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Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit

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## GREETINGS FROM DETROIT'S BASILICA

### The Bells of Ste. Anne Ring Again!

The first phase of the restoration of the Basilica of Ste. Anne is complete! The twin steeples have been restored at a cost of about \$3 million. I am very grateful to the generous donors who funded the work. This project could not be financed with parish operating funds or raised solely from the parish community. As people cross the Ambassador Bridge in both directions the steeples will continue to serve as a witness to our Catholic faith! In 2024, we will start planning for the next phases of the restoration, with work likely to begin in 2025.

These steeples are home to the Beaubien Bell in the east tower, and a set of carillon bells in the west tower. The Beaubien Bell was a gift from Antoine Beaubien in 1848 to the stone church built by Fr. Gabriel Richard in 1818. When the current church was built, that bell was transferred to the east tower. The carillon bells were created in 1901 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the parish. Several parish groups sponsored the bells that were placed in the west tower.

The bells will ring again on Sunday, December 10, 2023! Our Knights of Columbus Council will be hosting their December pancake breakfast between the 10:00am Spanish Mass and the 12:00pm English Mass. We will gather at 11:45am on the plaza for the ringing of the bells. I invite you to join us for this exciting and historic day in the life of our parish!

### Old French Christmas at the Basilica

We are also hosting the first French Christmas at the Strait / Noël Français au Détroit on Saturday, December 2 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. This event is being presented by Rendez-vous Détroit. Some of the highlights are the first Christmas after the Pontiac rebellion (1763), the American Revolution (1776) and the reenactment of Fr. Gabriel Richard's funeral (1832), along with music and displays. Please come and experience the Christmas past of Old French Detroit.

As always, I encourage you to join us for one of our Christmas Masses. The decorated church and music will be memorable for your family.

Peace,



Msgr. Chuck Kosanke, Rector



## Fr. Gabriel Richard Guild Holding Second Annual Art Contest



The Fr. Gabriel Richard Guild is holding an art contest for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Students are invited to submit artistic renderings of Fr. Richard depicting a specific event from his life, such as his flight from France during the French Revolution, the Great Fire of 1805, the War of 1812, the Labadie legal case, the cholera epidemic and many more.

Artwork must be two-dimensional and able to be displayed on a easel.

The winning students in each age group will each receive a \$1,000 cash prize. The winning students' schools will also receive a \$1,000 cash prize. Prizes are courtesy of contest sponsor Concorde Financial. Artwork will be displayed at the Annual Exhibit on Fr. Gabriel Richard at the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit in September 2024.

- High school (9-12th grade)
- Middle school (5th-8th grade)
- Elementary (K-4th grade)

Submissions should be sent to the attention of Kristen Andree at the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit, 1000 Ste. Anne Street, Detroit, Michigan 48216.

- The deadline for submissions is April 8, 2024.
- Artwork submissions must include a completed entry form attached to the piece. Incomplete entries form will not be eligible for winning. The form can be found at [Ste-Anne.org/Father-Gabriel-Richard](http://Ste-Anne.org/Father-Gabriel-Richard).
- Winners will be announced by May 17, 2024.
- There will be a reception for participants and their families with artwork on display at the Basilica of Ste. Anne Fr. Gabriel Richard Chapel on September 15, 2024.

There is no cost to enter. Shipping and postage costs must be paid by the contestant or school. Artwork may also be dropped off when the parish office is open. Artwork will not be returned as the Guild would like to archive these renditions as evidence of growing awareness and devotion to Fr. Richard.

Please contact Kristen Andree with questions at [Kristen.Andree@SteAnneDetroit.org](mailto:Kristen.Andree@SteAnneDetroit.org) or 313-496-1701 x14. More details are at [Ste-Anne.org/Father-Gabriel-Richard](http://Ste-Anne.org/Father-Gabriel-Richard).

## CELEBRATE THE RINGING OF THE BEAUBIEN BELL

Please join us to celebrate the first ringing of the Beaubien Bell and the tower carillon bells in several years

SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 10

10am Spanish Mass

11am Pancake  
Breakfast in the  
Parish Hall

11:45am Ringing of  
the Bells on the Plaza

12pm English Mass



1229 Labrosse Street, Detroit  
313-961-8855  
[mhtacademy.org](http://mhtacademy.org)

# OPEN HOUSE

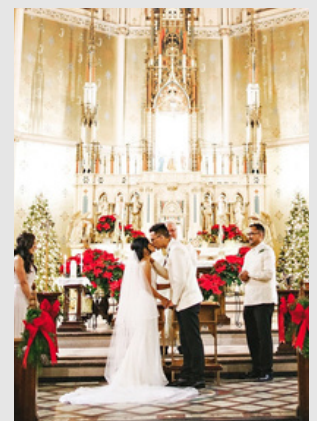
Sunday, January 28

SAVE THE DATE - LEARN MORE AT [MHTACADEMY.ORG](http://MHTACADEMY.ORG)



## BASILICA WEDDINGS

Newly engaged and looking for the perfect place for your big day? The Basilica of Ste. Anne hosts beautiful, unforgettable weddings!



