

St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

Weekend Masses

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 10:15am + Livestream

Emmanuel Church

of the Deaf:

Sunday at 11:30 AM



Daily Masses

Tuesday & Thursday: 12:10pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8am

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

9:00am-3:00 pm

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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

Walk with us on:



St. Monica Roman Catholic Church of Rochester Vision and Mission

We are a Resurrection people rooted in our rich Catholic heritage. We are growing in the *SPIRIT*, as individuals and as a faith community. We answer the CALL to LIVE

OUT our Baptismal VOCATION in our daily lives, bringing the LIGHT of Christ's presence to our families, workplaces, neighborhoods, and the WORLD.

We dare to LIVE the LIFE of Jesus Christ, transforming discouragement into HOPE, fear into LOVE, isolation into COMMUNITY.

Join us Online!

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

Visit our website to get connected to all our online resources, including Mass, faith activities and reflections, online giving, and ways to get involved.

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NCYC pilgrims in Indianapolis, November 2023. See page 3.

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

– 1 Corinthians 1

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Did you know? Our website, stmonicaofrochester.org, is your one-stop shop for all our online offerings. On our homepage you will find links to Mass videos, social media, online giving, outreach opportunities, virtual gatherings, at-home faith tools, and more! Visit our website and follow us on social media for even more ways to stay connected to our community. For help or to join the parish email list and receive our weekly news, email monicabulletin@dor.org.

**Confessions by appointment –
call office at (585) 235-3340 to schedule.**

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, Dec 2	Aonica Chamberlain - Sandy Chamberlain
Sun, Dec 3	Bodensteiner & Reifsteck Families - Family Vera Slattery - Slattery Family
Tues, Dec 5	Joyce Walsh - Sandy Chamberlain
Wed, Dec 6	Royal Chamberlain - Sandy Chamberlain
Thurs, Dec 7	Deceased members Lopez-Vigo Family - Dorca Rodriguez
Fri, Dec 8	All Parishioners
Sat, Dec 9	Joan Giblin - Ed & Patty Giblin
Sun, Dec 10	Jean Kraus - Barb Borgus



ST. MONICA VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

SWEM will be giving out Christmas Baskets to families in need in our neighborhood on Sunday, December 17 in St. Monica's parking lot from 1-4 pm. Your help for just an hour would be most appreciated. Please contact JoAnn Kane-DeMott at 313-2614 to schedule a convenient time to help. Thank you!

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING A CHRISTMAS BASKET FOR A FAMILY IN NEED

SWEM needs you to make a difference for our neighbors! The Christmas baskets are designed for families of 3 & 4 people, and for each basket, please provide the following:

- *Fruit cocktail or canned fruit
- *Soup (large can)
- *Fruit juice
- *Instant mashed potatoes
- *Large can of sweet potatoes (15oz)
- *2 canned vegetables
- *Cranberry sauce
- *Can gravy
- *Bag or box of stuffing (12oz)
- *Dessert (Jell-O, or pudding, or cake mix/ frosting, or pie crust/ & filling)



The baskets will be collected at St. Monica's on Dec. 16 & 17, 30 minutes before the 4 pm and 10:15 am Masses at the garage near the Monica Street entrance to the parking lot.

A box will be available for submitting \$10 cash or a check written out to SWEM per basket to cover the cost of meat, eggs, and margarine that SWEM provides.

Please place your food in a box, tote or laundry basket and label it if you have all the supplies. Feel free to decorate your basket, box, or tote and include holiday touches of your own, such as coffee, tea, candies, mints, or napkins. Laundry baskets or totes to hold the contents always make an additional gift. Thank you for looking out for our community!

Let Us Pray

Our Sick
Charlene Clark

An end to racism

All those affected by violence

God's creation

Our Deceased
Betty Bunce

John Bunce's wife



THOSE IN THE MILITARY

CJ Arnell, Joshua Bartlett, Zachary Bartlett, Jarid Cook, Andrew Chmiel, Andrea Gerard, David Englert, Richard Lewis, Angela Aviles Lewis, Andrea Christ, Terry Redfield, Jr.

