



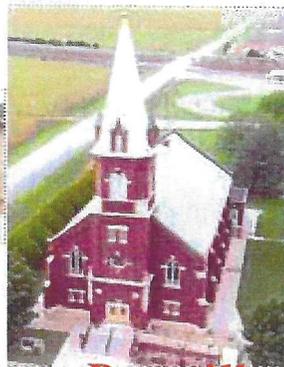
St. Joan of Arc Parish



St. Patrick, Harper



Sacred Heart, Anthony



Immaculate Conception, Danville

Our Clergy

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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:	5:00 PM	Danville
Wednesday:	8:00 AM	Harper
	5:30 PM	Anthony
Thursday:	8:00 AM	Harper
Friday:	10:00 AM	see daily schedule

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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Mentor Couple: Francis & Lori
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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.

From Father Mendam:

Alongside this, I was entrusted with very practical responsibilities essential to the daily life of the seminary. I was responsible for purchasing provisions for the seminary mess, learning to manage resources carefully and responsibly. This task taught me that stewardship is an act of trust and foresight, and that even ordinary duties—like ensuring daily meals—are forms of service when done with love.

I was also involved in cultivating the seminary garden, working with the soil, planting, nurturing, and waiting for growth. These moments in the garden became quiet lessons in patience and hope. Just as plants grow slowly under the care of the gardener, I began to see how God was patiently cultivating my own vocation—often invisibly, always faithfully.

Throughout the Regency year, spiritual formation continued as the foundation of everything. Daily prayer, Eucharist, spiritual reading, and guidance remained central, reminding me that responsibility without prayer becomes burdensome, and freedom without discipline loses direction. Regency taught me how to carry responsibility without losing my interior life, and how to serve generously without seeking recognition.

Looking back, I see that this year was a gentle yet firm invitation to maturity. It prepared me to stand more confidently in my vocation—not as one who has arrived, but as one who is learning to serve faithfully, joyfully, and with trust in God's grace.

5th Stage Theological Formation at Jana Deepa Vidyapeeth: Deepening the Call

In 1998, I was sent for my theological studies to Jana Deepa Vidyapeeth (JDV), Pune, a premier pontifical institute for theology in India. Not every seminarian is given the opportunity to study there; from each group, only two seminarians are selected. When I learned that I was chosen as one among them, my heart was filled with gratitude and quiet joy. I recognized this not as a personal achievement, but as a sign of God's trust and the confidence placed in me by my superiors.

Arriving in Pune for the first time was both exciting and overwhelming. As I entered my classroom, I found myself among nearly 150 seminarians and religious sisters, representing numerous religious congregations and dioceses from across India. It was a beautiful mosaic of the Church—diverse in culture, language, and tradition, yet united in one faith and one calling. For someone coming from a more structured and familiar formation environment, this wider ecclesial exposure was eye-opening and enriching.

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Saturday 2/14/2026

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

6:00pm Anthony: +Sue Moyer

Allen & Debbie Francis

Sunday 2/15/2026

8:00am Danville: +Carter Townsend

Rob & Rhonda Anderson

11:00am Harper: +Leon Drouhard

John & Barb Lieszler

Monday 2/16/2026

8:00am Private: +Joe Blubaugh

Tuesday 2/17/2026

4:00pm Adoration Danville

5:00pm Mass Danville: +Leon Drouhard

Bob & Rozanne Grant

Wednesday 2/18/2026

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00am Harper: +Cheryl Stark

Max & Yvonne Shippy

12:00 noon Danville: +Jackie McPhail

Sam & Susan Drouhard

No Adoration

5:30pm Mass Anthony: +Dan Bonham

Jeff & Ann Ruth Blanchat

Thursday 2/19/2026

7:00am Adoration Harper

8:00am Mass Harper: +Leon Drouhard

Janet Lowrey

Friday 2/20/2026

10:00am Anrhyony: +Joe Blubaugh

Allen & Debbie Francis

Stations of the Cross

6:30pm Harper

Saturday 2/21/2026

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

6:00pm Harper: +Cheryl Stark

Susan Blanchat

Sunday 2/22/2026

8:00am Anthony: Kitty Happ

Phyllis Mitchell

11:00am Danville: Intentions of Rhonda Anderson

Rob & Rhonda Anderson

Liturgical Ministries:

Saturday 2/21/2026:

6:00pm Harper:

Greeters: Kim & Cathy LaCount

Rosary Leader: Irene Martin

Lector: Elaine Esparza

EMHC: Mary Ellen Konkel

Servers: Volunteers

Sunday 2/22/2026:

8:00am Anthony:

Greeters: Jim Eaton & Rex Osborn

Rosary Leader: Sherrie Eaton

Lector: Stasha McClure

EMHC: Amanda Goebel

Servers: Heath & Saddle Goebel

11:00am Danville:

