

2nd Sunday of Advent

Dec 6-7 2025

ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH

Immaculate Conception in Danville

Sacred Heart in Anthony

St. Patrick in Harper

Our Clergy

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Adoration

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

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.

Mass Schedule

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

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

Reconciliation

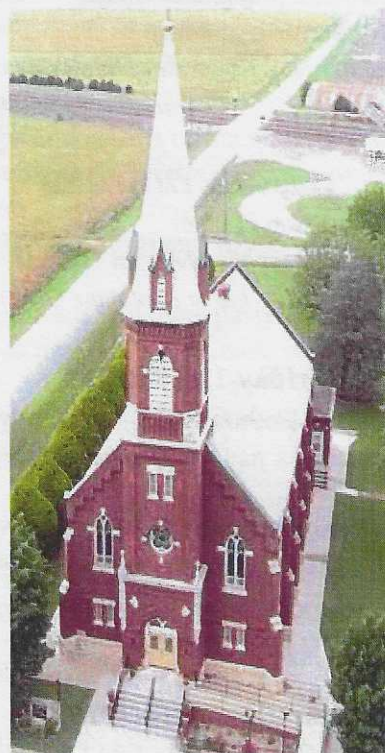
**30 minutes before Weekend Masses,
during Adoration or by Appointment**



St. Patrick in Harper



Sacred Heart in Anthony



Immaculate Conception Church Danville

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Upcoming Mass Schedules & Events:

Saturday 12/06/2025

6:00pm Danville: Rob & Rhonda Anderson
anniversary on 12/08

Sunday 12/07/2025

8:00am Harper: People of the Parish

11:00am Anthony: +Bob Mitchell
Phyllis Mitchell

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday 12/08/2025

7:00am Harper: Special Intention
Irene Martin

12:00 Noon Danville: +Marc Buckhout
Jeff & Anna Ruth Blanchat

6:00pm Anthony: +Mary Ann Elmore
Alan & Debbie Francis

Tuesday 12/09/2025

4:00pm Adoration Danville

5:00pm Mass Danville: +Jackie McPhail
Leon & Sharon Drouhard

Wednesday 12/10/2025

8:00am Harper: Poor Souls
Blanchat Family

4:30pm Adoration Anthony

5:30pm Mass Anthony: +Sy Wasinger
Gary & Phyllis Misak

Thursday 12/11/2025

7:00am Adoration Harper

8:00am Mass Harper: +Marita Olivier
Larry & Maxine Olivier

Friday 12/12/2025

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

Saturday 12/13/2025

4:00pm Spanish Mass Harper: People of the Parish

6:00pm Anthony: +Paul & Kate Koehler
Phyllis Mitchell

Sunday 12/14/2025

8:00am Danville: +Albert (Tot) Drouhard & +Ed Neises
Roy & Francie Lemons

11:00am Harper: +Ayelet Garcia-Reyes
Ayelet Reyes

Liturgical Ministries:

Saturday 12/13/2025:

6:00pm Anthony:

Greeters: Nancy Carmichael & Sherry Warner

Rosary Leader: Marilyn Downing

Lectors: Stasha McClure

EMHC: Amanda Goebel

Servers: Heath & Lexi Goebel

Sunday 12/14/2025:

8:00am Danville:

Greeters: Francis & Lori Drouhard

Rosary Leader: Sam Drouhard

Lectors: Francis & Lori Drouhard

EMHC: Francis Drouhard

Servers: Clara Ballard & Chloe Cannon

Money Counters: Volunteers

11:00am Harper:

Greeters: Jesus Garcia & Ayelet Reyes

Rosary Leader: Loretta Kerschen

Lectors: Cathy LaCount

EMHC: Pat Kerschen

Servers: Ayelet & Sergio Garcia-Reyes

Saturday 12/20/2025:

6:00pm Harper:

Greeters: Keith & Dena Depenbusch

Rosary Leader: Irene Martin

Lector: Mike Mackey

EMHC: Cathy LaCount

Servers: Volunteers

Sunday 12/21/2025:

8:00am Anthony:

Greeters: Marcus & Amanda Goebel

Rosary Leader: Sherrie Eaton

Lector: Virginia Downing

EMHC: Sherrie Eaton

Servers: Heath & Emma Goebel

11:00am Danville:

Greeters: Kim & Janis Kiser

Rosary Leader: Diane Drouhard

Lectors: Larry Olivier

EMHC: Wayne Drouhard

Servers: Gracie Drouhard and Quinten Ballard

Money Counters: Wayne & Diane Drouhard
& Carolyn

From Father Mendam:

“As They Were Baptised, They Confessed Their Sins” (Mt 3:6)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, As we gather on this Second Sunday of Advent, the Church places before us the fiery and tender figure of **John the Baptist**—the prophet who prepared hearts to receive the Messiah. His call was unmistakable: “**Repent, for the kingdom of God is close at hand.**” And St. Matthew tells us, “*As they were baptized by him in the Jordan, they confessed their sins.*” Advent is a season of preparation—not only decorating our homes, buying gifts, or planning meals, but preparing **our hearts** to welcome Jesus. One of the richest ways we do this is through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**.