Lamp Intentions for December

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Caiazza, Leonardo, & Pugliese Families

Family



Higgins Family

Barbara Higgins

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Donald Wiegand, Sr.

John Delibert



Robert & Jean Vane

Children/Family

This Week at St. Monica Church: December 3-10, 2023

Sunday, 12/3	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 12/4	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 12/5	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 12/6	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thurs., 12/7	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 12/8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception	12:10 pm – Mass, St. Monica Church 6:00 pm – Mass, Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church
Saturday 12/9	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 12/10	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

THANK YOU

Thank you so much to all who supported our pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference. We had such a meaningful experience and grew a lot in our faith. It's hard to pick one favorite moment, but some highlights include Adoration with 12,000 people, MCs Steve Angrisano and Sr. Josephine Garrett, Bishop Joseph Espaillat's homily, Miss Jess in the dunk tank, hat trading, going to Confession, Charles' balloon hat, and so much more. We are extremely grateful to all of you, without whom this experience could not have been possible. Thank you for your prayers, support, And encouragement. We said a special prayer for you at NCYC and continue to keep you in our prayers. We had a blast and will remember this forever. Thank you! We love you!



Love, Maddy, Bella, Lexi, Charles, and Jessica

Sister Joan Sobala among WOC Panelists



Sister Joan Sobala was part of a panel discussion on the opening night of a virtual gala commemorating the 48th anniversary of the Women's Ordination Conference (WOC). The "Synodality and the Fierce Urgency of Equality: The Call for Women's Ordination Now" was November 17-19. The theme refers to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s prophetic phrase, "the fierce urgency of now," which he spoke of on August 28, 1963 at the Lincoln Memorial during his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, and continued to use after. Sister Joan, who is the oldest living member of the directors of Women's Ordination Conference (1979 to 1982), spoke about the early years of WOC. Other panelists were Jane Varner Malhotra, Director of the Gender Justice Initiative at Georgetown University; Sister Mary McGlone, CSJ of Carondelet; and Notre Dame doctoral student, Amirah Orozco.

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL GOAL: \$26,000

As of this date, 49 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work! Visit www.dor.org to view the video and make your gift.



Go Forth With Christ



St. Monica's author in residence, Judy Predmore, recently released her second book: *Going to the Border: Vaya Con Dios*. The story of her work at the U.S. southern border, just after her retirement, details her own personal experience and that of a Guatemalan immigrant's lonely struggle to become an American citizen. To make the book readily accessible, copies will be available at the church entrances each weekend. As one person noted, "It is better than the first one!"

Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

 [@stmonicaofrochester](https://www.facebook.com/stmonicaofrochester)

 [@stmonicachurch](https://www.instagram.com/stmonicachurch)

 [St. Monica Church - Mass](https://www.youtube.com/StMonicaChurchMass)

Bulletin

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Our links in the bulletin are live! If you are viewing this bulletin electronically, hold down Ctrl and click links in the bulletin to visit those sites.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

Please send submissions by 4pm on Sundays: monicabulletin@dor.org with 10-pt Arial font and any photos.

Emergency Food: If you are in need of emergency food, you can contact St. Peter's Kitchen at (585) 235-6511 or come to 681 Brown Street Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 AM to 11 AM.

How do I give my offering?

1. Weekly offering envelopes, cash, or checks can be brought to Mass or mailed to

**St. Monica Church
34 Monica St.
Rochester, NY 14619**

2. **OSV Online Giving:** Visit our website (<https://www.osvhub.com/stmonicaofrochester/giving/funds>) for secure one-time or recurring online giving.

3. **Text 2 Give:** Text your donation amount to 226-7514.

Thank you for supporting our community and ministries!



ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE?

You are welcome at St. Monica Catholic Church! **Do you want to know more about how to join the parish?** Call the parish office today at 235-3340. It's that easy!

