



Collin Van Waardenburg

PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS - COLLIN VAN WAARDENBURG

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

Mary, Our Mother, protect Collin Van Waardenburg 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.



August 16, 2026
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7 | Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 | Mt 15:21-28

Written by
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I have often wondered why Jesus’ words to the Gentile woman in today’s Gospel sound so harsh. The woman was simply asking Jesus to heal her daughter, as so many others before her had done. Jesus’ reply that he had been sent only to the “lost sheep of the house of Israel” may have been true under the old covenant. But with his coming, Jesus initiated the new covenant where all are invited, all are welcome. Through the woman’s gift of faith (whose prayer says simply, “Lord, help me”), she brings herself and her daughter into the joy and goodness of the kingdom. Jesus commends her faith (and her persistence) and heals her daughter. This passage demonstrates the healing God wishes to provide for all of his people.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Thus says the Lord in Isaiah: “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

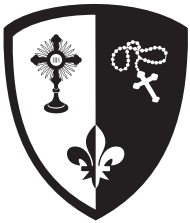
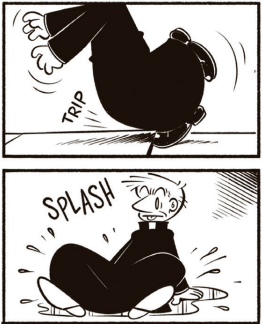
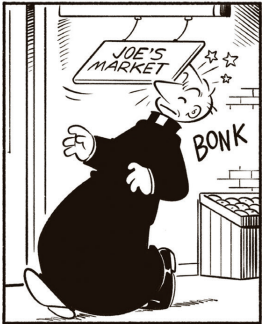
Responsorial psalm: “O God, let all the nations praise you!”

Jesus to the Canaanite (Gentile) woman: “O woman, great is your faith!”

Our readings today spell out loud and clear that our God’s love and forgiveness is meant for all. Not just the few. This is good news, indeed. What does God ask of us in return? He asks that we strive to do *what is right ... what is just*. In short, we must *join [our]selves* to the Lord, as Isaiah says, and God will welcome us into his holy kingdom. How do we do that? We can start by trying to imitate the generosity of God’s grace and welcome those who seek God’s mercy and healing. In other words, we reach out in love to each other and seek to build up the unity of his Church, the Body of Christ.

WELCOME

On some level, all the readings today speak of disparate people coming to the faith: foreigners, all the nations, the Gentiles, a Canaanite woman. Does your parish have some form of welcoming ministry – a welcome desk, ushers, greeters? The power of a friendly smile, a warm handshake, a disposition of “we’re happy you’re here” cannot be underestimated for visitors to our churches. Consider becoming a part of the team that welcomes the stranger to your parish.



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

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O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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, August 15

(St J) 4:00 pm	Terry Kebr	<i>by Frank & Mary Horvath</i>
(St A) 6:00 pm	Ann Clemons	<i>by Joanne Janisch</i>

Sunday, August 16

(St A) 8:00 am	St. Anthony of Padua & St. John Kanty Families of God	
(St J) 9:30 am	Henry & Ellen Coffinger	<i>by Keck & Coffinger Families</i>

Monday, August 17

(St A) 8:00 am	Thomas Sullivan	<i>by Sullivan Family</i>
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Tuesday, August 18

(St J) 8:30 am	Jack Blake	<i>by Michael & Mary Dailey</i>
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Wednesday, August 19

(St A) 8:00 am	Special Intention	
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Thursday, August 20

(St J) 8:30 am	Pat Deacon	<i>by Tom & Kathy Byrne</i>
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Friday, August 21

(St A) 8:00 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory	<i>by All Souls Day Envelope Donors</i>
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Saturday, August 22

(St J) 4:00 pm	Sharon Blake	<i>by Baltes Farmes</i>
(St A) 6:00 pm	Marty, Greg & Clem Wegenka	<i>by Lorraine Borton</i>

Sunday, August 23

(St A) 8:00 am	Kathryn Tuszynski	<i>by Tuszynski Family</i>
(St J) 9:30 am	William Gamble	<i>by Hobbs Family</i>

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.

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR 2026-27 RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

Online registration for St. John Kanty / St. Anthony 2026-27 religious education classes for our youth opened on August 1st. Access at <https://stjohnkanty.com>. Classes this year include:

- 1. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3 levels, ages 3-12)
- 2. Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
- 3. Ignite Confirmation Preparatory Program (2 year program beginning at age 13)
- 4. High School Faith Formation and Adapting to Adulthood in the Catholic Church (4 year program)

BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

The Baby Bottle Collection of donations for the Women's Care Center in LaPorte started August 1st and will continue through September 6th. Please put your spare money in a baby bottle that will be in a basket at each entrance to the Church and return it to the basket by September 6th. Our donations will help support the new mothers who choose to have their babies.

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. Any questions, call Phyllis Austin at 219-778-2672