

3nd Sunday of Advent

Dec 13-14 2025

ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH

Immaculate Conception in Danville
Sacred Heart in Anthony
St. Patrick in Harper

Our Clergy

Fr. Bhaskar Mendam
frbhaskar@gmail.com
316-351-9187

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.



St. Patrick in Harper



Sacred Heart in Anthony

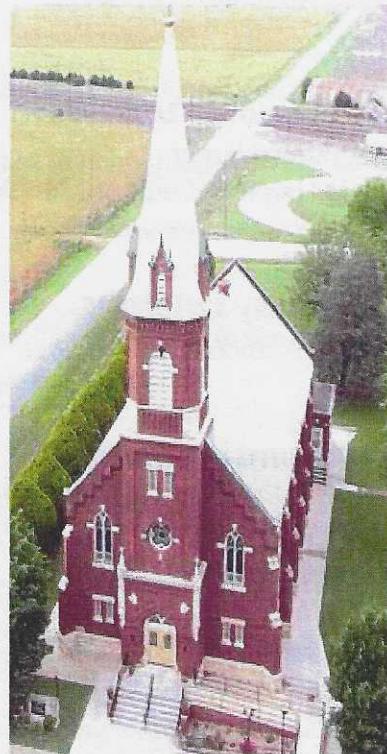
Mass Schedule

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**



Immaculate Conception Church Danville

Upcoming Mass Schedules & Events:

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

Monday 12/15/2025

Private Mass: +Joe Blubaugh
Jay & Linda Head

Tuesday 12/16/2025

4:00pm Adoration Danville
5:00pm Mass Danville: Living & Deceased members of
Wm Olivier Family

Wednesday 12/17/2025

8:00am Harper: +Mary Ann Elmore
Mike & Barb Mackey
4:30pm Adoration Anthony
5:30pm Mass Anthony: Poor Souls
Blanchat Family

Thursday 12/18/2025

7:00am Adoration Harper
8:00am Mass Harper: +Louis & Mary Meng
Irene Martin

Friday 12/19/2025

10:00am Mass Anthony: +Sue Moyer
Allen & Deb Francis

Saturday 12/20/2025

4:00pm Spanish Mass Harper: Joe Blubaugh
6:00pm Harper: People of the Parish

Sunday 12/21/2025

8:00am Anthony: +Josephine Duran
Family
11:00am Danville: +Marlene Anderson
Rob & Rhonda Anderson

Liturgical Ministries:

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

Saturday 12/27/2025:

6:00pm Danville:

Greeters: Bret & Jan Misak
Rosary Leader: Larry Olivier
Lectors: Wayne & Diane Drouhard
EMHC: Pat Conklin
Servers: Luke & Michael Misak
Money Counters: Francis & Lori Drouhard &
Randy Blanchat

Sunday 12/28/2025:

8:00am Harper:

Greeters: Mile Mackey & Max Shippy
Rosary Leader: Pat Kerschen
Lectors: Kim Konkel
EMHC: Loretta Kerschen
Servers: Ayelet Reyes & Lilly Bello

11:00am Anthony:

Greeters: McClure-Calderon Family
Rosary Leader: Marilyn Downing
Lectors: Lexi Goebel
EMHC: Tony Christenson
Servers: Jalyn & Faith Kohler

From Father Mendam:

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.

How to Begin a Confession:

If you're nervous, don't be. Just begin with: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned." Then say how long it's been. The priest isn't there to scold you—he's there to help you.

5 Reasons to Go to Confession

1. Cleanse Your Soul

A woman once shared that after confession she felt "as if someone had taken a heavy backpack off my shoulders." That's what confession does—it lifts the weight we often carry alone.

Confession cleanses the soul and gives us a new start. It reminds us that God never gets tired of forgiving us, even when we get tired of ourselves. The graces we receive help us see our lives more clearly and strengthen us to live with greater peace.

2. Grow in Your Relationship With the Lord

Think of any friendship: when something comes between you and someone you love, it becomes harder to talk, to listen, to trust. Sin works the same way—it creates distance between us and God.

One teenager once put it beautifully: "Confession makes me feel like I'm talking to God again." Exactly.