VOLUNTEERS:

All volunteers who encounter youth and vulnerable adults need to complete online Creating a Safe Environment training, background check and sign a Code of Conduct every three years. To complete the online course, go to dor.org online training or email jessica.tette@dor.org for a packet of information to help you.

Our Collection: Week of November 26, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
11/26/2023	4,313	2,480	(1,833)
Year-to-Date	75,250	71,804	(3,446)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$398	
CMA	\$26,000	\$9,420	36%



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah Housel
585-328-3228, ext. 1555
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.

The last two summaries of Pope Francis' *Laudate Deum* letter have been some heavy reading. Heavy, but necessary reading given the state of climate change in which we now find ourselves. But the Pope does not leave us hopeless about the result of the difficulties we face. He ends his letter by reminding us of where our strength really lies. He reminds "the Catholic faithful of the motivations born of their faith," and he encourages people of other faiths to do the same since "authentic faith not only gives strength to the human heart but also transforms life." He also reminds us that "responsibility for God's earth means that human beings...must respect the laws of nature and the delicate equilibria existing between the creatures of this world."



He continues, "all of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family...Let us stop thinking, then, of human beings as autonomous, omnipotent and limitless, and begin to think of ourselves differently, in a humbler but more fruitful way." He adds "I cannot deny that it is necessary to be honest and recognize that the most effective solutions [to climate change] will not come from individual efforts alone, but above all from major political decisions on the national and international level."

"Nevertheless, every little bit helps...Efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence, are creating a new culture. The mere fact that personal, family and community habits are changing is contributing to greater concern about the unfulfilled responsibilities of the political sectors and indignation at the lack of interest shown by the powerful. Let us realize, then, that even though this does not immediately produce a notable effect from the quantitative standpoint, we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society."

"Praise God is the title of this letter. For when human beings claim to take God's place, they become their own worst enemies."

What's This QR Code in the Pews?

Scanning the QR code with your phone camera is a quick and easy way to give to the collection digitally by credit card or through your bank.

1. Open your phone camera and point it at the QR code in your pew – choose St. Monica's or ECD.
2. Click the link that pops up.
3. Enter your contribution.
4. Thank you for supporting our community and ministries!

Support Emmanuel Church of the Deaf



Support St. Monica's!



St. Monica CHURCH

"Rusty Haloes" Senior Christmas Lunch

Thursday, December 14 @ Ezzy's

\$25.00 per person

Choice of 4 entrees, with 2 sides, beverage, and cookies.

Includes tax and gratuity.

Reserve by December 6

Kathy Murty: momdadmurty@frontiernet.net or 585-354-9931

Marcia Lambert: mlamber47@aol.com or 585-472-3114

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses



Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Shopping at neighborhood stores offers unique holiday gift ideas while helping the local economy.

At the **1872 Café**, 431 West Main St., owners Paul & Mae offer beverages, breakfast, freshly-made waffles, pizza, sandwiches, subs, wings, wraps, burgers, soups, salads, and desserts, plus vegan & gluten-free items.



Looking for gift ideas? Celebrate the legacy of Susan B. Anthony with



1872 gift mugs, shirts, aprons, and packaged coffee. Or buy a gift card in any amount. Buy a \$30 card and get a free \$5 card for yourself.

Hear their story, find the menu and more at <https://www.1872cafe.com/story>. Open Mon-Thurs 7-2, Fri 7-3, and Sat-Sun 8-1. Call 323-1872.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US & THE LORD

HOLIDAY MASSES

ST. MONICA CHURCH · EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

Saturday, Dec 23: 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Monica

Sunday, Dec 24: Regular Sunday morning Mass schedule

4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass with pageant @ St. Monica

Monday, December 25: 10:00 am Mass @ St. Monica

Saturday, Dec 30: 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Monica

Sunday, Dec 31: Regular Sunday morning Mass schedule

Monday, January 1: 10:00 am Mass at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's

ALL ARE WELCOME... ESPECIALLY YOU!