Greeters: Larry & Maxine Olivier

Rosary Leader: Carolyn Moore

Lectors: Wayne & Diane Drouhard

EMHC: Francis Drouhard

Servers: Carter & Conner Hern

Money Counters: Diane Drouhard & Carolyn Moore

Saturday 2/28/2026:

6:00pm Danville:

Greeters: Francis & Lori Drouhard

Rosary Leader: Sam Drouhard

Lectors: Sam & Susan Drouhard

EMHC: Maxine Olivier

Servers: Aniston Blanchat & Michael Misak

Money Counters: Wayne & Diane Drouhard & Jan Misak

Sunday 3/01/2026:

8:00am Harper:

Greeters: Jesus Garcia & Ayelet Reyes

Rosary Leader: Yvonne Shippy

Lectors: Kim Konkel

EMHC: Elaine Esparza

Servers: Ayelet Garcia-Reyes & Volunteer

11:00am Anthony:

Greeters: Scott & Mindy Deaver

Rosary Leader: Marilyn Downing

Lectors: Virginia Downing

EMHC: Tony Christenson

Servers: Brielle & Brantly Deaver

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday March 13th

Living Stations, presented by the Conway
5th and 6th grade students.

6:00 PM in the Danville Church

Enjoy a delicious fish dinner either before
or after the Stations.

PARISH GIVING

Estimate Weekly Expense: \$5,192.31

Last Week Collection: \$5,459.00

As of week 32 of Fiscal year 2025/2026

+ - YTD: **-\$1,534.72**

Thank you for your
Stewardship of Treasure!

The academic atmosphere at Jana Deepa Vidyapeeth was rigorous and demanding. Studies were not limited to memorization or repetition; rather, creative thinking, theological reflection, and critical engagement were strongly encouraged. Professors challenged us to ask deeper questions, to think with the mind of the Church, and to relate theology to the lived realities of people. It was not always easy, but it was deeply formative.

Alongside academic studies, we were expected to participate actively in pastoral and liturgical life. We were sent to parishes for preaching, catechism, teaching, assisting in liturgies, singing, and other pastoral activities. These experiences helped me understand that theology is not meant to remain in books, but must be translated into pastoral care, compassionate presence, and clear proclamation of the Gospel.

The examinations were demanding and intense, requiring discipline, focus, and perseverance. Yet, I was happy—because I felt I was growing, intellectually and spiritually. I was encountering a world very different from the one I had known, but gradually I adapted to its rhythm, culture, and expectations. What initially felt unfamiliar slowly became a place of learning, friendship, and growth.

However, during my second year of theology, I faced one of the most difficult moments of my formation. I became seriously ill and had to be admitted to the hospital, where I remained for nearly 13 days. Following that, I was required to take almost 36 days of complete bed rest. During this period, I missed many classes and academic activities. Fear and anxiety crept into my heart—Would I be able to complete my credits? Would this delay my formation?

In that vulnerable moment, I experienced the gentle providence of God through people. After my recovery, I met my professors, explained my situation, and humbly sought their guidance. Their understanding and encouragement lifted a great burden from my heart. Even more touching was the support of my fellow seminarians. Friends came to my room, shared their notes, patiently explained difficult subjects, and stood by me like brothers. My Rector's constant encouragement gave me strength and confidence. That experience taught me a profound lesson: priesthood is never a solitary journey. God sustains us through community, friendship, and shared compassion. By His grace, and with the support of many, I was able to prepare well and complete my examinations successfully.

My third year of theology unfolded with peace and renewed focus. It was a year marked by spiritual preparation, especially for two decisive moments of my life: Perpetual Profession and Ordination to the Diaconate. As studies progressed, my heart increasingly turned toward a lifelong commitment to God and His Church.

On January 6, 2001, I made my Perpetual Profession, offering my life to God forever in the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales. It was a sacred and joyful moment—a complete and conscious “yes” to God's call. The very next day, on January 7, 2001, I was ordained a Deacon, entering more deeply into the mystery of service at the altar and the Word.

After my ordination as Deacon, I returned to Jana Deepa Vidyapeeth to complete my theological studies, which I finished in August 2001. Upon completion, I returned to my Province and was appointed as a Deacon at Immaculate Conception Church, Tanuku Parish, in Andhra Pradesh. This parish included ten village churches, and each evening I accompanied the priest to celebrate Mass and preach. These early pastoral experiences helped me grow in confidence, humility, and love for the people entrusted to our care.

Finally, on February 9, 2002, surrounded by prayer, faith, and joy, I was ordained a priest, along with six of my classmates. That sacred day marked both the fulfillment of a long journey of formation and the beginning of a lifelong mission—to serve God's people with faith, compassion, and fidelity. As I knelt on the floor of the church during the ordination, a profound truth became clear to me: priesthood is not about standing above others, but about kneeling for them.

