

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

The Community Food Pantry serves the residents of Galena, Hudson, Kankakee and Wills Townships all year round. It is located in the Rolling Prairie United Methodist Church and is open from 8am to 12pm Central Time on Thursdays. All donations are welcome. Please leave items in the box in the Church basement or in the bin in the South vestibule. All donors Any questions, call Phyllis Austin at 219-778-2672



July 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11 | Rom 8:18-23 | Mt 13:1-23

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

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

If you're anything like me, you probably hear today's Gospel and immediately try to identify yourself with one type of seed Jesus talks about: the seed that fell on the path, the seed that fell on rocky ground, the seed among thorns, or the seed in good soil. But have you ever stopped to wonder why the sower is throwing seeds so haphazardly? This is worth meditating on, too. I believe it says to us that God is generously offering his grace and his mercy to everyone equally, in all places, at all times. But we aren't all in a place where we are open to receive that gift. In those moments when we feel as though we're not bearing the fruit that we hope to, perhaps it's time to examine our spiritual surroundings and see if there is something we can change that might help us to be more receptive to God's grace. Perhaps it's as simple as checking out a faith-sharing group that can help us tend our spiritual soil so it is ready to receive what God is doling out.

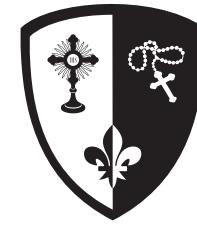
PRAY

There's a certain patience we must exercise when sharing God's word with others. When I find myself struggling with impatience - with myself or with others' slow progress - I often find solace in the prayer "Trust in the Slow Work of God" from Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ, particularly these lines: *Above all, trust in the slow work of God / We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay / We should like to skip the intermediate stages / And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability - and that it may take a very long time.*

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our first reading from Isaiah speaks of the power and efficacy of God's word, comparing it to the rain and snow that come down and water the earth, making the soil fertile, helping the seed to grow into a bountiful harvest that can be made into bread that nourishes. What we grasp from all of this is that God's word bears fruit *over time*. As evangelizers, it's important to consider that we often won't see fruit right away when sharing God's word with others. That word must take root, grow, and be cultivated. This process will take time, but the long-term fruit is worth our sustained and patient effort as we nurture relationships of accompaniment with others.



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
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Confessions available anytime by request

CONTACT

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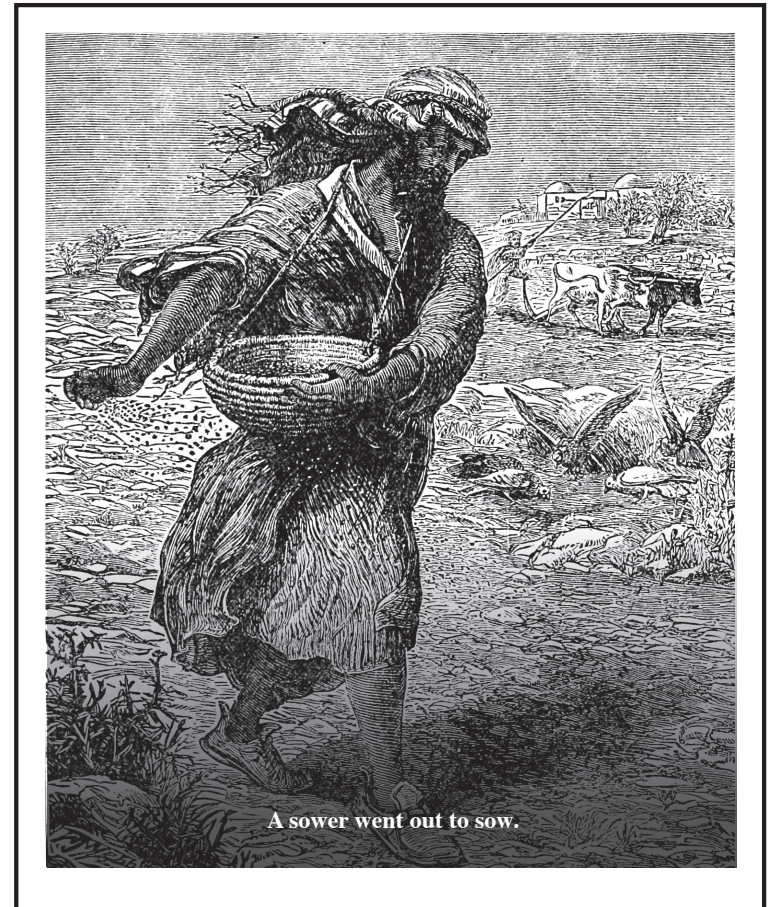
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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12, 2026

