

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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*Family Faith Formation fun & faith at our kickoff potluck on
September 17, 2023.*

Are you envious because I am generous?
Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.

– Matthew 20

September 24, 2023
25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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, Sept 23 Pamela Smith Korman - Cheryl Bazil-Vasko
 Sun, Sept 24 Margaret Hilsdorf - Denis & Charlene Lepel
 Tues, Sept 26 Theresa Higgins - Barbara Higgins
 Wed, Sept 27 All Parishioners
 Thurs, Sept 28 All Souls
 Fri, Sept 29
 Sat Sept 30 Sister Arlene Semesky, Sister Joanne Deck, RSM
 Special Intention: Sister Katherine Ann Rappl,
 Sister Marissa Butler, RSM – 514 Oxford Street Community
 (Elaine, Connie, Monica)
 Sun, Oct 1 William & Joan Hannon - Barbara Higgins



**We have several weekday openings for Masses.
Please call Tracy Jordan at
(585) 235-3340 to schedule a Mass.**

We Need YOU at the Westside Farmers Market!

Tuesdays, 4:00-7:00 PM • till October 10



We are seeking volunteers to be friendly and welcoming at the St. Monica booth! Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up for ONE day (only 4 left!)

Our chalkboard offers a reflection question each week where people can write their response at the market.
This week's chalkboard question:

What does kindness look like?

Judy Predmore has just published her second book on Amazon. *Going to the Border: Vaya con Dios* recounts her experiences volunteering at Annunciation House in El Paso, Texas. At the same time, she includes a riveting tale of a young teenage migrant who travelled north from Guatemala. Check it out:

<https://www.amazon.com/Going-Border-Vaya.../dp/B0CH2BSQTH>

The fall season of the St. Monica gardens needs some colorful mum and autumn plants. Please drop off spares at the narthex. Thank you! ❁

Let Us Pray

**Our Deceased
Bruno Zielinski**

Diane (Dee) Zielinski's father

**An end to racism
All those affected by violence
God's creation**



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 September

SANCTUARY LIGHT

All Parishioners



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

All Parishioners



Emmanuel Church of the Deaf now has online giving!

1. Visit the website:
<https://www.stmonicaofrochester.org/emmanuel-church-of-the-deaf>

2. Click the link to give online.

Thank you for supporting our community and ministry!



**This Week at St. Monica Church:
September 24- October 1, 2023**

Sunday, 9/24	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 9/25	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 9/26	12:10 pm – Mass, Church 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking lot & VBS reunion
Wed., 9/27	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thursday, 9/28	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 9/29	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Saturday 9/30	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 10/1	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 2:00 pm – Prayer Service for Creation, Staybridge dock (Genesee St. & Brooks Ave)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REUNION

Tuesday, September 26
Westside Farmers Market
in the St. Monica parking lot
4-7 PM

VBS Families: come by the St. Monica booth to pick up your \$10 coupon to use at the market and a pumpkin (while supplies last)

GOD'S LOVE IS SWEET!
 St. Monica VBS 2023

10:15
 15 PM
 dor.org

Be a part of our NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) team - buy your t-shirt to support our NCYC 2023 pilgrims! 🍷❤️ This t-shirt was designed by our teen pilgrims. Our pilgrims will be wearing the same shirts at the conference November 16-18 and will say a special prayer for all who are wearing their shirts to support us from home. Thank you for helping us with the cost of our pilgrimage, which will be very meaningful and life-changing. Shirts are \$18 each, and the final day to order is October 22. Thank you, and we love you! How to order:

- 📄 Online at <https://forms.office.com/r/z27reEgyye>
- 📞 Call the office at 585-235-3340
- 😊 Order in-person at Mass

NCYC UPDATE

THANK YOU so much for your support of our pilgrims attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in November! We are closer to our goal with \$800 left to raise. We are still collecting returnable cans and bottles, empty ink cartridges, monetary gifts, and prayers to raise funds for our pilgrimage. You can also order a t-shirt designed by our teens! We are SO grateful for our community! ♥



Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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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 and live in these zip codes: 14428, 14514, 14546, 14559, 14606, 14608, 14611, 14614, 14619, and 14624, please contact the **SWEM food cupboard HelpLine at 235-4491**. People from other zip codes can phone 211 for emergency food assistance.

