

ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH

Immaculate Conception in Danville

Sacred Heart in Anthony

St. Patrick in Harper

Our Clergy

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Mass Schedule

Spanish Mass: 4:00pm Harper
Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Adoration

Tuesday 5:00-6:00pm Danville
Wednesday: 4:30-5:30pm Anthony
Thursday: 7:00-8:00am Harper

Sunday: 8:00am & 11:00am
Tuesday: 6:00pm Danville
Wednesday: 8:00am Harper
5:30pm Anthony
Thursday: 8:00am Harper
Friday: 10:00am see bulletin

New to the Parish

Welcome to St. Joan of Arc! If you are new to our Parish, we are glad you are here. Please contact the Parish office to fill out a parishioner registration form.

Reconciliation

**30 minutes before Weekend Masses,
during Adoration or by Appointment**



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Immaculate Conception Church Danville

Upcoming Mass Schedules & Events:

Saturday 9/13/2025

4:00pm Spanish Mass Harper: Special Intention
Steve & Pam McCaslin
6:00pm Danville: +Phillip Conklin
Paul & Pat Conklin

Sunday 9/14/2025

8:00am Harper: People of the Parish

11:00am Anthony: +Randy Perry
Family

Monday 9/15/2025

Private Mass: +Leo & Lorna Davignon
Holy Cross

Tuesday 9/16/2025

5:00pm Adoration Danville
6:00pm Mass Danville: +Whitney Drouhard
Wayne & Diane Drouhard

Wednesday 9/17/2025

8:00am Harper: +Jackie McPhail
Chris & Kathy Blubaugh
10:30am Anthony: Funeral Mass
No Adoration & Mass

Thursday 9/18/2025

7:00am Adoration Harper
8:00am Mass Harper: +Tom Ricke
Theresa Ricke
7:00pm Harper Spanish Rosary

Friday 9/19/2025

10:00am Mass Anthony: +Sue Moyer
Michael & Sheryl Francis

Saturday 9/20/2025

8:45am Danville Rosary
4:00pm Spanish Mass Harper: +Linda Francis
Larry & Maxine Olivier
6:00pm Anthony: +Charlotte Meyers
Marilyn & Cecilie Downing

Sunday 9/21/2025

8:00am Danville: +Jim Moore
Otting Family
11:00am Harper: People of the Parish

Liturgical Ministries:

Saturday 9/20/2025:

6:00pm Anthony:

Greeters: Marcus & Amanda Goebel
Rosary Leader: Sherrie Eaton
Lectors: Lexi Goebel
EMHC: Sherrie Eaton
Servers: Emma & Sadie Goebel

Sunday 9/21/2025:

8:00am Danville:

Greeters: Randy & Debra Blanchat
Rosary Leader: Ellen Olivier
Lectors: Wayne & Diane Drouhard
EMHC: Lori Drouhard
Servers: Chloe Cannon & Quinten Ballard
Money Counters: Carolyn Moore & Corky Befort

11:00am Harper:

Greeters: Vic & Diane Miller
Rosary Leader: Loretta Kerschen
Lectors: Tavish Hall
EMHC: Loretta Kerschen
Servers: Willa & Anna Hall

Saturday 9/27/2025:

6:00pm Harper:

Greeters: Kim & Cathy LaCount
Rosary Leader: Pat Kerschen
Lector: Loretta Kerschen
EMHC: Cathy LaCount
Servers: Volunteers

Sunday 9/28/2025:

8:00am Anthony:

Greeters: Linda Perry & Rosie Walker
Rosary Leader: Sherrie Eaton
Lector: Virginia Downing
EMHC: Amanda Goebel
Servers: Heath & Lexi Goebel

11:00am Danville:

Greeters: Kim & Janis Kiser
Rosary Leader: Francie Lemons
Lectors: Larry Olivier
EMHC: Maxine Olivier
Servers: Like & Michael Misak
Money Counters: Lori Drouhard & Maxine Olivier

Introduction: We celebrate this feast of the Exaltation of the Cross for two reasons: (1) to understand the history of the discovery and recovery of the True Cross and (2) to appreciate better the importance of the symbol and reality of Christ's sacrificial love, namely, the cross in the daily life of every Christian.

History: The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is one of twelve "*Master feasts*" celebrated in the Church to honor Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master. This feast is celebrated to memorialize the first installation of the remnants of the true cross of Jesus in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on Mount Calvary, September 14, AD 335, and its reinstallation on September 14, AD 630. The original cross on which Jesus was crucified was excavated in AD 326 by a team led by St. Helena, the mother of the first Christian Roman Emperor, Constantine. The Emperor built the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on Calvary, it was consecrated on September 14, AD 335, and the remains of the cross were installed in it by Archbishop Maccharios of Jerusalem. After three centuries, the Persians invaded Jerusalem, plundered it of all valuables and took with them the relic of the Holy Cross. In AD 630, Emperor Heraclius II defeated the Persians, recaptured the casket containing the holy relic, and reinstalled it in the rebuilt Church, which was destroyed by Muslims in 1009. The crusaders rebuilt it as the present Church of the Holy Sepulcher in 1149. The largest fragment of the holy cross is now kept in Santa Croce Church in Rome.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: *Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."*

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

Significance:

The Exaltation of the Cross transforms the cross from an instrument of torture into a symbol of hope and redemption. It represents Christ's victory over sin and death, making it a central symbol of the Christian faith. The cross is often referred to as the "tree of life," signifying the new life offered through Christ's sacrifice.

