

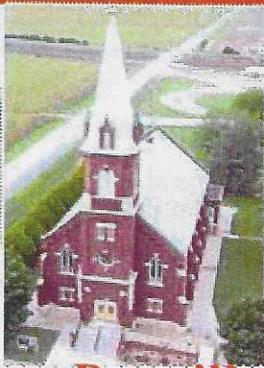


# St. Joan of Arc Parish



*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:

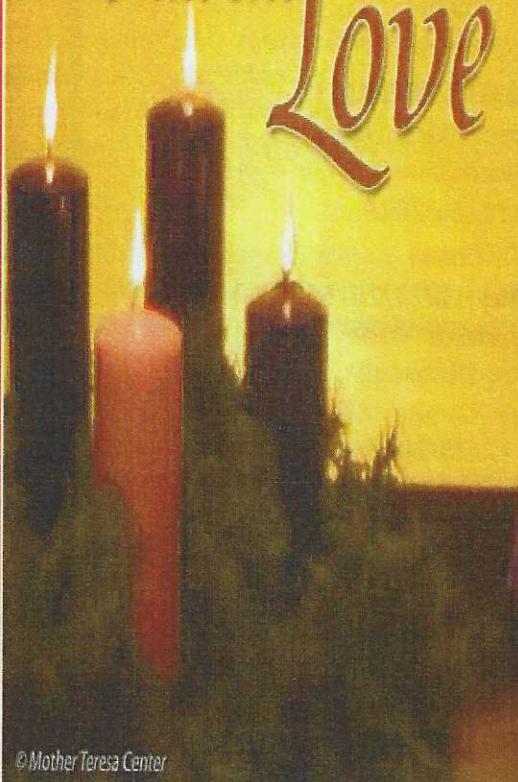
**30 minutes before Weekend Masses**

**Weekday: during Adoration  
 or by Appointment**

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 620-491-1815

**Mentor Couple:** Francis and Lori  
 Drouhard  
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*Fourth Sunday of  
 Advent Love*



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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 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*

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



Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Cheryl Stark who passed away on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral was Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

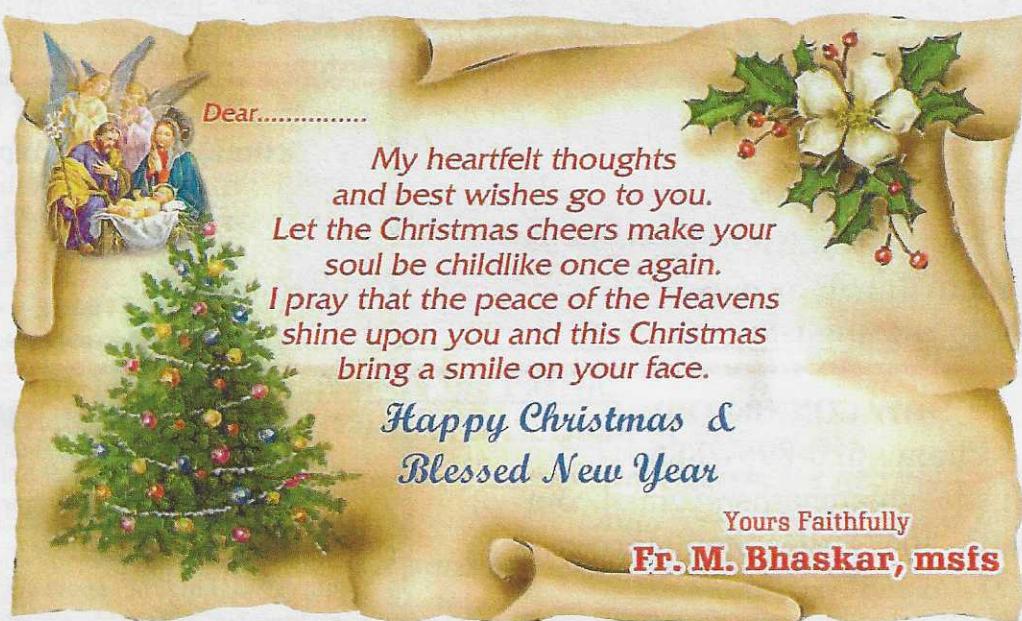
With prayer for each of you,

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Rieke, 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 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Harper  
10:00 pm Danville  
Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Anthony**

**Ministry signup sheets are in the back of church**

## New Year Mass schedule

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 4:00 pm Danville  
6:00 pm Anthony  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 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