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A Heartfelt Farewell

A few months ago, Archbishop Weisenburger asked me to become the Rector of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica Parish effective July 1, 2026. I was very surprised by the request but, as a priest, the needs of the Church come first. I assented to the request. I will go from being rector of one basilica to another, a very rare occurrence.

I now bid farewell to the Basilica of Ste. Anne Parish after completing ten years of service.

The parish and the neighborhood were very different when I arrived on April 25, 2016. God has blessed both in so many ways. What has been most fulfilling is experiencing the growth and vibrancy of our parish community. We have grown around 40 percent. We have continued to nurture our French heritage, increase awareness of the life and ministry of Fr. Gabriel Richard, and host the annual Novena to Ste. Anne. We have strengthened the cultural heritage of our Hispanic community with our annual celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe and events like El Día de los Muertos. (The "we" includes the staff, parishioners, volunteers, donors and me.) I will sincerely miss this rich community of people.

Our church became a shrine in 2017, then a minor basilica in 2020. The steeples and bells were restored in 2023. Finally, we entered an historic partnership with The Catholic Initiative and the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation to restore our buildings and property and to ensure their use by our parish for at least 200 years!

Ford Motor Company bought the Michigan Central Train Station in May 2018 and invested around \$1 billion in our neighborhood and Corktown. Now a new soccer stadium will soon be built in our neighborhood. Who would have foreseen all the growth and activity in the last eight years? It has been very exciting to be part of this transformational change.

I am confident in the leadership of our second rector, Fr. Timothy Laboe, along with newly ordained Fr. Lizandro Barba. They will make a dynamic team to serve our parish.

I am grateful to all our benefactors, and I encourage them to continue to support our parish. I cannot wait to return to see the completion of the restoration of our basilica and campus!

Peace,



Msgr. Chuck Kosanke



NOVENA TO STE. ANNE RETURNS AS PARISH CELEBRATES 325th ANNIVERSARY

The Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit is preparing for its signature summer event, **Novena**, which will take place **July 17 – 26**. Novena is nine days of prayer including daily Mass. Each day has a different theme associated with an ethnic group important to Detroit and our surrounding communities. On the tenth day, we celebrate the Feast of Ste. Anne. This year, we are excited to be celebrating the **325th anniversary** of our parish on July 26, the Feast of Ste. Anne.

During Novena, we gather to ask Ste. Anne to pray for our intentions, the intentions of our families, our city, our Archdiocese, and our world. This joyful tradition dates back more than 100 years.

This year, because the Basilica of Ste. Anne will be temporarily closed for the restoration, Novena will be at our sister parish, Most Holy Trinity, located at 1050 Porter Street, Detroit, about one mile from Ste. Anne.

In addition to attending the event, we invite you to support the Basilica of Ste. Anne by purchasing tickets for our Novena raffle, purchasing an ad in the Novena book, making a donation, or volunteering. More information is at ste-anne.org/events. Join us!

2026 NOVENA SCHEDULE

July 17 - 6:30pm Mass - Celebration of Latino Culture

July 18 - 4pm Mass - Celebration of Eastern European Culture

July 19 - 12pm Mass - Celebration of French and Native American Cultures

July 20 - 6:30pm Mass - Celebration of African Culture

July 21 - 6:30pm Mass - Celebration of Albanian Culture

July 22 - 6:30pm Mass - Celebration of Asian Culture

July 23 - 6:30pm Mass - Celebration of Chaldean Culture

July 24 - 6:30pm Mass - Celebration of Celtic Culture

July 25 - 4pm Mass - Celebration of Western European Culture

July 26 - 12pm Mass - Feast of Ste. Anne

On weekdays, there will also be 12pm Mass in the chapel in the Ste. Anne parish offices next to the basilica at 2630 W. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit.

Welcome Fr. Tim Laboe and Fr. Lizandro Barba



We are very pleased to welcome Fr. Tim Laboe as the new rector of the Basilica of Ste. Anne effective on July 1. Fr. Laboe currently serves as Dean of Studies and Assistant Professor of Theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. He studied history at the University of Notre Dame and has a law degree from the Catholic University of America. He was ordained a priest in 1999. Fr. Laboe received his M.Div. degree from Sacred Heart Major Seminary and later received his S.T.L. and S.T.D degrees in moral theology from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome. Fr. Laboe previously served as parochial vicar and administrator of three parishes in Pontiac (St. Vincent de Paul, St. Michael and Shrine of St. Joseph) and as pastor of St. Valentine in Redford. He speaks English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Fr. Laboe will be assisted by Fr. Lizandro Barba. Fr. Barba is a native of southwest Detroit and was ordained a priest on May 23, 2026.

BIBLE STUDIES EDUCATE AND INSPIRE PARISHIONERS

During Lent, Fr. Zaid Chabaan led a Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew for parishioners of Ste. Anne and Most Holy Trinity. The Bible Study was meant to help parishioners grow in their understanding of Scripture, but also to build community. Since this is the Year of Matthew in the lectionary, Fr. Zaid chose certain passages from Matthew's Gospel and tried to apply the Word of God to modern day life. Many of those who attended expressed that this was the first Bible Study they have ever attended.

There was a true spirit of joy, faith, and fellowship among those who attended each week. Participants appreciated not only the opportunity to learn more about Sacred Scripture, but also the chance to pray, reflect, and grow together as a parish community. In fact, the Lenten Bible Study was so successful that Fr. Zaid added a second session in May on the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, which drew even larger attendance and continued the enthusiasm sparked during Lent.

We are grateful to have had Fr. Zaid with us these last several months. Please wish him well at his new assignment at St. Fabian Parish in Farmington Hills.

SPRING AT STE. ANNE

Despite the temporary closure of the church building, parish life remains vibrant! From weekly Mass to First Communion to a spring quinceañera retreat and more, Ste. Anne parishioners and friends continue to gather and worship.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit is entering an important new chapter as our historic church building undergoes a major restoration project. After our aging boiler failed this winter and could not be repaired, further inspections revealed significant structural issues, which expanded the scope of the project. After careful consideration, we determined that temporarily closing the church was the best way to allow this important work to move forward safely and efficiently.

While the church building will remain closed until at least Christmas 2027, parish life at Ste. Anne continues and our parish office is open! Weekend Masses, funerals, weddings, quinceañeras, and sacramental celebrations are being held at our sister parish, Most Holy Trinity, located just one mile away. Parish groups continue to meet at Most Holy Trinity or the Ste. Anne parish office.

This renovation is about much more than bricks and mortar. It is a transformative investment in the future of Ste. Anne. The completed project will renew and strengthen our Basilica for generations to come, preserving its historic beauty while creating a revitalized sacred space for worship, prayer, and community life. When the Basilica reopens, it will stand as a powerful symbol of faith, renewal, and hope.



Weekend Mass Schedule at Most Holy Trinity Church

Saturday: 5:30pm English

Sunday: 9am Spanish, 10:30am Spanish, 12pm English

Weekday Mass Schedule at Ste. Anne Parish Office Chapel

Monday: 5:30pm English

Tuesday: 12pm English

Wednesday: 7pm Spanish

Thursday: 7pm Spanish

More information at ste-anne.org/mass-schedule.



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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.

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