

## 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



Nicholas Emsing

### PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS - NICHOLAS EMSING

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

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



May 17, 2026

### The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 | Mt 28:16-20

Written by  
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DISCIPLE

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

This year, I cannot help but notice how kingdom-centric the readings for the Solemnity of the Ascension are. In our first reading, Jesus appears to his disciples for forty days after his resurrection and speaks to them about the kingdom of God. Our psalm beckons us to rejoice that God is mounting his throne – another kingdom image! Our second reading tells us that God has given Christ authority over “every principality, power, and dominion” – a clear sign that he is the one reigning over all. These references seem to be telling us that today’s feast is Jesus’ “coronation day” – the day he takes his rightful place at the right hand of the Father. From the moment Jesus ascends to heaven, he is reigning. What a consoling thought for us, who may at times find ourselves discouraged by our lives or the state of affairs around us. We have hope because we know that despite appearances to the contrary, Jesus reigns, and it is only a matter of time until the Father puts all things beneath Christ’s feet.

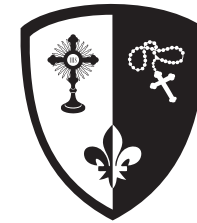
#### REFLECT

Oftentimes, we think of the Ascension as Jesus leaving us after the end of his earthly ministry. But Jesus promises that he does not leave us, but rather, that he is always with us, “until the end of the age.” Spend some time this week reflecting on the ways that, having taken his seat at the right hand of the Father, Jesus is now ever-more present, pouring out his grace and his Spirit upon us at every moment.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

##### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples – and us – to “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” It’s a tall order – bringing every nation under the reign of Christ. But we needn’t be intimidated. The Ascension offers us hope, for – as the *Catechism* reminds us – “Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.” (667) Jesus ascended into heaven and now is constantly interceding for us before the Father, constantly pouring out his Spirit on us! In all our efforts to evangelize, we have that constant support and grace being sent our way to equip us for this work.



# 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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As they looked on, Jesus was lifted up.

## The Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026

*O God, whose Son today ascended to the heavens as the Apostles looked on, grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his promise, we may be worthy for him to live with us always on earth, and we with him in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 16

(St J) 4:00 pm Larry Robinson

*by Johnny Vanek*

(St A) 6:00 pm Marty, Greg & Clem Wegenka

*by Lorraine Borton*

### Sunday, May 17

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

(St J) 9:30 am Ellen & Henry Coffinger

*by Keck & Coffinger Families*

### Monday, May 18

(St A) 8:00 am Barbara Chastain

*by Joanne Janish*

### Tuesday, May 19

(St J) 8:30 am Richard Kebr

*by Diane Oudhuis*

### Wednesday, May 20

(St A) 8:00 am Special Intention

### Thursday, May 21

(St J) 8:30 am Andrew Jarmola

*by Michael & Linda Knapp*

### Friday, May 22

(St A) 8:00 am Allen Chlupacek

*by Al, Mitch & Ann Chlupacek*

### Saturday, May 23

(St J) 4:00 pm Julien Hernandez

*by Torres Family*

(St A) 6:00 pm Wayne Hudak

*by Susan Grillo*

### Sunday, May 24

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

(St J) 9:30 am Jack Blake

*by Claudia A. Christensen*

## 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

Congratulations to, and prayers for, those who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 9th, at St. John Kanty at the 4:00pm Mass. They are Patrick Capehart, Gunnrik Fullen and Elaina Gamble.

## POTLUCK TODAY SUNDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

Because Mothers Day fell on the second Sunday of May, our second Sunday bi-parish potluck will take place today, Sunday, May 17th. 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.

## MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT THE CEMETERY

Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery will be held at 8:00am on Monday, May 25th. Father Ciesla will be there. All are welcome to come and pray for the Veterans of our parish community and also other family members and friends who are buried in our cemetery. Please bring your own lawn chairs for seating if you wish. If it rains that morning no Mass will be held.

## 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.

## 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.