Ste. Anne's Newsletter

October/November 2026



Ste. Anne's News

Summer Season Ends

The busy tourist season has ended and the seasons are changing on Mackinac Island. October 22nd through the 24th was the last weekend of the year that most businesses were open on Mackinac Island. Before that happened though, we had a few last highlights to finish out the season.

Throughout October we finished out our summer raffle and congratulated ticket number 1251 from Traverse City on winning the raffle. We also held our last two weddings of the season as well as our last baptism of the year and multiple vow renewals.

We also hosted our final Mackinac Connect Events of the year with 3 chili nights that were free to all island employees. Thank you again to Mackinac Connect for your partnership and support of island employees.

Lastly, at each of our weekend Masses we took a count of how many people attended Mass. Our total count from May – October was around 9,110 people! We are so grateful that we were able to welcome so many people to join us during our summer season and we look forward to all of our visitors again next year!

Celebrating Sacraments at Ste. Anne's

Congratulations to everyone who celebrated a special event or received a sacrament at Ste. Anne's in October. We are so happy to have been a part of your special day!

Weddings

- October 9th: Lukas and Allison Hutek
- October 10th: Paul and Cait O'Toole

Baptisms

- October 17th: Landuyt Family

If you would like to receive a sacrament or host a celebration at Ste. Anne's in 2027, please reach out to our church office at 906-847-3507.

Schedule

Sunday Mass

10:30 AM

Daily Mass

11:00 AM **Tuesday – Friday**

(Weekday Mass schedule subject to change, call 906-847-3507 to confirm during the winter months)

Scan the QR code if you would like to donate to Ste. Anne's Church

Masses Begin Downstairs

As our summer parishioners and visitors head home for the season, Ste. Anne's prepares for our annual tradition of transitioning down to the Parish Hall Chapel. Moving downstairs helps us keep heating costs manageable during the colder months as our weekly gathering adjusts from 150 to around 20 faithful attendees.

While it is always bittersweet to leave our main church sanctuary until spring, this shift brings a wonderful sense of community. In the chapel, chairs replace pews—allowing us to add extra seating whenever needed. In the spring the tables will return and we will convert the chapel back to our Parish Hall.

Following each Sunday Mass in the winter, please join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship generously provided by our parishioners. Visitors are always warmly welcomed to join our community in worship and conversation!

Winter Schedule Highlights:

- **Nov 8 – Dec 20:** Mass downstairs in the Chapel (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time through Advent)
- **Dec 24 – Jan 3:** Mass upstairs in the Main Church (Christmas Eve through Epiphany)
- **Jan 10 – Mar 21:** Mass downstairs in the Chapel (Winter through Lent)



Fr. Peter Fosu Visits/Fr. John Essel Travels Out of Town

Every October Fr. John Essel takes time off to travel and visit his family. This year he traveled to Texas from October 12th – 24th. We missed him during his time off island but we hope he had a wonderful trip visiting friends and family! During Father John's vacation Father Peter Fosu, who was a former priest at Ste. Anne's Church visited from October 12th – 19th and celebrated Mass during his visit. It was great to see Fr. Peter again and we hope that he enjoyed his visit back to Mackinac Island!