Conclusion:

The Exaltation of the Cross serves as a powerful reminder of the central tenet of Christianity: that through the cross, believers find salvation and eternal life. It invites Christians to reflect on the meaning of Christ's sacrifice and the hope it brings to humanity. The cross, once a symbol of shame, is now exalted as a sign of God's love and redemption for all.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The St Cecilia Altar Guild will meet Sunday Sept 14 after 8:00 AM mass. We will discuss our events for the year.

First fall meeting for Immaculate Conception Altar Guild will be Monday, September 15th at 6:30 pm, following Mary Mantle Rosary at 6:00 pm.

Sacred Heart Altar Guild will have their regular meeting on Wed., Sept. 17th at 6 pm in the church hall. Hope to see everyone!



Our Hispanic families will be having a fund raiser dinner in Harper after the 11 am Mass on September 21st. Funds are being raised for the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration. Please join us for some wonderful food. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Meal ticket \$12.00.

Our sincere sympathy to Bret & Jan Misak and family at the death of Bret's father Gary. May he rest in peace.



Mary Ann Elmore RIP

Recitation of Rosary will be held 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 16, 2025 and the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of the St. Joan of Arc Parish, Anthony, Kansas. A luncheon will be held following the Mass and burial will follow at approximately 1:30 p.m. at the Duquoin Cemetery.

STAY CONNECTED

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PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS

Please remember in your daily prayers: *Members of our Parish and Parish family:* Sarah Andrews, Sharon Barton, Corky Befort, Justin Befort, Nicholas Blanchat, Joe Blubaugh, Dan Bonham, Kris Brewster, Ursula Cage, Shaily Calderon, Valerie Campbell, Diane Cashier, Michelle Coleman, Barbara Conrady, Bob Coslett, Tracy Cox, Rob & Pattie Drake, Leon Drouhard, Suzanne Drouhard, Brian Ede, **Mary Ann Elmore RIP**, David Esparza, Justin, Kelci & Tyce Fagan, Harriette Fox, Allen Francis, Erick Francis, Abe Gerber, Cora Gerber, Jeannine Goertz, Natalie Graves, Nancy Greve, Frank Hargett, Angela Hemberger, Becky Wedman Hernandez, Terry Heuback, Bill Hoffmann, Jim Hoffmann, Kasey Hunter, Gary Jacobs, June Kastens, Westin Koehler, David Konkell, Gary Konkell, Lori Konkell, Kathy Lamb, Sue Mangless, Judy Mans, Anita Marstall, Shirley Martin, Pam McCaslin, Paula McMullin, Jen Miller, **Gary G. Misak RIP**, Larry & Susan Moritz, Bill Muckenthaler, Lorraine Muckenthaler, Debra Olds, Dick Olivier, Larry Oller, Karma Redgate, Delmar Ricke, Steve Roberts, Cory Rodney, Marian Rottinghaus, Lawrence Schauvliege, Gary Shinliver, Fred Smith, Isabel, Alaia & Lincoln Townsend, Yvonne West, Lori Wilcox, C.J. Wilson, Lisa Wininger

The Altar Society meeting will be held at the Danville school Wednesday, September 24th at 6 pm, following a Mass at 5:30 pm. Please plan to attend to be updated on all the ongoing and upcoming activities that are taking place in the parish. There will be a light meal served. We hope to see you there!

Wichita Catholic to back showings of film about John O'Leary

With the major-studio release full-length narrative feature film based on the life of Catholic public speaker John O'Leary set for next month, St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioner Sean Miller is spreading the word about the upcoming Sony Pictures' film "Soul on Fire." And since he is looking to help underwrite some Wichita screenings,

"I'm interested in getting the word out and having as many come watch and come as a family, but obviously I need help to spread the word and I need help gauging how many are going to be coming so I can rent the right amount of theaters," he said. "Currently I am planning on Oct. 8 and renting out four times: 4:00, 5:15, 6:30 and 7:45 p.m. I am looking to partner with others in the community and if they want to join me we could rent out more or different days."

Anyone interested in contacting Miller can reach him by email. sean.miller@nm.com

PARISH GIVING

Estimate Weekly Expense: \$5,192.31

Last Week Collection: \$6,229.85

As of week 10 of Fiscal year 2025/2026

+/- YTD: **(\$3,590.14)**

Thank you for your
Stewardship of Treasure!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

BULLETIN INFO

The Weekly Bulletin of St. Joan of Arc is published in house. All bulletin announcements and prayer requests need to be to the Parish office by Wednesday.

We are raising funds for the
celebration of the Virgin of
Guadalupe.

BURGER MEAL

Meal includes
cheeseburger, chips,
drink & dessert!
\$12

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21
12PM

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