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 September 17, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
9/17/2023	3,113	3,656	544
Year-to-Date	38,538	40,380	1,843
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)			\$406



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

Creation Corner

Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023



"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions... all of these reflect a generous and worthy creativity which brings out the best in human being." (Excerpt from *Laudato Si'* 211)

Conversion is not real nor true if it does not have a direct impact on the care for our world. This impact is based on small actions that, multiplied by the constancy and conviction of many people, are capable of generating great changes.

These small actions, such as turning off an unnecessary light, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, avoiding the use of plastic, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, or any number of other practices, are not very difficult to carry out.

It is enough to start with one of them; then, the force of habit will make us acquire the practice and these actions will be carried out naturally and will increase in number, intensity and effectiveness.

This week, let us pray:

*Creator of All,
Open our ears to your creative, reconciling, and sustaining Word that calls to us through the book of Scripture and the book of creation.*

Bless us once again with your life-giving waters so that the Creator Spirit may let justice and peace flow in our hearts and overflow into all creation.

Lord, hear our prayer.



Milkweed in the church garden outside the side door - the pods are ready to pop!

St Monica Church and Community Christian Church invite you to

Come celebrate with us!

The First Annual Prayer Service for All Creation
Let Peace and Justice Flow

Sunday, October 1
Staybridge dockside along the Genesee River
2:00-2:30 PM

Parking at Brooks Landing Plaza
corner of Genesee Street and Plymouth Avenue

This event, to reflect on our place in Creation, is part of a global movement of the Season of Creation.

We look forward to seeing you.

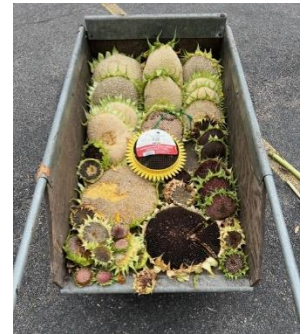
A Way to Support Parish Environmental Efforts at Home

Our successful planting of tall sunflowers at the St. Monica gardens serves environmental needs and has drawn general interest. Bees gather pollen from the sunflower heads and birds, including goldfinches, love the ripened seeds. Several photographers have dropped by spontaneously and taken pictures.

Now it's time for the next productive phase. We need helpers to pick out by hand the fully-ripe seeds for both bird feeding and assembling seeds for next year's expanded garden. Please consider taking home a sunflower head and removing the seeds to be returned to the St. Monica narthex in a provided zip-loc bag. It's a great activity to do while watching TV, before bedtime, or sitting at the kitchen table. The gathered seeds will be used in bird feeders, and some will be planted in the neighborhood next year. Get some seeds for your own garden. Contact John Curran at weekend church services if you're interested.



St. Monica ripened sunflower heads with commercial seed feeder from a local supplier. Birds have already been enjoying the seeds and will continue in the season ahead.



Different variety sunflower heads from the St. Monica gardens developed initially during the 2022 Vacation Bible School with Creation Stewards support. Guess which version is called "Mammoth".

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

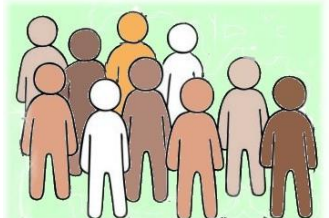
Jesus, who is my neighbor?

The 2021 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year survey from the US Census Bureau offers us a numerical picture of St. Monica's neighborhood.

St. Monica Church sits on the boundary of 14619 and 14611. Altogether, 32,681 people live in 14619 and 14611.

In terms of ethnicity and race the residents identify as:

- 61% Black/African-American
- 12% Hispanic
- 21% White
- 6% others.



There are 12,782 households, with an average of 2.5 persons per household. About 4,000 are female heads of household, and 5,300 are "non-family" households.

Median household income differs widely in the two zip codes.

In 14619 it is a modest \$56,000, although 20% of families live below the poverty line.

In 14611 it is only \$29,000, and 31% of families live below the poverty line. 25% of households have no vehicle.

Neighborhood challenges truly await the light of Christ's presence.