

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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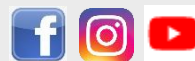
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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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.

Black History Month



The family is all here! St. Monica CYO Athletic Director Tami Divers poses with daughter Tiera and grandson Ethan after the 7/8 grade game on Saturday, January 27.

"Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted."
– Psalm 147


February 4, 2024

5th 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, Feb 3	Linda Nash - Lynn Fulmore	
Sun, Feb 4	Lawrence Walsh - Sandy Chamberlain Leonard Huether - Giblin & Johnson Families	
Tues, Feb 6	Cynthia Kellogg - Donna Whitehair	
Wed, Feb 7	Thanksgiving for Organ Donors - Kathy & Gerry Murty	
Thurs, Feb 8	All Souls	
Fri, Feb 9	All Parishioners	
Sat, Feb 10	Rita Pugliese - Pat & Larry Battisti Elnora Delibert - John Delibert	
Sun, Feb 11	Special Intention for Rita & Dick Kane - Your Loving Family Patricia & Donald Brown - The Kane Family	

Let Us Pray

**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 January

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Vivian Rightmeyer
John & JoAnn DeMott

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Robert, Doris, & Peter Will
Doris Will Meadows



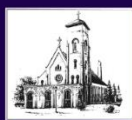
Carol Wightman
Children/family

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Offerings for St. Monica Church, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, and Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church

Mass + Ashes	8:00 am	St. Monica Church
Drive-through	11-11:15 am	St. Monica parking lot
Ashes + Confession	12-12:15 pm	
	1-1:15 pm	
Drive-through Ashes	5:15-5:30 pm	St. Monica parking lot

Mass + Ashes	6:00 pm	Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608
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ST. MONICA CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL GOAL:

\$26,000

As of this date, 86 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 diocese and our parish minister to others. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and think how the Church has brought goodness into your life. 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



Mass intentions are needed for weekday and weekend Masses. Please call Tracy at the office to schedule a Mass said for a loved one or special intention. A Mass intention is \$10. Call (585) 235-3340 to schedule.

**This Week at St. Monica Church:
February 4-11, 2024**

Sunday, 1/28	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 1/29	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519) 6:00 pm – Growing the Parish Meeting - Rectory
Tuesday, 1/30	12:10 pm – Communion Service, Church
Wed., 1/31	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thurs., 2/1	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 2/2	8:00 am – First Friday Mass, Church
Saturday 2/3	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 2/4	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

Upcoming CYO Basketball Home Games

841 Genesee St. in the gym

Admission: \$2

Come support our parish teams!

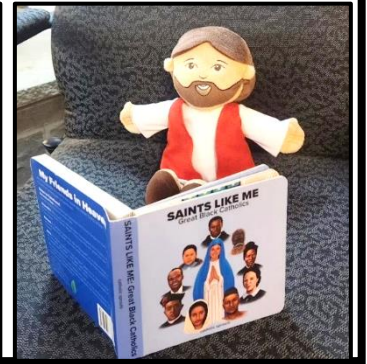
Sunday, 2/4	1:00 pm
Saturday, 2/10	9:45 am, 11:00 am, 12:15 pm, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm

CYO at St. Monica gym is the place to be! Congrats to the St. Monica teams and the Nativity Prep team, both of whom share the St. Monica gym as their home gym and who had games this weekend. The Nativity Step Team also performed at halftime, which was awesome! Go teams!



Coach Charles Arnell offers the prayer before the Nativity Prep game.

Someone's enjoying the reading nook in the dining room!



CHEFS NEEDED YOUTH GROUP DINNER

-  → **Wednesdays 6:30 pm**
-  → **Cook and serve dinner to teens**
-  → **Feed physical and spiritual hunger!**
-  → **Donate ingredients or let St. Monica's buy them**

CONTACT JESSICA.TETTE@DOR.ORG TO SIGN UP!

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!

Our Collection: Week of January 28, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
1/28/2024			
Year-to-Date			
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)			\$
CMA	\$26,000	\$18,535	71%

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.



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.

African-Americans Who are on the Path to Sainthood
<https://josephitepastoralcenter.org/>



Julia Greeley
 (born between 1833-1848; died 1918)

Denver's Angel of Charity, Julia Greeley, was born into slavery at Hannibal, Missouri, between 1833 and 1848. As a young child, Julia's right eye was destroyed by a cruel slavemaster's whip. Freed by the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, Julia subsequently earned her keep by serving white families in Missouri, Wyoming, New Mexico and Colorado — though mostly in the Denver area. Whatever she could spare, Julia spent assisting poor families in her neighborhood. When her resources were inadequate, she begged for food, fuel and clothing for the needy. Julia entered the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart Parish in Denver in 1890 and had a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A daily communicant, Julia had a rich devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin and continued her prayers while working and moving about. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was active in it until her death in 1918.



Father Augustus Tolton
 (1854-1897)

Father Augustus Tolton was born into slavery in Missouri, where he escaped with his mother and siblings by crossing the Mississippi River into freed Illinois. Impressed by Augustus' intelligence and piety, several priests tried to get him into the seminary which proved to be impossible. In 1880 Augustus began his priestly studies in Rome. He was ordained a priest on April 24, 1886. He is recognized as the first Black American priest. Fr. Tolton celebrated his first Mass in Quincy, Illinois before a large crowd of whites and blacks. The next day he was assigned to pastor at St. Joseph Church, a small poor black parish. Although his priesthood was hampered by isolation and economic hardship, Fr. Tolton remained a symbol of fidelity and priestly dignity. Pastor of St. Monica in Chicago, Fr. Tolton became the spiritual leader of the 19th century National Black Catholic Congress. He died at Mercy Hospital, a victim of heatstroke, on July 9, 1897.

A Prayer for Black History Month

Compassionate God,
 who sent Jesus Christ
 to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities,
 create in us new hearts and enlarged visions,
 to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background,
 race and ethnicity.

May we be generous in our love of others
 as we work towards ending racism and injustice;
 creating communities of human flourishing,
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
 Amen.



St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Bring the Light of Christ's presence to St. Monica's neighborhood by patronizing businesses that serve our community.

Main Street Meats in the plaza at 626 West Main St. has our area's largest selection of favorite hand-cut meats, ethnic specialties, and frozen fish. Owners



Kevin & Shannon Rowe promise quality products, friendly, helpful staff, great value and low prices.



Over the years, Main Street Meats has expanded their product line with ethnic and cultural specialties. They have meats and seafood for the neighborhood's many cultures.

Main Street Meats is a partner of Empire Meats and offers all the special pricing seen in Empire's advertisements.
<https://www.empiremeatsny.com/specials/>

It is open Monday – Saturday 9-5:30, and Sunday 9-2.