

The image shows the interior of the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit. The ceiling is a high, vaulted Gothic arch with a blue background and gold floral patterns. The walls are light-colored with Gothic-style windows and arches. In the foreground, there is a large, ornate pipe organ with many pipes. A large, colorful stained glass window is visible in the background. The overall atmosphere is grand and historic.

*Basilica
of Ste. Anne
de Detroit*
School Group Tours



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VISIT DETROIT'S BASILICA

The Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit is the second-oldest continuously operating Catholic parish in the United States.

It stands as a place of spiritual, historical, and cultural significance in our city and our nation.

On March 1, 2020 Archbishop of Detroit Allen Vigneron announced that Pope Francis named Ste. Anne Church a minor basilica. The title is given to churches around the world to denote a particular importance in liturgical and pastoral life and a closer relationship with the pope. Ste. Anne is now one of 94 churches in the United States –and only the third church in Michigan –to hold the title of Minor Basilica.

The parish was founded by French explorers in 1701. It has ministered to thousands of people during Detroit's most trying times from the Great Fire of 1805 to the cholera epidemic of 1834, the civil unrest of 1967 and the Covid-19 pandemic. If you want to learn about the history of Detroit, this is the place.

This is also the place to learn about Detroit's most famous pastor, Fr. Gabriel Richard, an extraordinary man whose many achievements include co-founding the University of Michigan and who is now on the path to sainthood.

Students can also learn about Catholic history and traditions, neo-Gothic architecture and French, Native American and Latin American culture when they visit the Basilica of Ste. Anne.



BOOK A TOUR

Our friendly staff is ready to assist you in planning your school's visit to the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit.

Tours must be scheduled in advance as the basilica is not open during the week to walk-in visitors.

School groups are welcome any time of the year. Our most popular season for student tours is the fall when we hold our annual exhibit on Fr. Gabriel Richard and our Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebrations.

We have several very knowledgeable docents who will ensure your students have an enriching experience. Tours can include Mass if scheduled in advance.

If you are spending the whole day in the city, our team can also recommend dining options and other Catholic and historical sites to visit. We are here to help!

To get started, go to ste-anne.org/visit-us/. You will find much more information and a Tour Request form.

Tours usually run 45-60 minutes. There is ample parking for cars and buses. The fee is \$5 per student and \$7 per adult.

Contact Amelia Mata at 313-496-1701 or Amelia.Mata@SteAnneDetroit.org for more details.

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