A Quiet Word of Gratitude

As I reflect on those formative years, my heart is filled with gratitude—for my formators and spiritual guides, for the community of brothers who journeyed alongside me, and above all, for God, who never rushed His work. He took the time needed to shape a fragile calling into a durable commitment. Those years taught me a truth I carry with me even now: God does not call the ready; He patiently makes ready those He calls.

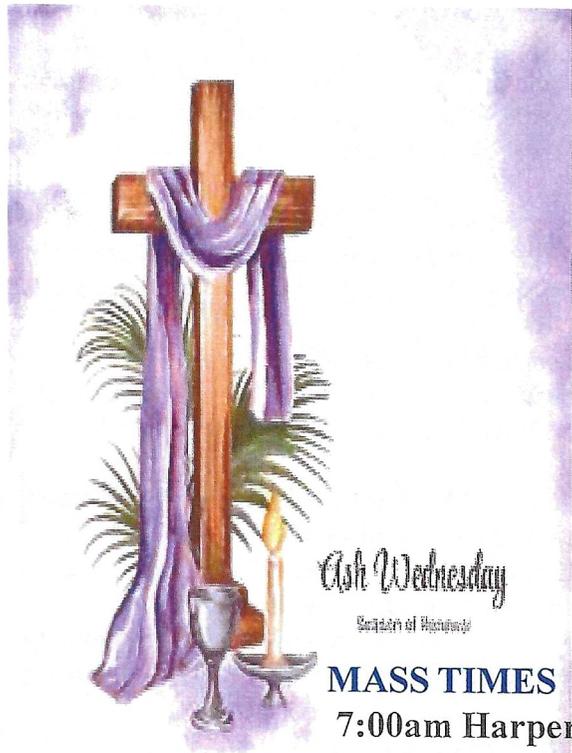
Among the Poor: Where Priesthood Was Tested

My first priestly assignment was as an Associate Priest at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Melluvagu–Reddipalem, in the Diocese of Guntur—a vast mission parish spread across six remote tribal villages nestled deep within the Nallamala forest region. Life there was stark and demanding. There were no proper roads, no medical facilities, widespread illiteracy, and extremely harsh living conditions. Many children were deprived of schooling and forced into labour at a very young age. Above all, the villages suffered from a severe lack of safe drinking water, making daily life a constant struggle. Yet, in the midst of all these hardships, faith was alive—simple, sincere, and deeply rooted in the hearts of the people.

Those early years of ministry were physically exhausting and spiritually formative. I travelled from village to village to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, often walking long distances through forest paths. Many times, I stayed overnight in the villages, teaching the people basic prayers and catechism, sharing their humble meals, sleeping in small village churches, and returning to the parish the following morning. In those quiet nights, surrounded by the sounds of the forest and the simplicity of village life, I learned the true meaning of pastoral presence.

To Be Continued....

Announcements & Events



Ash Wednesday

Scrutin of Memory

MASS TIMES

7:00am Harper

12:00 noon Danville

5:30pm Anthony

Immaculate Conception Altar Guild meeting Monday, February 16th at 6:30 pm following Mary Mantle Rosary at 6:00 pm

Join Sacred Heart Altar Guild after 8am mass
February 22nd for coffee/refreshments
hosted by Virginia Downing & Geno Chadwick
Donations are appreciated, thank you.

For Lent For Life

Please pick up a Rice Bowl. Every gift you give helps a child thrive, brings hope to a family and rebuilds a community. Make a life changing gift.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Church from age 14 onwards.

Knight of Columbus Fish Fries
February 20th Blue Fair Barn
March 6th Blue Fair Barn
March 13th Danville School

Please remember in your daily prayers: *Members of our Parish and Parish family:* Sarah Andrews, Sharon Barton, Corky Befort, Justin Befort, Nicholas Blanchat, Kris Brewster, Ursula Cage, Shaily Calderon, Valerie Campbell, Diane Cashier, Michelle Coleman, Mary Ann Conrad, Barbara Conrady, Tracy Cox, Rob & Pattie Drake, Cami Drouhard, 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 Jarnigan, June Kastens, David Konkel, Gary Konkel, Lori Konkel, Kathy Lamb, Judy Mans, Anita Marstall, Shirley Martin, LeRoy Mathews, 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, Isabel, Alaia & Lincoln Townsend, Sherry Warner, Lori Wilcox, Lisa Winger

Stations of the Cross Schedule

Tuesday's after 5:00 pm Mass in Danville
March 3, 17, 24, 31

Fri Mar 13th Living Stations 6:00pm

Wednesday's after 5:30 pm Mass in Anthony
March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1

Friday's at 6:30 pm in Harper

February 20, 27, March 6, 20 & 27

Thursday March 12 after 8:00 am Mass

Valentine Party and Movie for K-6 on Sunday, February 15th, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm at St. Patrick's church basement, Harper. Enjoy Valentine treats, popcorn, beverages and the movie "Happy Feet"! Bring a friend and have a Sunday afternoon of friendship and fun.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

BULLETIN INFO

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