



St. Joan of Arc Parish



St. Patrick, Harper



Sacred Heart, Anthony



Immaculate Conception, Danville

Our Clergy

Fr. Bhaskar Mendam
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Mass Schedule

Spanish Mass: 4:00 pm Harper
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am
 11:00 am
Tuesday: 5:00pm Danville
Wednesday: 8:00am Harper
 5:30pm Anthony
Thursday: 8:00am Harper
Friday: 10:00am see bulletin

Adoration

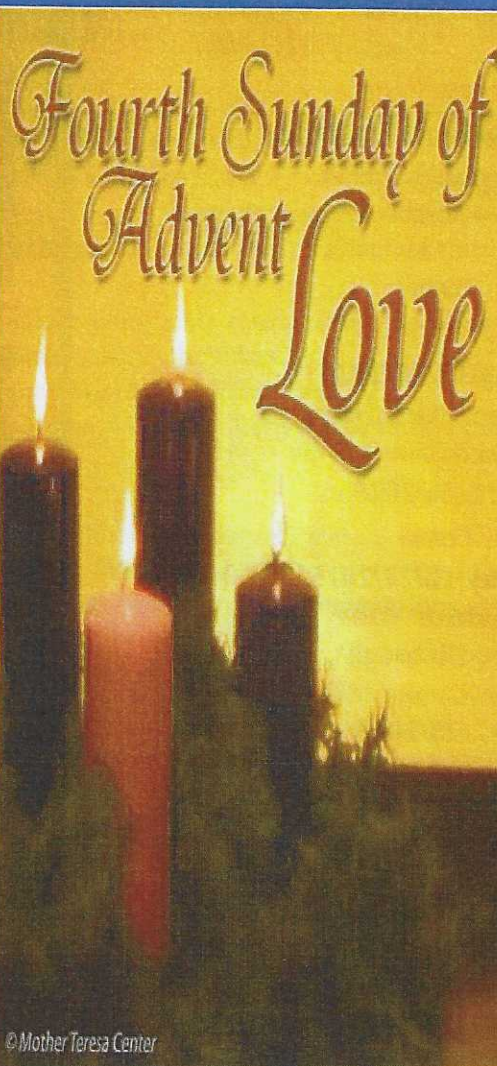
Tuesday 4:00-5:00 pm Danville
Wednesday: 4:30-5:30 pm Anthony
Thursday: 7:00-8:00 am Harper

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Weekend Masses
Weekday: during Adoration
or by Appointment

Parish Secretary: Maxine Olivier
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Mentor Couple: Francis and Lori
Drouhard
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Let us pray
as Advent
draws to a close,
that Christ will
truly come
into our hearts.
Lord, fill our hearts
with your love,
and as you
revealed to us
by an angel
the coming
of your
Son as man,
so lead us through
his suffering
and death
to the glory of
his resurrection.
Amen.

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.

Upcoming Mass Schedules & Events:

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

Monday 12/22/2025

Private Mass: +Joe Blubaugh

Tuesday 12/23/2025

4:00pm Adoration Danville

5:00pm Mass Danville: Conklin & Bornholdt Families

Paul & Pat Conklin

Christmas Vigil

Wednesday 12/24/2025

~~4:00pm~~

4:00pm Harper: +Herschel Martin

Irene Martin

10:00pm Danville: +Ryan McCaslin

Family

Christmas Day

Thursday 12/25/2025

9:00am Mass Anthony: +Kitty Happ

Jim & Sherrie Eaton

Friday 12/26/2025

No Mass

Saturday 12/27/2025

No Spanish Mass

6:00pm Danville: +Joe Blubaugh

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Sunday 12/28/2025

8:00am Harper: People of the Parish

11:00am Anthony: +Mike Carmichael

Larry & Maxine Olivier

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Daniel Bonham who passed away on December 13th. His funeral was Friday December 19th at the Sacred Heart Church



Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Cheryl Stark who passed away on December 14th. Her funeral was Saturday December 20th at the Sacred Heart Church.

Liturgical Ministries:

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

Saturday 1/03/2026:

6:00pm Anthony:

Greeters: Rex Osborne & Jim Eaton

Rosary Leader: Sherrie Eaton

Lectors: Larry Mans

EMHC: Amanda Goebel

Servers: Lexi & Sadie Goebel

Sunday 1/04/2026:

8:00am Danville:

Greeters: Wayne & Diane Drouhard

Rosary Leader: Carolyn Moore

Lectors: Randy Blanchat

EMHC: Wayne Drouhard

Servers: Carter & Conner Hern

Money Counters: Randy & Debra Blanchat &
Carolyn Moore

11:00am Harper:

Greeters: Mitch & Tavish Hall Family

Rosary Leader: Loretta Kerschen

Lectors: Keith Depenbusch

EMHC: Pat Kerschen

Servers: Jaylin & Jessa Easter

From Father Mendam:

Three Ways We Sometimes Misuse the Sacrament of Reconciliation

To make our confession meaningful, we must avoid three problematic patterns:

1. Confession with a Mask On

This is when we hide behind anonymity or fear, forgetting that a sacrament is *human*—a moment of grace expressed through another person. A sacrament requires presence, vulnerability, and encounter.