A Smile... and a Reminder: Allow me to begin with a small story.

A priest regularly heard confessions at a boys’ boarding school. Usually, 10 to 15 boys lined up. One Saturday, the first six boys came one after another, each saying: “*Father, we threw peanut into the pond.*” By the time the seventh arrived, the priest—tired of hearing the same thing—asked, “*Let me guess, you also threw peanut into the water?*” The little boy, teary-eyed, whispered: “*Father... they call me Peanut.*”

This light moment reminds us that confession is not meant to be a lifeless routine. It is a space for **truth, honesty, and encounter**—a moment to let God see us, as we truly are.

Let me now elaborate further on our spiritual “road worthiness”, namely, the confession of our sins. As usual, we are considering the threefold questions: What is confession? How not to confess? How to confess?

What is confession?

St. John writes: “My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense — Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world” (1 Jn. 2:1-2). When, unfortunately we sin and lose our spiritual “road worthiness”, we can fortunately be forgiven by God the Father, thanks to the sacrificial death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Regarding the fact that our “worthiness” in God’s sight is restored when He forgives and reconciles us to Himself, St. John explains once more: “If we **confess our sins**, [God] is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and **purify us** from all unrighteousness” (1 Jn. 1:8-10).

Confession could be understood in two senses. Firstly, it means confessing our sins to God in our personal prayers; and secondly, it means going for sacramental confession (penance and reconciliation). An example of the first case is that anytime we pray the “Our Father”, we plead with God to forgive us our sins. That is, we acknowledge the fact that we have sinned, and so we ask God to forgive us. Similarly, anytime we sin, we can go on our knees to ask God to forgive us. This, then, should be followed by receiving the sacrament of penance and reconciliation especially if the sin committed is a serious one. St. John says that all wrongdoing is sin; yet he makes a distinction between the less serious sin, which the church calls venial sin, and the very serious or deadly sin, which the church calls mortal sin (cf. 1 Jn. 5:17). Whereas one could ask God, in his/her private prayer, to forgive his/her venial sins and be truly forgiven, he/she needs to confess the mortal sins at the confessional and be forgiven through this sacrament (cf. 1 Jn. 5:16).

Though it is God who forgives sins, He empowered the apostles and hence the bishops and priests of the church to administer the sacrament of penance and reconciliation. This is supported by the fact that on the evening of Christ’s resurrection He empowered the apostles to forgive sins: “Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’ And with that He breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven’” (Jn. 20:21-23).

Every so often, people walk into the church with the same expression: part nervous, part hopeful. One parishioner once told me that going to confession felt like “walking into a doctor’s office—not because something is broken, but because you want to be healed.” That’s actually a wonderful image.

Confession is the sacrament where we come before God honestly, speak the truth about our lives, and receive the healing love of Christ. Most people go into a confessional or reconciliation room—a quiet, private space where you can sit face-to-face with the priest or remain behind a screen if that feels more comfortable.

The Catholic Church welcomes everyone at Mass, and while confession is normally for baptized Catholics, God’s mercy is never closed to someone who sincerely seeks Him—especially in moments of grave need. The Church wants people to experience the peace that comes from forgiveness.

Do I Have to Go to Confession?

A man once told me, “Father, I only go to confession when things get really bad.” I gently reminded him that the Church encourages confession not because we’re in trouble, but because we’re loved.

Catholics are asked to confess serious sins at least once a year, but many discover that regular confession helps them stay grounded, calmer, more patient, and more aware of God’s presence in everyday life.

Confession also prepares us to receive the Eucharist well—especially if we’ve committed a mortal sin. But even small sins can slowly build up like dust on a bookshelf. Regular confession keeps the soul clean and open to God’s grace.

To be continued

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sacred Heart Altar Guild has ordered 12 poinsettias from JMac Flowers to be placed at the altar for Christmas. Poinsettias are \$30 each. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia (s) or place one in memory/honor of someone, please contact J Mac -6208425277 – 117 East Main St. and tell them you wish to pay for a poinsettia(s) from the SH altar guild order. Please also give them your name and the name of the honoree if you are sponsoring in memory or honor of someone. You can also give your payment and information by putting it in an envelope and dropping in the church collection basket. Thank You.

Catholic Mutual has asked that we keep a log of when and who cleans our walks after snow or ice. There is a log sheet in the back of each church. Please log your stewardship. Thank you.

Thank you to all who have completed and returned the registration and ministry forms. If you have not done so, please pick up an envelope in the back of church and return them as soon as possible.

Our sincere sympathy to Charlie Hageman and Vic and Diane Miller on the passing of their niece Jen Miller on November 24, 2025.

