

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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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.



Our community waves hello from the Red Wings game on Tuesday, July 28th! Story on page 3.

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD — for he proclaims peace.
- Psalm 85

August 9, 2026
19th 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. 8 For peace and justice in the world in honor of our SSJ & SSJ Associate Jubilarians – The Oxford St. Community

Sun. Aug. 9

Tues. Aug. 11 Special Intention for Sean McNulty – Brian McNulty

Wed. Aug. 12 Terry Watson – Kathy & Gerry Murty

Thur. Aug. 13 Heather Affronte – Jean Button

Fri. Aug. 14 All Parishioners

Sat. Aug. 15 Patti Grant-Zollo – Family

Susan Kerwin – Pat & Larry Battisti

Sun. Aug. 16 For the safety of Immigrants



Mercy Spirituality Center
presents the August retreat
Prayers for Peace

Prayer is needed in our challenged world—fear, hatred, and violence surround us daily.

Join us as we come to understand prayer as practiced by the three Abrahamic religions:

- Islam
- Christianity
- Judaism

We will explore the religious and cultural practices through:

- a panel presentation by religious leaders
- artisanal creations related to each faith
- experiencing unified prayer in support of lasting peace

Dates: Sunday, August 23 – Friday, August 28
Facilitator: Allison Murphy

Presenters: Rabbi Peter Stein, Imam Ibrahim Atasoy, Rev. Johanna Rehbaum, Carmen Ramos, and Our Lady's Rosary Makers of The Fatima Shrine

Location: Mercy Spirituality Center
Fee: \$525

For more info or to register, visit our website: mercyspiritualitycenter.org
use the QR code below or email Allison at: amurphy@mercyspiritualitycenter.org

 65 Highland Ave
Rochester, NY 14620
585-473-6893

After careful comparison, we have chosen a new offering envelope program with Our Sunday Visitor. This program offers our office a better means of address corrections, new parishioner start-up, and communication with our office computer programs. While you will notice few changes on the envelopes themselves, we hope you will find them more colorful and appreciative of your offering. Please make sure to look through the entire packet each month. There may be some additional enlightening information inserted. Your parishioner number will remain the same, but we do offer a checkbox on the weekly envelopes for people who use our automatic deposit option. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you for your continued support of St. Monica Church!



Let Us Pray



Our Sick
Toni Loysen
Meg Lute's mother
Debbie Leary

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**

This Week at St. Monica Church: August 9-16, 2026

Sunday, 8/9	10:15 am –Mass, Church 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 8/10	8:00 am-1:00 pm – Vacation Bible School 4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 8/11	8:00 am-1:00 pm – Vacation Bible School 12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot
Wed., 8/12	8:00 am-1:00 pm – Vacation Bible School 8:00 am –Mass, Chapel
Thurs., 8/13	8:00 am-1:00 pm – Vacation Bible School 12:00 pm – Rusty Haloes Senior Luncheon, Ezzy's Restaurant Buffalo Road 12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 8/14	8:00 am-1:00 pm – Vacation Bible School 8:00 am –Friday Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 8/15	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 8/16	10:15 am –VBS Mass, Church 11:15 – VBS Reception, Rectory 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MASS & RECEPTION AUGUST 16 @ 10:15 Mass

Join our VBS group as they share songs and memories from the VBS week!
Then join us for a reception after Mass.

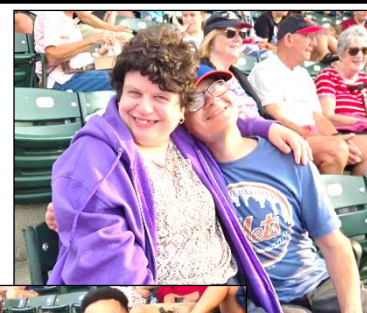
LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Thank you so much for supporting Vacation Bible School with your donations of food, funds, and love! We are incredibly blessed to have such a loving community!

Can you help us welcome VBS families at our post-VBS Mass reception on Sunday, August 16? Finger foods needed.

Please contact Mary Ellen if you can bring finger food or help with set-up or clean-up.
Thank you!

We had a ball at the Red Wings game on July 28! What a great turnout of St. Monica, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf, and Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's parishioners and friends. Our youth singers did a great job singing the Star-Spangled Banner to start the game. And the Red Wings won! A big thanks to all who spent this wonderful time with us!



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St. Monica Church - Mass

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

Attendance August 1/2	168
Attendance July 25/26	174
Attendance July 18/July 19	147
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.

A major concern about AI data centers is the amount of electricity they require to operate. AI requires massive amounts of computer hardware to scale. That hardware demands shocking amounts of electricity. While a new data center can be up and operating in a year, building power plants will take years and cost billions more than the data center's construction.

Many data centers have promised to power the buildings themselves. Even building or rebuilding transmission lines can run into issues making it likely to take 7 or 8 years from the date it is approved. Transformers normally take 1 to 2 years to build from order, but since the data center boom the time period has increased and there have been logistical challenges with delivery.

One of the short-term solutions is to generate power on site. But these self-powered centers rely on gas turbines and would themselves take 5 years to be operational. When they do come online, there are major problems. Elon Musk's xAI operates a very large data center in Tennessee. This center is powered by 59 gas turbines located in Mississippi. These pump pollution into the air, destroying the air quality of people living near them.

Wind and solar power face the same transformer and transmission problems as other forms of power generation. The big tech companies are looking to nuclear power. They are betting on a technological breakthrough that will make nuclear power safer, but that hasn't happened yet. Startups working on small nuclear reactors have been saying they are five years away from a breakthrough for the past decade.

Current data centers are using electricity from the grid, driving up costs for people living nearby. But it could get worse. The growth of centers requiring more electricity will increase the risk of not enough supply in the future, that risk being highest on days of extreme demand.

In New York. While she has not yet signed the moratorium bill passed by the Legislature, Gov. Hochul has signed an Executive Order establishing a moratorium on new data centers while the State develops a framework to offer localities "valuable technical resources and provide best practices to support the negotiation of meaningful commitments from the developer or operator." Sources: 404 Media, NYS Executive Order No.62

Social Justice News

Two social justice issues in the news seem to have collided in recent weeks and months. New York State is enacting a right-to-die policy also known as assisted suicide. Our new Bishop, John Bonnici, has written a letter to us about that issue asking us to pray for a culture of life relative to those in their final days. At the same time, other states continue their policies of capital punishment also known as the death penalty. New York State outlawed that practice via court rulings in 2004 and 2007, but many other states maintain various degrees of capital punishment and use various means to kill their citizens. We are obliged to be aware of what's happening beyond our state borders, too. On July 28th, the state of Florida executed two men on the same day. One was an 80-year-old individual convicted of murder in 1986. The right-to-die and the death penalty are two of society's and our greatest challenges.

Our Social Justice Committee is always looking for new members so if you'd like to see what we do, contact Dan at 585-313-6027 or danlill126@gmail.com.



Give someone some love today!

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) _____

St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Clarissa Street Reunion: Since 1996 the annual Clarissa Street Reunion educates, honors and celebrates Clarissa Street's historical significance in our largely Black community.

In the 40s, 50s, and 60s, Clarissa Street was a vibrant commercial melting pot of Black, Italian, Irish, and Jewish cultures. St. Monica's partner Immaculate Conception church, located one block east of Clarissa Street, was a part of that community.

After Rochester's 1964 civil unrest, a misguided urban renewal policy razed most buildings, displacing the residents and businesses. Only memories remain.

This year's 28th celebration is Saturday, August 15 from 11am-7pm. Enjoy displays, food and 3 stages of music

