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GREETINGS FROM DETROIT'S BASILICA

Ste. Anne de Detroit: A Center of Catholic Culture

Dear Friends,

Our parish has been a center of Catholic culture since its beginning in 1701. For the first 118 years, Ste. Anne Parish was the only place of worship in the City of Detroit. The congregation was French. They brought their language, customs, and cultural heritage.

As the last weekly French Mass ended in 1940, the Irish began to migrate from Corktown. The Irish brought their cultural heritage. During this time, the pastors were Irish Americans.

After the Irish came the Hispanics, especially from Mexico. For the last few decades, they have been the dominant members in the parish. They have brought their language, customs, and cultural heritage. I would like to highlight these incredible events that you and your family can experience at this time of the year.

Dia de Los Muertos, Day of the Dead, has already occurred. This was originally an Aztec custom to honor the deceased. The Franciscan missionaries recognize it as being like All Soul's Day. Consequently, it was transferred to November 2. Our parish has been celebrating this custom as part of All Soul's Day for decades by having an ofrenda in our church. This celebration has developed in recent years. Parish groups and families are invited to create their own ofrendas in our chapel. We usually have over 1,500 people, mostly schoolchildren, visit us over three days. This year the attendance was particularly outstanding. Besides several hundred people for Mass, we had 80 dancers in the plaza as well as tamales, elotes, and cookies for everyone!

December 12 is another huge celebration. We honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn. The Mass includes many Mexican customs, including a portrayal of the apparitions to St. Juan Diego.

The novena to Christmas is called Las Posadas. The word posada means inn or shelter. This novena, December 16-24, re-enacts Mary and Joseph's search for shelter in Bethlehem. They involve prayers, singing, piñatas, and food. The friars of San Augustin de Acolman, near Mexico City, are believed to have organized the first posadas in 1586.

Please join us for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day in our beautifully decorated basilica!

Msgr. Chuck Kosanke



Second Annual FGR Guild Art Contest Winners

We are delighted to announce the winners of the Second Annual Fr. Gabriel Richard Guild Art Contest! They are Sophia Baltrinic (Regina Caeli Academy), Emily Murphy (St. Paul on the Lake), and Isabella Morra (St. Paul on the Lake). Each winner received \$1,000 for herself and her school courtesy of contest sponsor Concorde Financial. We are grateful to all the students who participated, as well as their teachers and families. The art was on display this fall at the annual exhibit on the life and legacy of Fr. Richard at basilica. Details about the 2025 contest will be coming soon.



Fr. John Herman Completes the Half Marathon



Congratulations to Fr. John Herman on completing the Detroit Free Press Half Marathon with a time of 1:59:37! It was a bright, beautiful morning on race day, October 20, and it was made even more beautiful because of the support of the Trinity and Ste. Anne communities who supported Fr. John's effort to raise funds for the Ste. Anne Food Pantry and student aid at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Academy. Nearly \$4,000 was donated. Many thanks to all those who gave so generously!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 8
9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Santa will make a special appearance!

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 12

6:00 am – Mañanitas
7:00 pm – Spanish Mass

Las Posadas

Join us for the traditional commemoration of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem

December 16 - 23
7:00 pm each night



Christmas at the Basilica

Christmas Eve - 4 pm Bilingual Mass
Christmas Carols and
Children's Nativity Play at 3:30

10 pm English Mass with
Christmas Carols at 9:30

Christmas Day
10 am Spanish Mass - 12 pm English Mass

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Thank you to all the volunteers, donors and friends who made our Day of the Dead celebration a success! God bless you!



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/Wedding or email Weddings@SteAnneDetroit.org.



Quinceañera Retreat

Congratulations to all the young ladies who will celebrate their quinceañeras at Most Holy Trinity Parish and the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit this year! They recently attended a day-long retreat where they prayed, heard inspirational speakers and made new friends.



Sunday Mass Schedule

10 am Spanish and 12 pm English

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 9

7 pm Bilingual Mass



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