

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.

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.



October 4, 2026
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 5:1-7 | Phil 4:6-9 | Mt 21:33-43

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

I enjoy thinking about what it would have been like to hear Jesus’ teachings as a first-century Jew. When Jesus calls out the current tenants of the vineyard as being unfaithful, disobedient servants, however, it may have left the crowd feeling a bit anxious. And really, Jesus could say this to each of us at times because, like the wild grapes in the vineyard, when left to our own devices we also have a tendency to fall into sin and produce unsavory fruit. But we also know that Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and he wants our lives in his vineyard to be characterized by that peace. Christ is not condemning, but he is the Son sent to call the tenants back into communion with the Father. He does the same with us too. In acts of great mercy, Christ continues to call us again and again – even after we reject him and turn away from him. Through the Church, the sacraments, the intercession of the saints, and the holy men and women who proclaim the Gospel today, God continues to seek us out so we might know the peace of fruitful service in his vineyard.

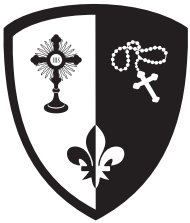
REFLECT

Just as the landowner sent messengers to the tenants of the vineyard, God sends people to us to proclaim the Gospel. Who are those people in your life who are calling you to a deeper relationship with God? How can you open your heart to hear the message of love and peace that they are proclaiming?

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Christ longs to give us peace that surpasses all of our fears and anxieties, and he does so by inviting us to be good stewards of his created world and the community of believers. He invites us to work in the vineyard – to offer our gifts and talents to bring forth the fruits of love and joy that overflow from the work of the Holy Spirit within us. We do so with the assurance that salvation is not dependent on us. Our Father has sown the seeds and has prepared the vineyard; we are simply called to reap and preserve what he has brought into being. And so we trust in the overwhelming mercy of God and humbly accept the love and communion that we do not deserve.



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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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2026

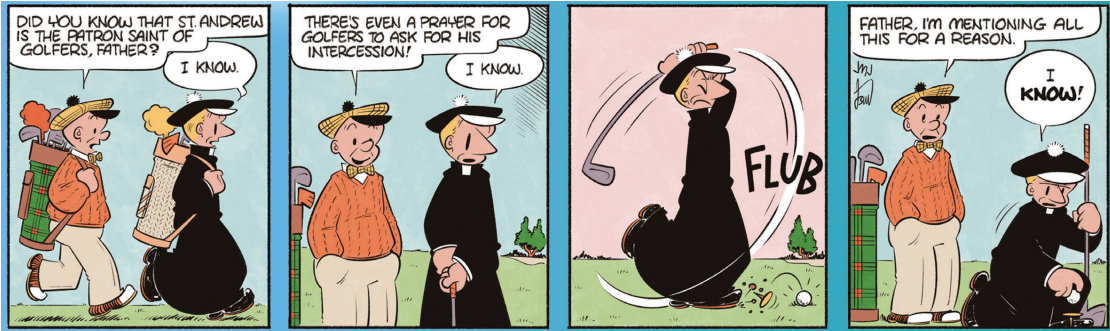
Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3

(St J) 4:00 pm Intention of the Newly Confirmed

(St A) 6:00 pm Wayne Hudak by Susan Grillo

Sunday, October 4

(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 Holy Name Society

Monday, October 5

(St A) 8:00 am Special Intention

Tuesday, October 6

(St J) 8:30 am Sharon Blake by Vincent & Cathy Post

Wednesday, October 7

(St A) 8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Peterson & Maltby Families by Muriel Peterson

Thursday, October 8

(St J) 8:30 am 60th Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Mary Horvath

Friday, October 9

(St A) 8:00 am Allen E. Chlupacek by Al Chlupacek

Saturday, October 10

(St J) 4:00 pm Jack Blake by Baltes Farms

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

Sunday, October 11

(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 Holy Altar & Rosary Sodality

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 HAVE BEGUN

Registration for the 2026-27 religious education program at St. John Kanty and St. Anthony Parishes is still open. You can register Sunday 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.

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.

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

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.