

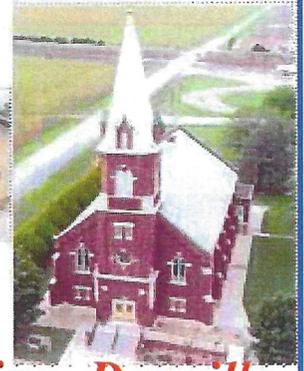


St. Joan of Arc Parish



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:	5:00 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
1st Friday of the Month by Spanish
community : 7-9 pm Harper

Reconciliation:

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

Parish Secretary: Maxine Olivier
620-491-1815

Mentor Couple: Francis & Lori
Drouhard
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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:

After just one year, my pastor was transferred, and I was entrusted—quite unexpectedly and very humbly—with the responsibility of Pastor, scarcely a year after my ordination. I remained there for four more years, learning day by day how to shepherd God's people with simplicity, patience, endurance, and love. Those years taught me lessons that no book ever could: that priesthood is about presence, that love is learned through perseverance, and that God often reveals Himself most clearly among the poor.

One of the most urgent challenges I encountered was the absence of drinking water in the parish villages. Witnessing the daily hardship, especially of women and children who walked long distances to fetch water, moved me deeply. Through persistent efforts with government officials, I was able to get bore wells sanctioned, along with a village overhead water tank, and water pipelines laid to supply clean drinking water to every household. The government supported 80% of the cost, while the remaining amount was raised through the help of various organizations—most especially through the generous support of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (JMJ). When the work was completed and clean water flowed into the homes, the joy on the faces of the people was unforgettable. Even today, they remember this effort with gratitude and appreciation.

During my second year as pastor, the mission was further strengthened by the arrival of two Religious Sisters from the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (JMJ). Their presence was a great blessing to the parish and its villages. With quiet dedication and compassion, they assisted the people by providing basic medicines, teaching prayers and catechism, and conducting classes for children. Their gentle service brought healing, faith formation, and renewed hope to many families, and together we worked as one pastoral team in serving God's people.

With the generous support of Mary Doohan from London, UK, I also established a boarding home for nearly 120 children, providing them free food, shelter, and education up to the fifth grade. Raising funds was an ongoing struggle. To support the children, I cultivated land purchased with the help of our congregation, trusting each day in God's providence.

Life at the boarding home followed a simple but disciplined rhythm. I conducted study hours every morning and evening, personally ensuring that the children completed their homework. I provided their breakfast and dinner, shared their daily routines, and guided them in prayer. All the

Upcoming Mass Schedule

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

Monday 2/23/2026

8:00am Private: +Joe Blubaugh

Stan & Marla Wedman

Tuesday 2/24/2026

Father at Clergy Conference No Mass in Danville

Living & Deceased members of Matt Polzin Family

Larry & Maxine Olivier

Wednesday 2/25/2026

Father at Clergy Conference

No Mass in Harper or Anthony

Poor Souls

Blanchat Family

Thursday 2/26/2026

7:00am Adoration Harper

8:00am Mass Harper: +Cheryl Stark

Susan Blanchat

Friday 2/27/2026

10:00am Attica Long Term Care: +Dan Bonham

Carl & Sharon Drouhard

Stations of the Cross

6:30pm Harper

Saturday 2/28/2026

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

6:00pm Danville +Dick Olivier

Family

Sunday 3/01/2026

8:00am Harper: +Steve Helt

Irene Martin

11:00am Anthony: +Joe Blubaugh

Jay & Linda Head

Liturgical Ministries:

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

Saturday 3/07/2026:

6:00pm Anthony:

Greeters: McClure/Calderon Family

Rosary Leader: Marilyn Downing

Lectors: Lexi Goebel

EMHC: Sherrie Eaton

Servers: Jalyn & Faith Kohler

Sunday 3/08/2026:

8:00am Danville:

