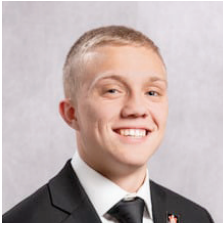


FOOD PANTRY NEWS

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



Roy Graf

PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS - ROY GRAF

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

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



September 13, 2026
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:30—28:7 | Rom 14:7-9 | Mt 18:21-35

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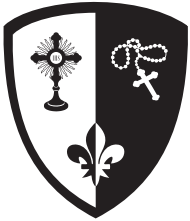
It strikes me that the real issue in the Gospel is that the first man whose debt the king forgives fails to see that his fellow servant who owes him a smaller debt is just like himself. “Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?” Sirach asks. I think we sometimes languish in unforgiveness because we think of others’ wrongful actions as being somehow worse than ours. As a result, we hold others to a higher standard, while expecting people to easily excuse our failings. Perhaps the first step toward the radical forgiveness that Jesus calls us to in today’s Gospel is to foster compassion for our fellow human beings. When we are wronged, it may be helpful to remind ourselves of the classic phrase, “There but for the grace of God, go I.” When we recognize that those who wrong us have the same struggles as our own, we are more likely to extend the same mercy we wish to be offered to us.

PRAY

Radical forgiveness is a challenging spiritual practice; it is not easy! To forgive as Christ calls us to requires that we cultivate an interior disposition of humility and compassion. This ancient prayer from St. Ephrem can help to open our hearts to overcome anger or judgment toward those who have wronged us: *Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter. Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love. Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins, and not judge my brothers and sisters for you are blessed for ever and ever. Amen.*

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT
After the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II by Mehmet Ali Ağca in 1981, the future saint forgave his would-be assassin from his hospital bed, only four days after the shooting that nearly took his life. Later, the pope went to visit Ağca in prison, and the two spoke for more than 20 minutes. Since that time, John Paul’s example has stood as a witness to the power of God at work in us; the strength to forgive, it is clear, comes not from ourselves, but from the Lord. Our willingness to receive God’s grace and to extend forgiveness to others offers a powerful witness to the goodness of God, who is “kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.”



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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

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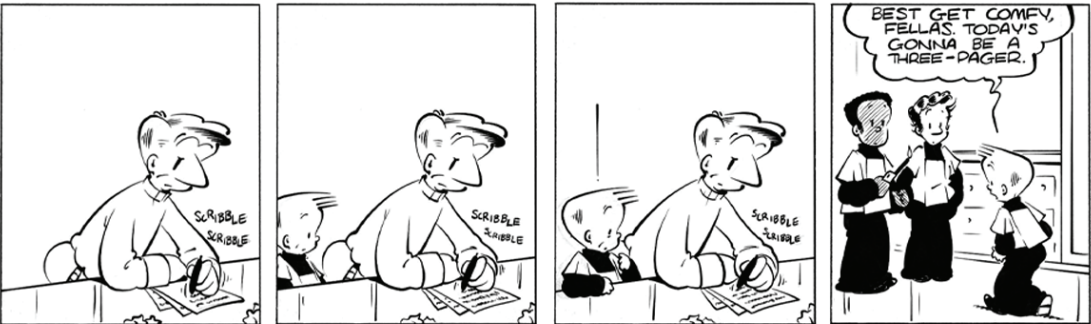
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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, September 12

(St J) 4:00 pm Pat Geitz by Kopkowski Family

(St A) 6:00 pm Jonathan Banaszak by Banaszak Family

Sunday, September 13

(St A) 8:00 am Janice Quinn by Theresa Sabinas

(St J) 9:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the St. John Kanty Altar & Rosary Sodality

Monday, September 14

(St A) 8:00 am Special Intention

Tuesday, September 15

(St J) 8:30 am Paul Scamparele by Colleen Chance

Wednesday, September 16

(St A) 8:00 am Deceased Members of the Reppert Family

Thursday, September 17

(St J) 8:30 am William Keck, Sr. & Lillian Keck Granning by Keck & Coffinger Families

Friday, September 18

(St A) 8:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory by Allen Chlupacek

Saturday, September 19

(St J) 4:00 pm Intention of Jenny Coy by Kubaszyk Family

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

Sunday, September 20

(St A) 8:00 am Teena Schoff by Theresa Sabinas

(St J) 9:30 am Julien Hernandez by Joaquin & Linda Torres

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.

RELIGION CLASSES BEGIN TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

Registration for the 2026-27 religious education program at St. John Kanty and St. Anthony Parishes is open. You can register and pay online at stjohnkanty.com or in person with cash or check, Sunday, September 13th in the Parish Hall following the 9:30 am Mass, when classes begin. Fees remain the same at \$30(1 child), \$40 (2 children), and \$50 (3+ children). Classes will be held each Sunday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm Central Time. Atrium Level 1 meets in the hall beneath the church, while Atrium Levels 2-3 and classes for junior high and high school students meet in the Parish Hall. For questions, please contact Roslyn Davila at 219-405-7709.

Classes this year include:

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



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.

SUNDAY POTLUCK TODAY!

Next, Sunday, September 13th we will have our monthly 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.

CARMELITE SHRINE BUS TRIP

The St. John Kanty Altar & Rosary Sodality is sponsoring a bus trip to the Carmelite Shrine in Munster on Tuesday, September 22nd. There are still 5 seats available for anyone who would like to go. For details call Rose at 219-575-2050.

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.