2. Computer Confession

Listing sins by numbers—"four times this, two times that"—without context or reflection. Confession is not bookkeeping; it is healing. Sharing what happened, why it happened, and in what circumstances opens the way for real renewal.

3. Tissue Confession

Using confession as a quick wipe, without real intention to change, risks turning the sacrament into a revolving door. The grace of reconciliation is most powerful when accompanied by honesty and desire for conversion.

Why Confess to a Priest?

This question is asked more today than ever.

Yes, God already knows our sins. Yes, He loves us unconditionally. But God also delights in *truth*—truth spoken humbly, truth that frees us. And God forgives us through signs we can **hear** and **see**. The priest becomes the sacramental instrument through whom Christ speaks: "*I absolve you.*"

Confession also has:

- a **social dimension** — our sins affect others, so healing takes place within the Body of Christ
- a **psychological dimension** — deep, sincere disclosure to a compassionate listener promotes healing and peace
- a **theological dimension** — the sacrament is a channel of grace, strengthening our hearts to choose the good

Grace doesn't float in the air. Grace touches us through real encounters.

This Advent: A Call to Return

I warmly invite every parishioner—those who come often, those who come rarely, and those who have been away for years—to consider making a **good, honest, heartfelt confession** before Christmas.

Not a rushed confession. Not a numbers-based confession. Not a confession from fear.

But a confession of **hope, truth, and renewal**. Let God look at you with love. Let your heart feel the joy of His mercy.

Let this Christmas be truly *Merry*—from within.

Special Parish Advent Reconciliation Service:

- **Tuesday, December 21st at 4:00 PM** (Two priests Fr. Michael G. Brungardt and Fr. Grant J. Huslig from Wichita (they can hear Spanish confessions too) and Me available; families especially encouraged to attend.)

If you need confession outside these times, please contact the parish office or speak to me or look at the news bulletin for the regular confession timings—I am always happy to assist you.

May this Advent be a season of quiet joy, honest reflection, and deep renewal.

May your heart be ready to welcome the Lord who comes to save us.

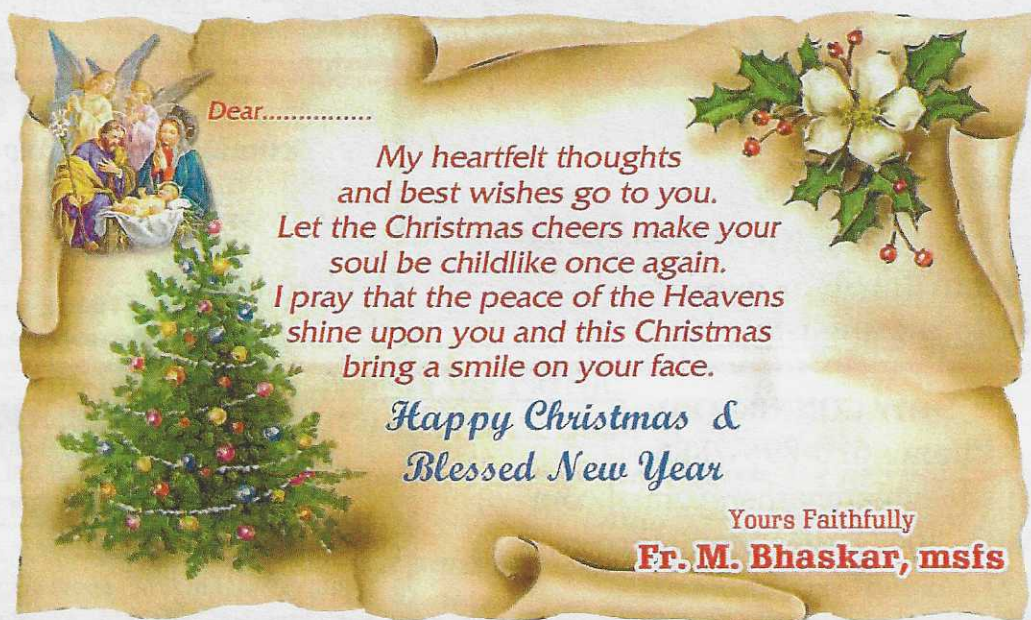
With prayer for each of you,

Fr. Mendam Bhaskar, Pastor

St. Joan of Arc Parish



Please let the parish office know if you have a logo preference between this one and the one on the front of the bulletin.



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.

St Cecilia Altar Guild will decorate the church
for Christmas on Monday Dec 22 at 2:00 PM.
Please help if you can!

**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 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.

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.

Please remember in your daily prayers: *Members of our Parish and Parish family:* Sarah Andrews, Sharon Barton, Corky Befort, Justin Befort, Nicholas Blanchat, Daniel Bonham RIP, 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, 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 Ricke, Marian Rottinghaus, Gary Shinliver, Fred Smith, Cheryl Starks RIP, Isabel, Alaia & Lincoln Townsend, Yvonne West, Lori Wilcox, Lisa Wininger`

Advent Penitential Service:
December 21st at 4 pm in Harper.
Fr. Grant Huslig and Fr Michael
Brungardt will be here.
Both speak spanish.

STAY CONNECTED

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St.Joan of Arc Facebook -

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

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: \$10,410.00

As of week 24 of Fiscal year 2025/2026

+/- YTD: **(\$5,394.97)**

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