

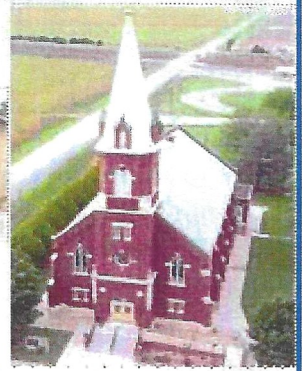


St. Joan of Arc Parish



St. Patrick, Harper

Sacred Heart, Anthony



Immaculate Conception, Danville

Our Clergy

Fr. Bhaskar Mendam

Parish Secretary

Maxine Olivier

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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St. Joan of Arc Parish in Harper County

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.



All Parishioners!

Senior Sunday will be May 3rd. We have 5 high school seniors graduating this year and will be receiving Bibles from the parish. In the month of April, you will have an opportunity to make their gift from the parish extra special. At each 11:00 Mass there will be a display with blank bookmarks. The display will stay at that church until approx. Friday and then move to the next church that has 11:00 Mass.

Please take a bookmark and:

1. Write the graduate's name on the front and who it is from
2. On the back of the bookmark write one of these ideas:

A memory you have of them

- A quote from a saint
- Any quote you like
- Your favorite scripture
- Helpful advice

3. Put the bookmark inside their Bible on the display.

As our seniors go out into the world, please help them know they are very special to our church family.

If you have questions, please contact Anna Ruth 620-770-9699.

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Saturday 4/11/2026

4:00pm Spanish Mass Harper: People of the Parish
6:00pm Danville: United States Military
Carolyn Moore

Sunday 4/12/2026

8:00am Harper: +Gary Shinliver
Irene Martin
11:00am Anthony: +Bill Downing
Marilyn & Cecilee Downing

Monday 4/13/2026

Private: +Cheryl Stark

Tuesday 4/14/2026

4:00pm Adoration Danville
5:00pm Mass Danville: Special Intention of
Richard & Corky Befort

Wednesday 4/15/2026

8:00am Harper: +Joe Blubaugh
Francis & Lori Drouhard
4:30pm Adoration: Anthony
5:30pm Mass Anthony: Poor Souls
Tony & Katie Christenson

Thursday 4/16/2026

7:00am Adoration: Harper
8:00am Mass Harper: Special Intention of
Richard & Corky Befort

Friday 4/17/2026

10:00am Mass AnthonyCountryLiving:+Dan Bonham
Jeff & Ann Ruth Blanchat

Saturday 4/18/2026

4:00pm Spanish Mass Harper: People of the Parish
6:00pm Anthony: Norma Wasinger
Gary & Phyllis Misak

Sunday 4/19/2026

8:00am Danville: +Dick Olivier
Family
11:00am Harper: Poor Souls
Blanchat Family

Liturgical Ministries:

Saturday 4/18/2026

6:00pm Anthony:
Greeters: Mike & Jan Lanie
Rosary Leader: Marilyn Downing
Lectors: Katie Christenson
EMHC: Sherrie Eaton
Servers: Emma & Heath Goebel

Sunday 4/19/2026

8:00am Danville:
Greeters: Sam & Susan Drouhard
Rosary Leader: Francis Drouhard
Lectors: Wayne & Diane Drouhard
EMHC: Maxine Olivier
Servers: Carter & Conner Hern
Money Counters: Debra & Randy Blanchat & Lori Drouhard

11:00am Harper:

Greeters: Karen Oller & Colleen Rinke
Rosary Leader: Irene Martin
Lectors: Tavish Hall
EMHC: Loretta Kerschen
Servers: Marshall & Willa Hall

Saturday 4/25/2026:

6:00pm Harper:
Greeters: Keith & Dena Depenbusch
Rosary Leader: Elaine Esparza
Lector: Kim Konkel
EMHC: Pat Kerschen
Servers: Volunteers

Sunday 4/26/2026:

8:00am Anthony:
Greeters: Marcus & Amanda Goebel
Rosary Leader: Sherrie Eaton
Lector: Lexi Goebel
EMHC: Amanda Goebel
Servers: Jalyn & Faith Kohler

11:00am Danville:

Greeters: Jeff & Anna Ruth Blanchat
Rosary Leader: Carolyn Moore
Lectors: Sam & Susan Drouhard
EMHC: Lori Drouhard
Servers: Anna & Willa Hall
Money Counters: Wayne & Diane Drouhard & Jan Misak

Dick Olivier RIP

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: \$7,508
As of week 40 of Fiscal year 2025/2026
+- YTD: \$759.65

Thank you for your
Stewardship of Treasure!

Reflection: St. Thomas of holy doubt, pray for us

Doubt sometimes gets a bad reputation, but I want to defend its value in the journey of faith. In today's gospel, the apostle Thomas is absent for Jesus's post-resurrection appearance to those early followers who were in hiding out of fear. When he returns to the others, he handles the news of Jesus's appearance with incredulity and skepticism, raising doubts about what happened, in the absence of empirical evidence or physical proof.

