

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



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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Due by 4pm Sunday prior

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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.



Several teen counselors dressed up for our counselor hunt hide-and-seek program during VBS week, creating magic and memories for everyone!

Story on page 3.

The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

- Romans 11

August 16, 2026
20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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. If you were receiving the weekly parish email and are no longer receiving it, please check your email settings and make sure you allow emails from monicabulletin@dor.org.

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. Aug. 15	Patti Grant-Zollo – Family
Sun. Aug. 16	Susan Kerwin – Pat & Larry Battisti
Tues. Aug. 18	For the safety of Immigrants
Wed. Aug. 19	Erna & Bill Gall – Peggy Reigelsperger
Thur. Aug. 20	All Parishioners
Fri. Aug. 21	First Responders – Barbara Higgins
Sat. Aug. 22	Special Intention for Deacon Brian McNulty
Sun. Aug. 23	Joseph Robinson – Mary Robinson
	Bernice Shevlin - Family
	Steve Moss – Kris Moss (40th Wedding Anniversary)



Let Us Pray



Those who are housing vulnerable
An end to racism
An end to war
Caregivers
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 August



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Patrick Bertram

Barbara Klein

Stillhard Family

Family



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

**VBS campers, counselors,
chefs, and volunteers**

The Westside Farmers Market is on!

We need 2-3 volunteers to run the St. Monica booth each week. **Please sign up** by emailing Jessica.tette@dor.org – so we can evenly distribute volunteers across market days. The market runs every Tuesday until October 6th. For some neighbors, this is the first time they experience St. Monica's – help make it a positive one for them!



We Need Weekly and Weekend Mass Intentions!

Please consider scheduling Mass intentions to remember a deceased loved one or celebrate a birthday, anniversary, etc. Please call or stop by the office to schedule. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR VBS!
LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

**JOIN OUR
ST. MONICA FAMILY!**

Pick up a registration form at the church doors,

call (585)235-3340,

or email Tracy:
tracy.jordan@dor.org

to register!

**ALL ARE WELCOME,
ESPECIALLY YOU!**

**St. Monica
CHURCH**



This Week at St. Monica Church: August 16-23, 2026

Sunday, 8/16	10:15 am –VBS Mass, Church 11:15 – VBS Reception, Rectory 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 8/17	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 8/18	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot
Wed., 8/19	8:00 am –Mass, Chapel
Thurs., 8/20	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 8/21	8:00 am –Friday Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 8/22	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 8/23	10:15 am –Mass, Church 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church

VBS 2026: Light of the World was brilliant! We had an amazing week filled with fun, faith, friends, and great memories. THANK YOU to everyone who made VBS so special: campers, counselors, chefs, staff, those who supported us with food and funds, and those who prayed for us. It is special because we have so many caring people in our community sharing their gifts to make it happen. WE LOVE YOU!



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/StMonicaChurch-Mass)

Let's invite friends to experience God's generous love!

Attendance August 8/9	207
Attendance August 1/2	168
Attendance July 25/26	174
2026 YTD Average Attendance	182
2025 Full Year Average Attendance	189

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, email jessica.tette@dor.org for training instructions..

Bulletin

Did you sign up to receive the bulletin by email but are no longer receiving it? Please check your email settings to ensure you allow emails from monicabulletin@dor.org. Be sure to check your junk/spam folder. If the problem persists, email monicabulletin@dor.org.

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.

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!

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



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.

Creation Corner

In this series of articles concerning AI data centers, we have focused most of our attention on concerns many people have expressed about water and electricity usage. But there are other concerns. Air, noise, and light pollution all pose hazards for humans and other creatures living in the vicinity of a data center. In addition, there is a lack of transparency by the industry. Why do we need so many centers? Thousands more than any other country on earth and another 1,500 proposed for 2027? And how many long-term jobs will really be created by these centers? Not to mention the unknowable number of jobs AI may ultimately eliminate.

But beyond these, there are far more basic reasons for our concerns. Our Catholic Church has a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Of the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching, several are especially pertinent to this topic.

The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. We believe that every person is precious and the measure of an institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of that human being. And closely related to this, we are charged with putting the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

We believe in **the dignity of work and the rights of workers**. The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is a form of continuing participation in God's creation.

Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan. It is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

Source: USCCB

Tri-Parish End-of-Summer Picnic
with Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's, and St. Monica Parishes

Sunday, September 13 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Genesee Valley Park Roundhouse Shelter

RAIN OR SHINE... You don't want to miss the fun!

We provide hot dogs, sausage, rolls, and condiments. You bring chairs (if you don't want to sit on picnic benches), place settings, and drinks for your family, plus your favorite picnic dish to share (don't forget serving utensils):



- Last names beginning with A-L bring a favorite picnic side dish.
- Last names beginning with M-Z bring a dessert or favorite sweet.

Games, Food, Fellowship: Got a favorite oatmeal cookie you like to bake? Think it can win a competition? What



makes your cookie stand out from all the rest? Make it and submit it to the Oatmeal Cookie Challenge. No store or bakery purchased cookies can be submitted. Cookies will be judged on taste, texture, appearance, and creativity. **PLEASE NOTE: No peanut butter or nuts can be used in your recipe.**

SIGNUP BEGINS AUGUST 15TH AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME!

ST. AUGUSTINE School Reunion

SEPT 13, 2026

Twin Silo

6758 BIG TREE RD
LIVONIA, NY 14487

1PM - 6PM

\$35 CATERED LUNCH INCLUDED
Cash Bar Available

BRING OWN SODA / WATER, FOLDING CHAIRS

If any questions send to email:
staugustine_melody@yahoo.com

Send Payment To:

Kris Moss
P.O. Box 24463
Rochester, NY 14624

STARTING TO COLLECT PAYMENTS NOW - SEPT 1

ONLY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, NO PAYMENTS AT THE DOOR.

NAME & YEAR GRADUATED _____

EACH PERSON ATTENDING _____

(Please list additional names on back if needed)

MAIDEN NAME (IF APPLICABLE) _____



We are still collecting cans and bottles as an ongoing fundraiser for our youth programming! Bring your cans and bottles to the office or church or bring them directly to the donation center at 2374 Chili Ave., Rochester, NY 14624 and tell them it is for St. Monica's. Thank you for your generosity! We love you!

St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Jim Dalberth Sporting Goods at 925 Genesee St. is a 2nd-generation family business that has served the community for the past 70 years. It is Rochester's oldest sporting goods store!

The store first opened in April 1956 in the back of a barber shop, at 926 Genesee, across from its present location Dave Etzel, step-son of the store's namesake Jim Dalberth, now operates the store with the help of part-time student athlete employees.



Dalberth's has always catered to sports teams at high schools, colleges, churches and others in a 3-county area. Retail customers are also welcome. Low overhead lets Dalberth offer discounted pricing.

Jim Dalberth is open Tuesday to Friday, 12 to 5:30 pm, and Saturday 10:30 to 2. Call 328-9746.