



January 23, 2026

Dear Friends,

Last Saturday the boiler for the church, chapel and parish hall at the Basilica of Ste. Anne unexpectedly died – leaving no heat in the church, chapel, or parish hall. The parish has been trying to keep the boiler repaired for over a decade. Having been evaluated by experts, it is clear that the current boiler cannot be fixed and that we must get an entirely new HVAC system. Unfortunately, even moving as quickly as we are, doing so would take several months to acquire and install.

Because of this, we cannot responsibly or comfortably celebrate Mass or other events in the Basilica during winter months without heat. At the same time, the need to cease using the Basilica for the foreseeable future has led to a revised construction timeline whereby the interior restoration work will be moved up to start while the Basilica is unoccupied. Scaffolding will soon be installed inside the church, which will require the removal of the pews and will create an unsafe environment for congregants.

For those reasons, with sincere regret, I'm sorry to report that **the Basilica, chapel and parish hall will be closed for the next several months effective immediately.**

But, friends, **while our buildings may be closed, our parish is not!** Masses, parish group meeting and other parts of parish life will continue, but at different locations. I am also the pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish, so their facilities are open to us, and the Ste. Anne parish office, which includes a chapel, has moved to the old convent/clinic at 2630 W. Lafayette and will remain open.

**Weekend Masses** will be at Most Holy Trinity Church at 1050 Porter Street, Detroit. Parking is available in the lot kitty-corner from church at 1336 Abbott Street. The schedule will be:

- Saturday Evening Mass – 5:30pm (English)
- Sunday Mass – 9:00am (Spanish), 10:30am (Spanish), 12:00pm (English)

**Weekday Masses** will be on the regular days and times, but will be celebrated in the chapel at the Ste. Anne parish office at 2630 W. Lafayette Blvd.

**Confessions** will be on Thursdays at 6pm as usual in the Ste. Anne parish office conference room at 2630 W. Lafayette Blvd.

**Weddings and funerals** will be conducted at Most Holy Trinity Church.

**Aliento** will be at the regular times at Most Holy Trinity Church.

**Parish Group meetings** will continue at various locations. Please call the parish office for details.

**Offertory** – Ste. Anne Parish still needs its offertory to pay for operational expenses. If Ste. Anne parishioners use their envelopes at Trinity, I will know where the money should go. If you go to another Detroit-area church and use your Ste. Anne envelope, it will be returned to us. If you are not registered or do not have envelopes, you can pick up Ste. Anne offertory envelopes with no identifying information to donate anonymously to Ste. Anne. These envelopes will be available in the Ste. Anne parish office and in the back of Most Holy Trinity Church.

I recognize you come to Ste. Anne because it is not just a church – it represents a special place in your heart and in this community. The Ste. Anne parish family is very important to me, as I know its is to you. We will all miss having the use of our beautiful church for the time being, but our community will continue to thrive!

I remain very excited about the restoration of our beloved Basilica. It will be magnificent when it is done! In the meantime, please bear with us.

Thank you very much for your patience and cooperation. Please call the parish office at 313-496-1701 with questions.

Yours in Christ,  
Msgr. Chuck Kosanke