On the one hand, I understand why his initial response could be frustrating and even discouraging to some of those who witnessed Christ's visit. And the way the gospel of John portrays Thomas's inquiry and seeming demand for concrete verification suggests a sense of entitlement or regretful FOMO ("fear of missing out"). However, on the other hand, doubt is a necessary part of genuine Christian faith. Those with doubts should not be stigmatized nor should the act of asking probing questions be dismissed or avoided.

Doubt is the very condition of the possibility of knowledge, and skepticism that leads to deep questions can be constructive. Think of methods used in scientific research that propose hypotheses and continually ask further questions to help gain greater clarity about our complex world through experimentation. Or think about the healthy skepticism maintained by professional and ethical journalists who do not take simple, rote answers at face value, but inquire further and follow the facts to bring truth to light.

Or consider the role of doubt in the life of Christian faith. Absolute certainty is not what we are asked to embrace as people of faith, but we are invited to *believe*. And sincere belief must grapple with questions, uncertainties, and the challenges of paradoxes and mysteries whose answers lie far beyond our limited horizon of knowledge. St. Anselm of Canterbury famously described theology as *fides quaerens intellectum* ("faith seeking understanding") in the eleventh century. He made clear that faith in itself isn't the end point, but the beginning of a journey of further discovery and greater understanding.

While perpetual doubt can be paralyzing and disheartening, having doubt can show that we are open to the Holy Spirit's guidance and disclosure instead of insisting that we already have all the answers. It's a necessary ingredient in imagining other possible worlds and considering how things could be more in line with God's will. This is what we see reflected in our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, where we hear a description of church and society that looks extraordinarily different from the ones we know today (and, as historians note, also quite different from the communities of that time).

The vision is one where members of the community live in this world in such a manner as to embody the reign of God on earth. What we see is a community of devotion, mutuality, care, and equality. The value and dignity of each individual is not determined by their wealth or some specialized skill but is instead intrinsic to their being and reflected in their shared participation in the life of the community.

One precondition of this sort of life in community is *doubt* about the prevailing norms and social standards that prioritize individual rights, financial gain at any costs, private comfort over collective interdependence, violence and might over peace and equity, and selfishness over selflessness. The passage from 1 Peter reminds us that Christ himself is the foundation for this kind of constructive doubt about the *status quo* that leads to adopting the approach Jesus outlined about the in-breaking of the Kingdom of God. Jesus' own life, death, and resurrection bears witness to the possibility of another way of being in the world, one that is "foolish" according to the so-called wisdom of our times (1 Corinthians 1:18–31) but one that is the true way of God.

Sometimes I wonder if the Apostle Thomas should be remembered not as the weak-willed or demanding character known pejoratively as "doubting Thomas," but instead called upon by all the faithful as the patron saint of holy doubt. So, let us pray this Easter Season: St. Thomas, pray for us!

DANIEL P. HORAN
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Announcements & Events

See you today at 2:00

Sunday-Family Fun Day

When: Sunday, April 12th, 2:00 -4:00 pm

Where: St. Patrick's basement

Who: All Parish members, friends and neighbors

What: Bible Quiz (\$50 top prize), Board games, snacks and beverages

Why: Community and fellowship

Looking forward to seeing you there!

If you would like to make suggestions or volunteer for activities for future Family Days, please call Carolyn Moore 620-962-5422. If no answer, please leave a message.

Immaculate Conception Altar Guild will meet Monday, April 20th at 6:30pm following Mary Mantle Rosary at 6:00pm.

Congratulations to those who received First Holy Communion this weekend.

*Jesus Avilez,
Collins Blanchat,
Mazie Patterson
Kaylee Esparza,
Sterling Stansbury,
Andres Reyes Sanchez*

COMING SOON:

New Parish web site.

Check out sample page at:

<https://stjoanofarcharper.org/>

St. Joan of Arc Parish Altar Society meeting will be held Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 6:30 pm in Harper. St Cecilia Altar Guild is hosting the meeting.

Please remember in your daily prayers: *Members of our Parish and Parish family:* Sarah Andrews, Karen Anthony, 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, Lee Cox, Tracy Cox, Marilyn Downing, Rob & Pattie Drake, Cami Drouhard, Suzanne Drouhard, Brian Ede, John Elmore, 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, Karen Kernohan, David Konkol, Gary Konkol, Lori Konkol, Kathy Lamb, Todd Larson, Judy Mans, Anita Marstall, Shirley Martin, LeRoy Mathews, Pam McCaslin, Paula McMullin, Gary Misak, Larry & Susan Moritz, Bill Muckenthaler, Lorraine Muckenthaler, Debra Olds, Larry Oller, Karma Redgate, Delmar Ricke, Marian Rottinghaus, Fred Smith, Isabel, Alaia & Lincoln Townsend, Aaron Warner, Sherry Warner, Yvonne West, Lori Wilcox, Lisa Winger



Congratulations to Dylan Drouhard and Bailey White who were married in Danville this weekend. May their lives be ever blessed.



The weekend of *April 18th & 19th is Life Saver weekend for a Better Choice!* A special effort with the Knights of Columbus to support *A Better Choice* will follow Mass. This local Catholic ministry provides hope through peer counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, material assistance and community referrals for women struggling with the fear of an unplanned pregnancy. Your continued financial support is needed to sustain these services at no cost.

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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