

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.

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



June 14, 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 19:2-6a | Rom 5:6-11 | Mt 9:36-10:8

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Our first reading from Exodus contains a promise: "If you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people." God promises to make Israel "a kingdom of priests, a holy nation," if they keep the covenant. Reading the rest of the Old Testament, we know how this turns out: humanity never fully keeps our part of the covenant. And yet God is faithful, despite our unfaithfulness. In the Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples not to pagan territory or any Samaritan towns, but to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel," revealing that God never abandons his chosen ones. Indeed, this is the same point Paul makes when he says, "But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." Our discipleship begins from a deep awareness of the relentless love with which God pursues us. Even when we stray from our baptismal covenant with him, he comes looking to save us and bring us back to himself.

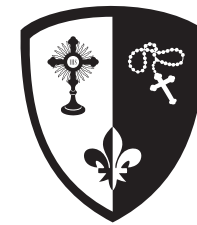
PRAY

St. Ignatius of Loyola wrote a prayer now known as the Prayer for Generosity. Pray this prayer each day this week, asking the Lord to increase your generosity as you labor in his "harvest," sharing the Good News of his kingdom. *Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve you as you deserve. To give without counting the cost, to fight heedless of wounds, to labor without seeking rest, to sacrifice myself without thought of any reward save the knowledge that I have done your will. Amen.*

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel ends with a powerful reminder to all evangelizers: "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." Knowing the limitless mercy of God - how God has reconciled us to himself through Christ's suffering and death, we are to imitate his generosity in bearing witness to the Gospel. Knowing the love which has saved us, our hearts are moved - as Jesus' was at the sight of the crowd - to see that others come to know his love. Therefore, the generosity with which Jesus calls us to pour ourselves out for the sake of the Gospel is not an imposition from outside us, but a response to the love we have received that compels us from within to make him and his kingdom known.



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

CONTACT

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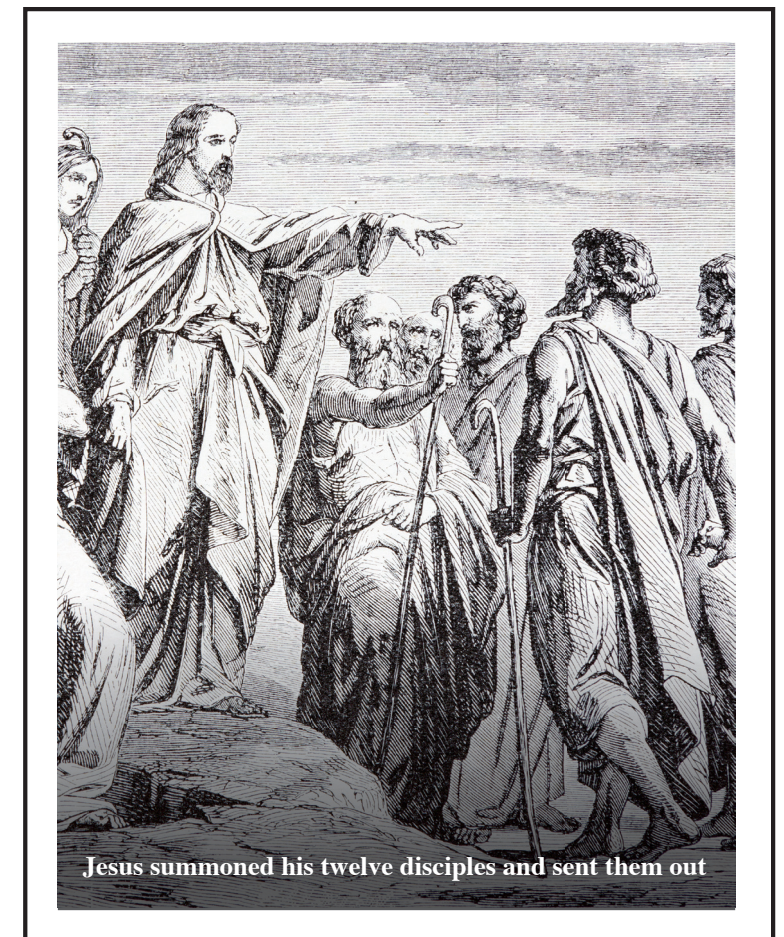
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Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and sent them out

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2026

O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without your mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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, June 13

(St J) 4:00 pm Poor Souls in Purgatory *by All Souls Day Envelope Donors*
(St A) 6:00 pm St. Anthony of Padua & St. John Kanty Families of God

Sunday, June 14

(St A) 8:00 am Ronnie & Joanie Spence *by Ron & Shirley Richie*
(St J) 9:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the St. John Kanty Altar & Rosary Sodality

Monday, June 15

(St A) 8:00 am Al Chlupacek *by Ron & Shirley Richie*

Tuesday, June 16

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

Wednesday, June 17

(St A) 8:00 am Special Intention

Thursday, June 18

(St J) 8:30 am Father Paul McCarthy *by Diane Oudhuis Family*

Friday, June 19

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

Saturday, June 20

(St J) 4:00 pm Lillian Keck Granning *by Keck & Coffinger Families*
(St A) 6:00 pm Marty, Greg & Clem Wegenka *by Lorraine Borton*

Sunday, June 21

(St A) 8:00 am Mark Sabinas *by Theresa Sabinas*
(St J) 9:30 am Joseph & Helen Zurek *by David & Julie Rice Zurek*

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.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND YOUTH

Pope Leo XIV's recent encyclical states that "technology is never neutral, because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise, finance, regulate and use it." Artificial Intelligence (AI) falls under this umbrella we call Technology. AI has significant promises. It can accomplish tasks in record speed and provide a lot of analysis quickly. But it also raises serious concerns. One of the biggest concerns is the impact AI has on the lives of young people, affecting the way they think and are formed as human persons, often without anyone taking notice. For example:

- AI can affect the way we use language, especially on social media, to slowly reshape how we view morality and political philosophical systems.
- Roughly 1 in 8 teenagers now use generative AI chat boxes for mental health advice or emotional support. That number is closer to 1 in 4 for those ages 18 to 22.
- Well over half of students regularly use AI to assist with schoolwork.
- In recent national surveys, 1 in 3 teenagers admitted they discuss serious life and identity issues with an artificially generated AI companion rather than the people in their physical life.

AI is the instantaneous access to all the information, good or bad, that exists in the world. Yet we must remember that human beings with particular biases feed that information into the AI store of knowledge. How and what is fed into it creates an artificially generated AI companion that speaks to its user as would a real person. That AI companion reflects the biases of those who created it. Therein lies the danger that everyone including our youth have to navigate around. There must be a constant awareness, therefore, of where AI may be subtly taking us. This involves the ability to use critical thinking which necessitates a constant implicit questioning of what is being proposed. That questioning must be based on ourselves having been formed in the truth that comes from God as He has revealed it through Jesus Christ and His Church. The Church maintains that the formation of the human person begins in the home, and parents are the primary educators of their children. But the Church also has a role to play by assisting parents, and by helping young people to grow in ways that are authentically human and destines one for life beyond the present one.

Everyone, not just our youth, is or eventually will be impacted by AI. And its impact, both good and bad, will affect how we continue to use it and how it has the power to slowly reshape our moral and cultural views.

SUNDAY POTLUCK TODAY

Today, Sunday, June 14th we will have our bi-parish potluck. 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.

BURN & BURY BONFIRE, FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH

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 on June 26th at 7pm central time. If you are unable to be there, a collection box has been placed inside the front entrance doors of St. John Kanty Church and in the Parish Hall at St. Anthony 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.