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. 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, July 11

(St J) 4:00 pm Frank & Rose Kebr *by Frank & Mary Horvath*

(St A) 6:00 pm Poor Souls in Purgatory *by All Souls Day Envelope Donors*

Sunday, July 12

(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 Altar & Rosary Sodality

Monday, July 13

(St A) 8:00 am Harold & Nancy Dennis *by Allen Chlupacek*

Tuesday, July 14

(St J) 8:30 am Intention of Aurea Torres *by Ruiz Family*

Wednesday, July 15

(St A) 8:00 am Father Pat Gaza *by Joanne Janisch*

Thursday, July 16

(St J) 8:30 am Pat Geitz *by Kathy Byrne*

Friday, July 17

(St A) 8:00 am Caroline Spence *by Ron & Shirley Richie*

Saturday, July 18

(St J) 4:00 pm Larry Robinson *by Nolan Freeman*

(St A) 6:00 pm Marty, Greg & Clem Wegenka *by Lorraine Borton*

Sunday, July 19

(St A) 8:00 am Anne Bennis *by Ron & Shirley Richie*

(St J) 9:30 am William Granning *by Keck & Coffinger Families*

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.

RESCUE PROJECT BREAKFAST TODAY!

We have had some great discussions in both groups during the Rescue Project sessions. Please join us in the St. John Kanty Parish Hall after 9:30 am Mass today, Sunday, July 12th (There will not be a 2nd Sunday Potluck in July) from 10:30am to 12:30pm. There will be food, fellowship, and faith formation as we conclude the final chapter of Father John Riccardo's Rescue Project series. Dan Davila will be making his famous biscuits & gravy. If anyone would like to bring a dish, you are welcome to. The Parish Hall will be open before Mass to drop things off if needed.

SUNDAY POTLUCK CANCELED FOR JULY

Please be aware that the Second Sunday Potluck at St. John Kanty has been canceled for the month of July.

SPECIAL THANKS

The St. John Kanty Altar & Rosary Sodality would like to thank all those who baked, brought and donated to last weekend's bake sale. It was a tremendous success. Proceeds are used to purchase liturgical items (vestments, etc) that are used to augment our worship at Mass.

ALTAR & ROSARY SODALITY MEETING

The St. John Kanty Altar & Rosary Sodality will have their meeting following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, July 14th. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

TOTUS TUUS SUNDAY, JULY 19 - FRIDAY, JULY 24

Our Totus Tuus program is back! Two separate programs, one for elementary children (6-11) and one for middle and high schoolers (ages 12-18), will be held Sunday, July 19th through Friday, July 24th. The goal of the program is to help youth know the Lord and love Him more deeply. The entire week is filled with fun and faith events. The facilitators are four college students - two Catholic young ladies and two Catholic young men. Because of a conflict with another week-long event at St. John Kanty, the morning and afternoon sessions for elementary children will be held at the second gym facility at the Sacred Heart Apostolic School. The evening sessions, however, for middle and high schoolers will be held at the St. John Kanty Parish Hall. All students from all surrounding parishes are welcome to attend.

ELEMENTARY (AGES 6-11)

When: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 2:30pm (central time)

Where: Sacred Heart Apostolic School Gym
5901 N 500 E, Rolling Prairie, IN

Registration Fees: \$20 per student or \$45 per family of 3 or more students
Teen & Adult Volunteers Needed!

To register or volunteer contact: Roslyn Davila sjkdre@gmail.com or call/text 219-405-7709

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL (AGES 12-18)

When: Sunday - Thursday 7:30pm - 9:30pm (central time)

Where: St. John Kanty Parish Hall
7012 N 600 E, Rolling Prairie, IN

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.