. Peter and John run to the empty tomb. While John gets there faster, he waits outside and allows Peter to enter first. We can think of Peter as symbolic of faith (he is the one, after all, who confesses Jesus as the Christ (Mt.16:16)), and John, as symbolic of love (in our Gospel, John is referred to not by name, but as "the other disciple whom Jesus loved.") Although Peter and John see the empty tomb and believe, our Gospel reading ends with this interesting detail: "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." I think what the text is showing us is that love and faith often precede understanding. In our efforts of evangelization, apologetics and theology have their place. But we must not forget that

sometimes inviting someone to love and trust in the Lord – before they have all the answers worked out – is more effective than trying to help a person reason their way to faith by perfect explanations. Love and faith draw us to encounter the risen Lord, and understanding comes later.

CELEBRATE

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad" our psalm tells us. Today is the Solemnity of solemnities, the Feast of all feasts! Take some time to rejoice and give thanks for all that God has done for us through his death and glorious resurrection. Today nothing else should be on our "to do" list other than to celebrate well!



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
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Confessions available anytime by request

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Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

O God, who make this most sacred night radiant with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection, stir up in your Church a spirit of adoption, so that, renewed in body and mind, we may render you undivided service. 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, April 4

(St J) 8:00 pm Tammi Alt

by Ruiz Family

Sunday, April 5

(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

Monday, April 6

(St A) 8:00 am Special Intention

Tuesday, April 7

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

by Gloria & Debbie Tanya

Wednesday, April 8

(St A) 8:00 am Jimmy Spence

by Don & Sharon Barker

Thursday, April 9

(St J) 8:30 am Godparents of Hobbs Children

by Hobbs Family

Friday, April 10

(St A) 8:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

by All Souls Day Envelope Donors

Saturday, April 11

(St J) 4:00 pm Gary Barnes

by Frank & Mary Horvath

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

Sunday, April 12

(St A) 8:00 am James L. Spence

by Thomas Sharp Family

(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.

A DAY OF DIVINE MERCY

The diary of Saint Faustina Kowalska (d. 1938) entitled **Divine Mercy in My Soul** contains at least fourteen passages in which Our Lord is quoted as requesting that "A Feast of Mercy be established in the Church." In His private revelations to her He declared: "It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated the first Sunday after Easter . . . I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners. On that day the divine floodgates throughout which grace flows are opened . . . Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. But there must also be acts of mercy. I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it." He further told Faustina that the soul that will go to Confession (within 8 days before or after "Mercy Sunday") and receive Holy Communion on the Feast itself shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and temporal punishment. To put it another way, Our Lord promised a "clean slate" to those who piously fulfill these requests - forgiveness of all sins and all punishment still due in Purgatory. Theologians liken this to the graces received at Baptism. Sunday, April 12th is *Mercy Sunday*. Celebrate this day in the way Christ desires and open your heart and soul to the torrent of mercy bursting through the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Only such a merciful and loving God as we have could give so much in return for so little.

DIVINE MERCY APP

A free Divine Mercy App from the Marian Helpers is now available. This free app offers the complete Divine Mercy message and devotion in an easy to navigate format. Visit <http://thedivinemercy.org/app> for details and to download the app.

MANY THANKS

Special thanks are extended to everyone who contributed items for the children's Easter baskets distributed by the St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry in La Porte. Also, please don't forget that we collect non-perishable food for the needy all year long. Your donations can be brought to the tables near the entrance to the St. Anthony Parish Hall kitchen.

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.