

Isaac Ford

PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS - ISAAC FORD

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

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



July 26, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 | Rom 8:28-30 | Mt 13:44-52

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Today we continue to hear parables about the kingdom of God and the reaction of those who find it. The merchant and the person in the field joyfully sell all they have to acquire their treasures. In a world in which we have so many responsibilities, following God may sometimes feel like an obligation. We abide by truths of the Church that are countercultural and challenging. We give our time and our money for the benefit of our community. We profess bold belief in a Gospel truth that is often questioned. These parables remind us that God desires that we move past seeking him out of a sense of obligation or duty – to a place of joy-filled abandonment to him. To experience the full joy that comes from living the Gospel, Jesus comes to us and remains with us in his sacraments. He invites us over and over again to experience his love and his joy until our hearts are changed and we joyfully put everything aside in pursuit of him.

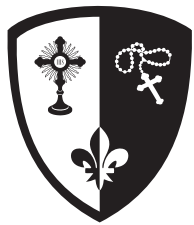
PRAY

As you seek to grow in understanding, pray the prayer of St. Anselm of Canterbury this week: *O Lord, my God / teach my heart this day where and how to see you / where and how to find you / Let me find you by loving you / let me love you when I find you. Amen.*

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I was pulling weeds in the garden when my daughter asked how I knew which plants not to pull. I realized that I simply recognize a weed from a desired plant because I have spent time in my garden. As we journey with Christ, our eyes become fine-tuned to see the difference between what is characteristic of the kingdom of God and what is of this world. King Solomon had eyes fixed on the kingdom, and he knew the value of asking for an understanding heart to help him see more clearly. We must also ask for the wisdom to see clearly what is from God. As we encounter the beauty of God and the truth of his word, we are called to share those encounters with those who are still searching and whose eyes are untrained. Not unlike pulling weeds in the garden, we must train our eyes to find the longed-for pearl as we see and experience the truth of God's love as a community of believers.



ST. JOHN KANTY & ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
CATHOLIC CHURCHES

St. John Kanty - 7012 N 600 E, Rolling Prairie, IN 46371

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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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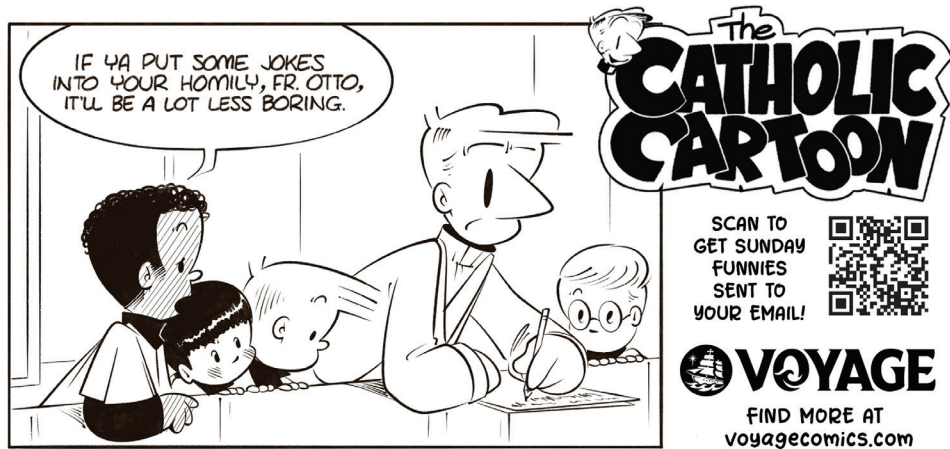
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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2026

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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 25

(St J) 4:00 pm	David Keck	<i>by Keck & Coffinger Families</i>
(St A) 6:00 pm	Ralph Grillo	<i>by Susan Grillo</i>

Sunday, July 26

(St A) 8:00 am	William & Mary Spence	<i>by Ron & Shirley Richie</i>
(St J) 9:30 am	Julien Hernandez	<i>by Grandpa & Grandma Torres</i>

Monday, July 27

(St A) 8:00 am	Intention of Frank Horvath	<i>by Horvath Family</i>
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Tuesday, July 28

(St J) 8:30 am	Thomas Janicki	<i>by John & Mary Smith</i>
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Wednesday, July 29

(St A) 8:00 am	Adam & Ann Spence	<i>by Ron & Shirley Richie</i>
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Thursday, July 30

(St J) 8:30 am	Special Intention	
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Friday, July 31

(St A) 8:00 am	Intention of Mike Pfeiffer	<i>by Allen Chlupacek</i>
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Saturday, August 1

(St J) 4:00 pm	Geraldine Kubaszyk	<i>by Kubaszyk Family</i>
(St A) 6:00 pm	St. Anthony of Padua & St. John Kanty Families of God	

Sunday, August 2

(St A) 8:00 am	Ron & Joan Spence	<i>by Don & Sharon Barker</i>
(St J) 9:30 am	Living & Deceased Members of the St. John Kanty Holy Name Society	

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.

TOTUS TUUS FOLLOW-UP

Many thanks to the presenters of this year's Totus Tuus program. And a special thanks to the many volunteers, donors, those who provided food and especially hospitality and accommodations to the presenters.

ANNUAL BI-PARISH PICNIC TODAY!

The St. Anthony / St. John Kanty parish picnic will take place today, Sunday, July 26th at the St. John Kanty Parish Hall and adjacent grounds. It will begin with a potluck in the Parish Hall from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm. Please have all salads, desserts, etc at the Parish Hall BEFORE 12:00 noon. Dinnerware and hot dogs will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a large covered dish for the potluck. If you wish to sit outside after eating, you must bring your own lawn chairs. Children (and adults) are asked to bring their own sports equipment - volleyballs, kickballs, footballs, etc. **NO baseballs or softballs please.** See you there for an afternoon of summer fun and enjoyment!

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.

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