Greeters: Carolyn Moore & Ellen Olivier

Rosary Leader: Larry Olivier

Lectors: Randy Blanchat

EMHC: Lori Drouhard

Servers: Carter & Conner Hern

Money Counters: Francis & Lori Drouhard & Corky Befort

11:00am Harper:

Greeters: Brenda Easter & Coleen Rinke

Rosary Leader: Pat Kerschen

Lectors: Cathy LaCount

EMHC: Loretta Kerschen

Servers: Anna & Willa Hall

RIP Dick Olivier

Graveside Service will be at the Fairview Cemetery, south of Danville at 12:00 p.m. Friday, April 17, 2026, it will be followed by a lunch at the Danville Parish Hall
All are invited.



PARISH GIVING

Estimate Weekly Expense: \$5,192.31

Last Week Collection: \$5,441.00

As of week 29 of Fiscal year 2025/2026

+/- YTD: **-(\$1,286.03)**

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children faithfully attended Holy Mass and prayed the Rosary every day, growing not only in knowledge but also in faith. Those children became my family. I shared their joys and struggles, listened to their dreams, wiped their tears, and celebrated their small achievements. Even today, their faces, smiles, and laughter remain alive in my heart and in the photographs I cherish. Their trust, innocence, and resilience shaped my priestly heart as deeply as any seminary formation ever could. Life in that mission parish was undeniably challenging and often stretched me beyond my limits. Yet it also brought me profound happiness, inner peace, and deep satisfaction. In serving the poor, walking with them, praying with them, and responding to their most basic needs, I discovered the true joy of priesthood—and the quiet but powerful presence of God journeying with us through every hardship and blessing.

From Mission to City, From Silence to Responsibility

Recognizing the steady growth of the parish and the many fruits of conversion, my Provincial Superior appointed me in June 2007 as Pastor of St. Cecilia Church in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad. This appointment marked a significant turning point in my priestly journey. I was led from the quiet simplicity of forest villages to the vibrant pace of a bustling modern city. The transition was challenging, yet grace-filled, reminding me once again that the Lord prepares His servant for every mission He entrusts.

St. Cecilia Parish was a large and lively faith community of nearly 800 families, numbering about 2,000 faithful. Serving a multicultural and multilingual congregation deepened my understanding of the Church as truly catholic—one body with many members. I was blessed with the generous collaboration of numerous volunteers who dedicated themselves to teaching catechism, assisting with liturgical arrangements, and supporting parish life in countless unseen ways. Their zeal and generosity were a constant source of encouragement to me.

With God's abundant grace and the wholehearted support of the parishioners, I was able to construct a new rectory, and within just seven months, I had the grace-filled privilege of moving into it. Yet more than the completion of a building, my greater joy was in nurturing a vibrant, prayerful, and united parish community. A deeply cherished pastoral practice during my years at St. Cecilia was blessing the homes of the parishioners every year after Easter Sunday—entering their homes as a shepherd, sharing prayer, and strengthening the bonds of faith within families.

Looking back, I see how the Lord gently taught me that priesthood is not confined to a place, a culture, or a structure, but is rooted in availability and trust. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:6). From forest hamlets to city streets, it was always the same Lord who walked ahead of me, shaping communities and shaping my own heart in the process. Three years at St. Cecilia reaffirmed my conviction that when a priest allows himself to be led by God, every transition becomes a blessing, and every community becomes a sacred ground.

Faithful Stewardship in the House of Formation: "Serving the Future Church: Administration as Ministry"

After three fruitful years of pastoral ministry, a new call came in June 2010, inviting me to serve as Administrator and Finance Officer at Suvidya College, Bangalore—a major seminary that forms the heart and hope of priestly formation, with 13 dedicated priest-professors and nearly 180 seminarians from various congregations. This appointment carried a deep personal meaning for me. Suvidya was not just an institution; it was the very place where I myself had been formed and graduated, where the classrooms, corridors, and chapel still echoed the voices of my own professors and spiritual guides. To return now, not as a student but as a collaborator and co-worker alongside those who had once taught and mentored me, was both humbling and profoundly joyful.