Get started at  
[ste-anne.org](http://ste-anne.org)!





## French Christmas at the Strait Noël Français au Détroit

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 NOON - 4:00 P.M.**  
Ste. Anne de Détroit 1000 Ste. Anne Street, Détroit, MI 48226



Joyeux Noël! It's Christmastime at the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Détroit, the ancestral church of Détroit's French community since its founding in 1701.

Come and experience the Christmas' past of Old French Détroit, the memories and stories told by historical presenters of Détroit's French era. Held on the campus of Ste. Anne de Détroit, you'll journey through time and get a glimpse into the lives of Détroit's historic French community.

**Adults: \$15 Students: \$10 Children under 5, free**  
Tickets available online at [www.rendezvousdetroit.org](http://www.rendezvousdetroit.org)

Rendez-vous Détroit is a 501(c3) nonprofit organization. For more information go to [www.rendezvousdetroit.org](http://www.rendezvousdetroit.org) or email [rendezvousdetroit@gmail.com](mailto:rendezvousdetroit@gmail.com).



### The Noël festivities feature:

- French caroling
- French Christmas sweets and treats
- Pere Noël (Santa Claus)
- Ste. Anne de Détroit gift shop
- Tour of the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Détroit



## BASILICA OF STE. ANNE AND MOST HOLY TRINITY PREPARE TO LAUNCH HOUSE MINISTRY PROGRAM

The sister parishes of the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit and Most Holy Trinity will soon be launching a new House Ministry Program to better serve parishioners and Catholics in our community who may not attend Mass regularly.

"We are going to be meeting people where they are, and that might not be inside the walls of the church building," said Antonio Guzman-Diaz, Director of Family and Engagement, Southwest Detroit Family of Parishes, Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit and Most Holy Trinity Parish.

Working closely with Msgr. Chuck Kosanke and Fr. John Herman, Antonio is currently in the process of training about a dozen volunteers of varying ages to become House Ministers. Once their training is complete in January, they will start reaching out to Catholics in their neighborhoods and arrange to visit them.

"We are going to reach out to people who aren't coming to church and get to know them better and find out what their needs are. Maybe they will have material needs for meals or transportation. Maybe they will have spiritual needs like a baby who has not been baptized, or they want to enroll a child in Religious Education but they don't know how. Maybe it's a couple living together without the Sacrament of Marriage. Maybe they need someone to bring them Communion. Whatever it is, we will be there to help them and bring them more fully into our faith community."

Volunteers undergo a six month training where they gather each week for prayer, fellowship and lessons on how to minister to their brothers and sisters in Christ. "It has been a joy to get to know the volunteers and we have gotten very close as a group. Anyone can do this as long as they have a kind heart and are willing to commit the time."

If you are interested in joining this ministry as a volunteer, please contact Antonio at [Antonio.Guzman@SteAnneDetroit.org](mailto:Antonio.Guzman@SteAnneDetroit.org). Training for new ministers will begin in January.

## EXODUS 90

**Starting January 8**

Men 18 and over are invited to go through the Exodus 90 challenge starting January 8, 2024.

If you are a man looking to make changes in your life and grow in your relationship with God, Exodus 90 was designed for you.

Become a better man by following the practices of prayer, asceticism, and fraternity.

Register by reaching out to Antonio Guzman at 313-496-1701 ext:317 or go to [Ste-Anne.org/events](http://Ste-Anne.org/events).

## Las Posadas

Join us at the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit as we host the traditional Mexican Nativity celebrations that reenact Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem,

Every night at 7pm from December 16 -20 and December 22-23.

Details at [Ste-Anne.org/events](http://Ste-Anne.org/events).

## DOCENTS NEEDED

Are you Catholic, interested in history and like talking to others? We are recruiting docents for the tours of the Basilica!

Contact us!  
313.496.1701



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Founded in 1701, the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit invites people of all cultures to encounter Jesus, grow in faith and form disciples. Inspired by our patroness, we provide a place for pilgrimage, formation, healing and devotion.

313.496.1701 - [www.ste-anne.org](http://www.ste-anne.org)



# *Christmas*

*at the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit*

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**4 PM BILINGUAL MASS**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS & CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY AT 3:30**

**10 PM ENGLISH MASS**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**10 AM SPANISH MASS**

**12 PM ENGLISH MASS**

**1000 STE. ANNE STREET, DETROIT - [STE-ANNE.ORG](http://STE-ANNE.ORG)**