Each confession brings us a little closer to Christ. It makes our hearts softer, our decisions wiser, and our trust deeper. God doesn't expect perfection—He simply wants us to keep coming back.

3. Experience Divine Forgiveness

There is something powerful about hearing the words, "I absolve you from your sins."

A man once told me that in that moment, he feels as though Jesus Himself is speaking to him. And the Church teaches that this is exactly what happens: Christ is present through the priest, offering real forgiveness.

Even if we forget a sin, God forgives it if we are truly sorry. Confession isn't a trap—it's a gift. But honesty is important. We can't hold back what we know we need to bring to God. The confessional is a place of truth, and every truth spoken there is wrapped in absolute confidentiality.

4. Relinquish Your Guilt

Many people carry guilt for years. Sometimes we bury it; sometimes we pretend it doesn't hurt. But guilt doesn't disappear by being ignored—it disappears by being confessed.

I once met a young man who avoided confession for a long time because he was afraid of being judged. When he finally went, he walked out and said, "I feel lighter." That is the grace of reconciliation.

Confession helps us understand ourselves better, accept responsibility, and experience the freedom that comes from hearing God say, "You are forgiven. Start again."

5. Acknowledge Your Sinful Ways

One elderly parishioner, who came to confession monthly, once told me, "Father, I come because I want to see the small things before they become big things." That wisdom is worth remembering.

Confession helps us notice patterns—an unkind habit, a hidden resentment, a harsh word spoken too quickly. When we acknowledge even small sins, we make room for God to work in our hearts.

Every confession is an opportunity to examine who we are becoming and who God is calling us to be. The grace of the sacrament helps us grow into more loving, patient, and faithful people.

Why Do Fewer People Come to Confession Today?

Many Catholics still come faithfully, and as a priest I witness that people genuinely desire God's mercy. Yet it's true that the sacrament has become less common in many places.

Sometimes this is because:

- Priests haven't always offered accessible confession times or catechesis.
- Many adults confess as they were taught as children, but their spiritual understanding hasn't grown with them.
- Some treat confession as a quick ritual, rather than a personal encounter with Christ.

When a sacrament loses meaning, participation naturally declines.

To be Continued

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Join Sacred Heart Altar Guild after 8am mass **Dec 21st** for coffee/refreshments hosted by Mindy Deaver & Family. Donations are appreciated, thank you.

Red Robe Procession December 24th 10:00 PM Mass in Danville. Students must be at the Danville school no later than 9:30 PM to get dressed. If you know that your child will be participating, please contact Ann Ruth 620-770-9699

Thank you to all who contributed to and or attended the Guadalupe celebration.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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 the church and return it as soon as possible.

Mark your calendars for Steubenville 2026! Region 3 will be attending Springfield, MO July 10-12, 2026. Stay tuned for more details to come in January!

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.

Advent Penitential Service

December 21st at 4 pm in Harper.

Fr. Grant Huslig and

Fr Michael Brungardt will be here.

Both speak spanish.

Christmas Mass schedule

Dec 24th 6:00 pm Harper

10:00 pm Danville

Dec 25th 9:00 am Anthony

Ministry signup sheets are in the back of church

New Year Mass schedule

Dec 31st 4:00 pm Danville

6:00 pm Anthony

Jan 1st 9:00 am Harper

Ministry signup sheets are in the back of church

PARISH GIVING

Estimate Weekly Expense: \$5,192.31

Last Week Collection: \$5294.51

As of week 23 of Fiscal year 2025/2026

+ - YTD: (\$10,612.47)

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

STAY CONNECTED

Phone: 620-896-7886

Email: stjoanofarcharper@gmail.com

Website: 30431.sites.ecatholic.com

St.Joan of Arc Facebook -

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

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

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 Conrad, 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, Larry & Susan Moritz, Bill Muckenthaler, Lorraine Muckenthaler, Debra Olds, Dick Olivier, Larry Oller, Karma Redgate, Delmar Riche, Marian Rottinghaus, Gary Shinliver, Fred Smith, Cheryl Starks, Isabel, Alaia & Lincoln Townsend, Yvonne West, Lori Wilcox, Lisa Wininger