I remember the sense of gratitude and quiet awe that filled my heart as I stepped into this role. Working with my former professors, now as colleagues, felt like a full circle in my priestly journey—a moment when God gently reminded me how faithfully He weaves the past into the present for the sake of His mission. The responsibility entrusted to me was significant, yet life-giving. Caring for the well-being of seminarians and priest-professors alike deepened my awareness that the future of the Church is shaped not only by personal holiness and spiritual zeal, but also by wise administration, transparency, and responsible stewardship.

Alongside my pastoral involvement with the seminarians, I was entrusted with the administration and financial management of the college. This meant ensuring the smooth day-to-day functioning of a large and complex institution—planning budgets, managing resources, supporting academic and formation programs, and responding to the many practical needs that sustain a vibrant seminary community. Through this service, I came to appreciate that good administration, when done with integrity and prayer, is itself a form of ministry—quiet, often unseen, yet essential for nurturing vocations and supporting those preparing to serve God's people.

Looking back on my service at Suvidya College, I recognize once again the quiet faithfulness of God who leads us, often through paths we do not plan. The words of Scripture resonate deeply in my heart: "The Lord has been faithful in all His words and gracious in all His deeds" (Psalm 145:13). Returning to my own seminary as an administrator reminded me that God completes His work in His time, often bringing us back to the very places where He first formed us, now with new responsibilities and deeper trust.

To Be Continued....

Announcements & Events



25 children attended the Valentine party and movie.

Thank you to all that attended and to those who set up and chaperoned.

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

The St Cecilia Altar Guild will meet on Sunday, March 1st, after the 8:00 AM mass, to finalize plans for the St. Pat's Dinner. Please come.

Family Day 2nd Sunday of the Month. No Gathering during holidays. All are invited, even your relatives and friends. Starting on April 12th at 2pm. Activities that promote fun and fellowship, Such as Outdoor games, Board games, cookouts, we are happy to accommodate your suggestions. We need volunteers. Please contact Carolyn Moore. In coming weeks we will come out with details.

Stations of the Cross Friday Feb 27th 6:30pm in Harper

Knight of Columbus Fish Fries

March 6th Blue Fair Barn

March 13th Danville School

During Lent the St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus will be conducting a "40 Cans For 40 Days" food drive with the items collected to be donated to the local food pantries in Anthony, Attica and Harper. Please bring canned food items for donation.

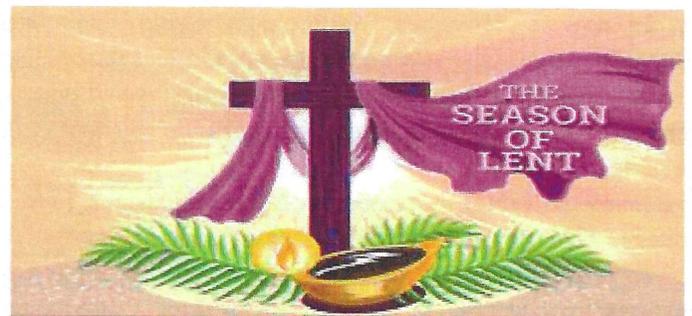
Don't forget to pick up a Lenten Rice bowl

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, Bob Coslett, Tracy Cox, Rob & Pattie Drake, Cami Drouhard, Suzanne Drouhard, Brian Ede, David Esparza, Justin, Kelci & Tyce Fagan, Harriette Fox, 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, Larry Oller, Karma Redgate, Delmar Ricke, Marian Rottinghaus, Gary Shinliver, Fred Smith, Isabel, Alaia & Lincoln Townsend, Sherry Warner, Lori Wilcox, Lisa Winger

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday March 13th

Living Stations, presented by the Conway 5th and 6th grade students. 6:30 PM in the Danville Church. Enjoy a delicious fish dinner either before or after the Stations.



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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