**The Parish office will be closed
Friday December 12th.**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation
7:00am Mass in Harper
12:00 noon Mass in Danville
6:00pm Mass in Anthony**

STAY CONNECTED

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1726999754081799>

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, Dan Bonham, Kris Brewster, Ursula Cage, Shaily Calderon, Valerie Campbell, Diane Cashier, Michelle Coleman, Mary Ann Conrad, Barbara Conrady, Tracy Cox, Rob & Pattie Drake, Suzanne Drouhard, Brian Ede, David Esparza, Justin, Kelci & Tyce Fagan, Harriette Fox, Allen Francis, Todd Francis, Natalie Graves, Nancy Greve, Lisa Hamon, Frank Hargett, Angela Hemberger, Becky Wedman Hernandez, Bill Hoffmann, Jim Hoffmann, Kasey Hunter, Gary Jacobs, Kent Jarnagin, June Kastens, David Konkel, Gary Konkel, Lori Konkel, Kathy Lamb, Judy Mans, Anita Marstall, Shirley Martin, Pam McCaslin, Paula McMullin, Jen Miller RIP, Larry & Susan Moritz, Bill Muckenthaler, Lorraine Muckenthaler, Debra Olds, Dick Olivier, Larry Oller, Karma Redgate, Delmar Rieke, Marian Rottinghaus, Gary Shinliver, Fred Smith, Cheryl Starks, Isabel, Alaia & Lincoln Townsend, Yvonne West, Lori Wilcox, Lisa Wininger

Christmas Mass schedule

Dec 24th 6:00 pm Harper

10:00 pm Danville

Dec 25th 9:00 am Anthony

New Year Mass schedule

Dec 31st 4:00 pm Danville

6:00 pm Anthony

Jan 1st 9:00 am Harper

Ministry sign-up sheets are in the back of church

Our Advent Penitential Service will be held on **December 21st at 4 pm** in Harper, St. Patric's church. Fr. Grant Huslig and Fr Michael Brungardt will be here. Both speak spanish.

PARISH GIVING

Estimate Weekly Expense: \$5,192.31

Last Week Collection: \$3,679.00

As of week 22 of Fiscal year 2025/2026

+/- YTD: (\$10,714.86)

**Thank you for your
Stewardship of Treasure!**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

BULLETIN INFO

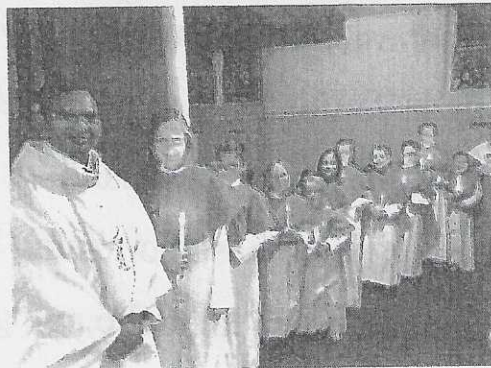
The Weekly Bulletin of St. Joan of Arc is published in house. All bulletin announcements and prayer requests need to be to the Parish office by Wednesday



Blessing Baby Jesus

At each Mass the weekend of Dec. 20-21st any young person in the parish is invited to bring their Baby Jesus from their nativity at home.

Father will bless them during Mass in preparation for Christmas.



Red Robe Candle Procession

If your student or a visiting relative will be attending the 10 PM Mass at Danville on Christmas Eve, we hope they will join us in the traditional Red Robe Candle Procession. All students will need to be in the Danville School no later than 9:30 PM to get dressed. If you know that you will be participating, **please contact Anna Ruth 620 770 9699**. Since Mass is later in the evening, I would like to have 5 students commit a head of time to know if there is enough interest. This does NOT mean only 5 can do this. Everyone else is welcome to join us as long as there are robes. We have several robes but it will be first come - first serve. After Mass parents are asked to return to the school with their student to help hang up their robe.

Bendición del Niño Jesús

En cada misa del fin de semana del 20 y 21 de diciembre, se invita a todos los jóvenes de la parroquia a traer a su Niño Jesús de su pesebre en casa. El Padre los bendecirá durante la misa como preparación para la Navidad.

Procesión de Velas de la Túnica Roja

Si su estudiante o un familiar de visita asistirá a la misa de las 22:00 en Danville la Nochebuena, esperamos que nos acompañe en la tradicional Procesión de Velas de la Túnica Roja. Todos los estudiantes deberán estar en la escuela de Danville a más tardar a las 21:30 para vestirse. Si sabe que participará, comuníquese con Anna Ruth al 620 770 9699. Dado que la misa es más tarde en la noche, me gustaría que 5 estudiantes se comprometan con anticipación para saber si hay suficiente interés. Esto no significa que solo 5 personas puedan hacerlo. Todos los demás son bienvenidos a unirse, siempre y cuando tengan túnicas. Tenemos varias túnicas, pero se asignarán por orden de llegada. Después de la misa, se les pide a los padres que regresen a la escuela con sus hijos para ayudar a colgar las túnicas.

Pine Ridge Christmas Stockings

We will again be sending Christmas stockings to the children and elders on the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Native American Reservation. We will be filling stockings with candy and other goodies. If you would like to help by donating, it will be much appreciated. Please call Janis Kiser, 316-213-3166 or mail your donation to

Janis Kiser

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Thank you in advance for your tremendous help.