

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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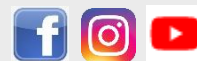
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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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 Catholic History Month



*Our pilgrims to the National Catholic Youth Conference,
November 15-19, in Indianapolis, Indiana.*

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

– John 15

November 19, 2023

33rd 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, Nov 18 John Greene - Patricia DeMers
 Sun, Nov 19 Mario & Ann DiMasi - Barbara Higgins
 Tues, Nov 21 Nancy Slattery - Tom Slattery
 Wed, Nov 22 Communion Service
 Thurs, Nov 23 Happy Thanksgiving - No Mass, No Communion Service
 Fri, Nov 24 No Mass, No Communion Service
 Sat, Nov 25 David Divers - Jean Button
 Sun, Nov 26 John & Ella Vasko - Cheryl Bazil-Vasko



Musicians! Lectors! Greeters! Ushers!

Reminder that you ***must*** be CASE trained to do your ministry.

This is a policy of the Diocese of Rochester.
 Contact jessica.tette@dor.org if you need to be trained or update your CASE training, which must be done every 3 years.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



If you were unable to pick up your shirt Nov. 11 or 12, you may visit the office during office hours to pick it up. Please bring a cash or check payment of \$18/shirt. Thank you for supporting our youth pilgrims for the National Catholic Youth Conference!

Thanksgiving Day Masses at Area Parishes

Our Lady of Lourdes: 9:00 am
 150 Varinna Dr., 14618

St. Pius: 9:30 am
 3010 Chili Ave, 14624

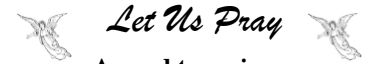
St. Boniface: 9:30 am
 330 Gregory St., 14620

Holy Apostles: 9:00 am – Bilingual (Spanish /English)
 530 Lyell Ave., 14606

Cathedral Community: 9:00 am
 296 Flower City Pk, 14615

104th Annual Rochester Interfaith Prayer Service: 11:00 am
 First Unitarian Church 220 Winton Rd. South.

Questions: contact Deacon Brian.



**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 November

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Reilly Family

Barbara Higgins

Catherine Ann Kress

John & JoAnn DeMott

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT



Elnora & James Delibert

John Delibert

Marjorie Ochs

Your loving children

Did you have a change of address, phone number, or email address?

Please contact the office so we can update our records.

(585)-235-3340 or Tracy.jordan@dor.org

Thanks!

This Week at St. Monica Church: November 19-26, 2023

Sunday, 11/19	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 11/20	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 11/21	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 11/22	8:00 am – Communion Service, Church
Thurs., 11/23	Thanksgiving Day No Mass or Communion Service
Friday, 11/24	No Mass or Communion Service
Saturday 11/25	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 11/26	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

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](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org) TO SIGN UP!

CYO: Remembering David Divers

This 2023-2024 winter CYO basketball season is dedicated to David Divers, long-time pillar of our St. Monica basketball and parish community, who passed away in August. We mourn our loss of a friend, husband, coach, father, grandfather, and parishioner. We honor David by carrying out his vision was to bring basketball and community to our neighborhood. Can you help our youth have positive experiences in one of the following ways?

- Collecting admissions
- Selling concessions
- Setup
- Tear-down
- Running the time clock



We have 3-6 Saturdays that have home games scheduled at our gym at 841 Genesee St. Help with one Saturday or all of them. If you can help, contact jessica.tette@dor.org. Thank you for giving your time to help our community!

Homeless Shelter Crisis Needs Immediate Attention



St. Monica parish actively supports the development and provides supplies needed for scattered-site shelters serving diverse homeless groups. Project Haven is the program coordinated by REACH Advocacy, Inc. that shelters the hard-to-place unhoused. Budget projections fell short due to several factors, including public donations challenged by inflation, the gap between costs and revenue, and delays from county and state funding. Money from state agencies does not become available until the wintertime Code Blue funding becomes available. Persons now living at Project Haven shelters face losing their housing and nutritional support services immediately unless Project Haven remains viable. Please consider donating to REACH Advocacy at www.reachadvocacy.org.

Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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

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

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

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.

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 12, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
11/12/2023	4,313	3,230	(1,083)
Year-to-Date	66,625	66,153	(472)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$443	
CMA	\$26,000	\$8,670	33%



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 third section of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Laudate Deum*, addresses "A Growing Technocratic Paradigm." He describes this

Laudate Deum

To all people of good will on the climate crisis



as thinking that has "gone awry," as if "reality, goodness and truth automatically flow from technological and economic power." It then becomes easy "to accept the idea of unlimited growth." Yet he says that the greater problem is an "underlying obsession to increase human power beyond anything imaginable" in which "nonhuman reality is a mere resource at its disposal." Those with the knowledge and economic resources to use this expanded technology have gained "an impressive dominance over the whole of humanity" but "nothing to ensure that it will be used wisely."

We need to rethink the question of human power. What are its limits and meaning? "Not every increase in power represents progress for humanity." At times, our admiration of progress has blinded us to the horror of its consequences." Its development has not been "accompanied by a development in human responsibility, values and conscience." We do not have "sound ethics [or] a culture and spirituality genuinely capable of setting limits and teaching clear-minded self-restraint."

"Human beings must be recognized as a part of nature." We cannot look at nature as the "setting" for our lives but must understand that "we are part of nature ... and thus in constant interaction with it." Further, "humans have often 'created' an environment, reshaping it in some way without destroying ... it. The great present-day problem is that the technocratic paradigm has destroyed that healthy and harmonious relationship."

"The ethical decadence of power is disguised thanks to marketing and false information. Whenever plans are made to undertake a project involving significant changes to the environment or high levels of contamination ... there does not seem to be any true interest in the future" of the people of the area, "since they are not clearly told" of the clearing of their lands and the resulting decline in the quality of their lives. It is "precisely the amassing of damages considered tolerable that has brought us to the situation in which we now find ourselves."

Pope Francis concludes this section with an admonition for all of us to ponder: "In conscience, and with an eye to the children who will pay for the harm done by their actions, the question of meaning inevitably arises: What is the meaning of my life? What is the meaning of my time on this earth? And what is the ultimate meaning of all my work and effort?"

St. Monica Church Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal: \$26,000

As of this date, 45 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.

SSSS

Soup, Salad, Song and Sweets

Come join the fun on Saturday, December 2nd at 5:00 PM (Right after 4:00 Mass). There will be a soup and salad supper followed by great singing entertainment by our very own Brian Coughlin and Linda LoCastro. We'll top off the evening with an assortment of delicious desserts.

All adults are welcome. Please bring a dessert to share. Although not required to attend please help us estimate food quantities with an RSVP by calling Bob Engle at 329-6313 or by signing up on the board in the narthex by Sunday, November 26th.



ST. PETER'S KITCHEN

Donations of full/queen size NEW blankets would be most appreciated to give as Christmas gifts to the guests at St. Peter's Kitchen. The collection at St. Monica will take place on **Saturday and Sunday, November 25 & 26** 30 minutes before the 4 pm and 10:15 am Masses.

Please drop off your donation at the small garage near the St. Monica Street entrance.

Thank you for your generosity in helping those less fortunate be able to keep warm during the cold Rochester winter nights.



St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
November 25, 2023

This week is a unique opportunity for us to bring the light of Christ's presence. November 25 is Small Business Saturday – a day to support small businesses and find unique holiday gift ideas.

Here are two interesting businesses that share the same store at 567 Thurston Road. On the right side, Charlotte Burch operates **Sensuous Satiables**, offering small gift items for women & men, fragrances, gels, lotions, and jewelry. Call ahead for open hours: 201-1133.



On the left side Maureen Vassal has **Maureen's Magic Touch**, featuring spiritual and inspirational cards, books, magnets, bookmarks, mugs, fashion and personal care items. Maureen is also a licensed cosmetologist and hair stylist. Reach her at 235-5800.