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## GREETINGS FROM DETROIT'S BASILICA

### Basilica of Ste. Anne – We Hope For Better Things!

When Detroit completely burned down in 1805, Fr. Gabriel Richard exclaimed, “We hope for better things; it will rise from the ashes.” We have begun a new chapter in the history of Ste. Anne Parish with our partnership with the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation. This partnership, described in our spring newsletter, gives us the reason to “hope for better things.” This summer and fall gave us more reasons to hope for better things!

We had a wonderful novena to Ste. Anne this past summer. The attendance was 800 more people than the previous year! Another reason that gives us hope!

Our annual exhibit in honor of Fr. Gabriel Richard went very well. We had over 200 art pieces from over 30 schools for our annual art contest organized by the Guild. The purpose is for Catholic school students to research the life of Fr. Richard and create something that reflects his ministry. We hope that this is something that will help to formally begin his canonization process. (We are still in stage one – the gathering of information.)

We have begun an English Young Adult group to complement our Spanish group, Las Jornadas. Around 25 young adults came to the first “Potluck with the Padres.” I hope that this monthly gathering can be a way to engage our young people in the parish.

Our annual Day of the Dead (All Souls Day) was fantastic! We had over 1,500 people come to see the displays of ofrendas and learn about this part of Mexican culture from a Catholic perspective. Many school groups also came for tours in the days preceding.

If you are looking for a unique Christmas experience for your family, I encourage you to come to one of our Christmas Masses.

Merry Christmas!



Msgr. Chuck Kosanke



## Msgr. Chuck Kosanke Celebrates 40 Years of Priesthood

The Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit and the wider Detroit Catholic community joyfully celebrate Msgr. Chuck Kosanke, who marks 40 years of devoted priestly ministry this December. His four decades of service reflect a deep commitment to faith, education, and compassionate leadership.

Ordained in 1985, Msgr. Chuck has served parishes across metro Detroit. His pastoral assignments have included the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak, St. Benedict Parish in Highland Park, Church of the Madonna and St. Cecilia Parishes in Detroit, Guardian Angels Parish in Clawson, and St. Regis Parish in Bloomfield Hills. Today, he serves as pastor and rector of the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit, pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish in Corktown, moderator of the Southwest Detroit Family of Parishes, and regional moderator for the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy, master's degrees in divinity and theological studies, and a doctorate in biblical theology, credentials that have shaped his lifelong dedication to teaching and preaching the Gospel with clarity and conviction.

Education has long been a central part of his ministry. Msgr. Chuck has taught and led at every level, from elementary school classrooms to graduate programs, shaping the lives of countless students and future leaders. His service extends far beyond parish and school walls; over the years, he has offered his gifts in leadership to organizations such as Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the Knights of Columbus, the Fr. Clement H. Kern Foundation, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Deo Gratias, and the Capuchin Ministries Advisory Council.

As pastor of Ste. Anne, Msgr. Chuck continues to serve as teacher, spiritual guide, and administrator, stewarding one of the most historic and vibrant parishes in Detroit. He often shares how blessed he feels to serve this community, and how humbled he is to walk in the footsteps of Fr. Gabriel Richard, one of Detroit's most influential early pastors.

As he celebrates this milestone, the Ste. Anne community offers heartfelt gratitude for Msgr. Chuck's leadership, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the mission of the Church. May his next years of ministry be as grace-filled and inspiring as the first forty.



## Christmas at the Basilica

Christmas Eve  
4 pm Bilingual Mass  
10 pm English Mass

Christmas Day  
10 am Spanish Mass  
12 pm English Mass

## LAS POSADAS

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

December 16-17 and 19-23  
7:00 pm each night





## 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!



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The restoration of the Basilica of Ste. Anne has begun! Crews are onsite and scaffolding is going up. Mass and other events will continue throughout construction, which is expected to last two to three years. The parish office has moved around the corner to 2630 W. Lafayette Blvd. and will remain there until construction is complete.



## Thank You, Fr. John!

Fr. John Herman has been reassigned to St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Allen Park and will leave us on Jan. 1. We will miss him very much, and we are incredibly grateful for his time at Ste. Anne. He has been a true blessing to our community. Fr. John's temporary replacement will be Fr. Zaid Chabaan, who will be with us until July 1. Please join us in welcoming him. A permanent replacement will be named in the coming weeks.



## Sunday Mass Schedule

10 am Spanish and 12 pm English

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, January 1

12 pm Bilingual Mass





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