

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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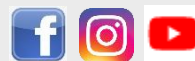
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Walk with us on:



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.



A large group of our St. Monica youth had a great time at Camp Stella Maris last week! Fr. Ray celebrated Mass at camp on Monday, and the rest of the week was filled with sunshine and fun for our kids. Endless thanks to all whose generosity made this experience possible for our kids.

Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves."

- Matthew 14

August 2, 2026

18th 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. 1	All Parishioners
Sun. Aug. 2	John Bowen – Jean Button
Tues. Aug. 4	All Souls
Wed. Aug. 5	Norman, Sara & Riley Will – Doris Will Meadows
Thur. Aug. 6	
Fri. Aug. 7	Robert, Doris & Peter Will – Doris Will Meadows
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	



Let Us Pray



Our Sick
Fr. Thomas Erdle

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**



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!



Catholic School Scholarships

Our parish grants awards to students registered in Catholic schools in Grades K-8:

- o Students in Grades K - 4 can receive \$1000 each year.
- o Students in Grades 5 - 8 can receive \$500 each year.

To request a grant, you and the student must be registered parishioners. Contact Barbara Higgins by August 2 at 328-2134 or higgins@alum.rpi.edu and provide the name of student, the grade, and the school. No financial information is needed. You must make the request each year.

As for the rest of us, consider contributing to the scholarship fund at any time. Envelopes are included in the September and February packets.

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!



This Week at St. Monica Church: August 2-9, 2026

Sunday, 8/2	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 8/3	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519) 6:00 pm – VBS Volunteer Training, Church
Tuesday, 8/4	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot 7:00 pm – Picnic Planning Meeting, Rectory
Wed., 8/5	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church
Thurs., 8/6	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 8/7	8:00 am – First Friday Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 8/8	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 8/9	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

AUGUST 10-14

8:45am-noon * Grades preK4-7
Free + lunch included

Online registration form: stmonicaofrochester.org

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

CONGRATULATIONS to our four St. Monica youth who won the Cross and Star award at Camp Stella Maris last week: Bernard, London, Corina, and Bella! The Cross and Star award is awarded to one person in each cabin who is voted most Christ-like by their cabin mates. We are so proud of you all for spreading Christ's love to others by being the wonderful people you are!



Voices of the 19th Ward by Rob Bell is an article in the *Rochester Beacon* (July 23, 2026) that sheds light on our wonderful 19th Ward neighborhood. Along with examples of neighbors looking out for one another, the article details the important history of redlining, which took place all over Rochester, including the 19th Ward. John and JoAnn and others interviewed share about their experience and how the 19th Ward has worked as a community to overcome these difficulties and become a great place to live for everyone, finding strength in our diversity. Read the whole article here: <https://rochesterbeacon.com/2026/07/23/voices-of-the-19th-ward/>



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St. Monica Church - Mass

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.

Let's invite friends to see our pearl of great price!

Attendance July 25/26	174
Attendance July 18/July 19	147
Attendance July 11/July 12	153
2026 YTD Average Attendance	182
2025 Full Year Average Attendance	189

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.

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..



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

Magnifica Humanitas: On *Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*, is the first encyclical of Pope Leo XIV.

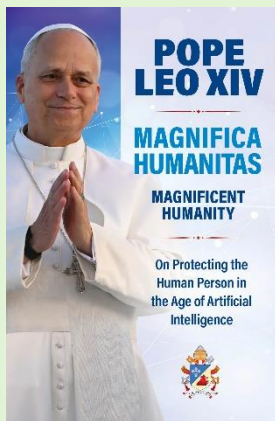
It was published on May 25, 2026, the 135th anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*, the landmark encyclical regarding industrialization written by Leo the XIV's namesake Pope Leo XVIII.

Rerum Novarum is commonly regarded as one of the foundational texts of the modern social doctrine of the Church. *Magnifica Humanitas* recalls and reinterprets its social concern in light of the transformations being brought about by artificial intelligence.

Technology is developing at an exponential rate – years, not decades - before AI is predicted to match and exceed human intelligence. Pope Leo describes this rapid phase of transition as a “change of era”. He is calling us to be attentive to what is unfolding and to ask: “What are we building? Where are we going? Toward what goal do we wish to orient ourselves? What direction should we choose as people and as a human community?” (MH, 6).

Keep these questions in mind as we continue to learn more about AI and data centers in future Creation Corner articles, along with more on Pope Leo's letter. Read the entire encyclical here:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>



Information Session: Supporting Our Immigrant Neighbors

Wednesday, August 5, 7:00 pm
St. Monica Church
831 Genesee St., Rochester

Rochester Rapid Response Network and St. Monica Church invite you to attend an info session about how to support our immigrant neighbors in the 19th Ward neighborhood and beyond.

Learn about:

- who to reach out to
- who to call and when
- ICE tactics
- your rights
- how to find community trainings
- how you can contribute to support networks, whatever your capacity and interest!

Did you know that:

- Neighbors have disappeared to detention or deportation?
- Neighbors are not leaving their homes out of fear?
- Neighbors can't go to work or school out of fear?
- Roofers, landscapers, and contractors are being targeted?
- There are mutual aid networks to help our neighbors?

RSVP welcome:
585-436-8999



Social Justice News

SAINT'S PLACE: For many years, Saint's Place has been a vital source of support for refugees in our community. Even though few legal refugees are being resettled in Rochester, Saint's Place continues its important work, providing clothing, furniture, and household goods to refugees who have been here for a few years or longer. In addition, its ministry's Educational Initiative has provided more than \$103,000 in the last fiscal year to help lift refugees out of poverty by providing funds for partial college tuition and vocational training, laptops, textbook purchases, and more. The proceeds from Saint's Place Annual Super Sale are vital to these efforts. The fundraiser will be held Aug. 4-7, 2026 in the large gym of the parish center at St. John of Rochester Church, 10 Wickford Way, Fairport, right off Route 31. You'll find great deals on purses, jewelry, dishes, glassware, small kitchen appliances, furniture, linens, electronics, books, toys, artwork, sporting goods, bikes, clothing and collectible items. Schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, Aug 4th 10:00 AM -7:00PM: First Chance Sale, \$10 entry fee, cash only. 10% off all day
- Wed. Aug 5th 10:00 AM -7:00 PM: Opening Day, free admission begins
- Thurs. 10:00 AM -7:00PM: All items half price.
- Fri. 9:00 AM to Noon or until all items are gone. 5\$ Bag Sale, five bag limit. Credit cards accepted.

Please spread the word and help Saint's Place with our mission to “Welcome the stranger.”

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.

2026 Picnic Planning Meeting

Are you planning to attend the end-of-summer picnic this year? Would you be able to help with the planning and organizing of the picnic? If so, you are invited to attend a planning meeting on **Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 pm in the rectory**. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to volunteer, please contact one of the picnic co-chairs: Meg Lute at mlute@rochester.rr.com or Debbie Diederich at dfdiederich270@gmail.com. We will be glad to have you on the volunteer team.

St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

St. Monica's neighborhood still has actual “mom & pop” family businesses offering quality service. Here's a summer favorite!



Thurston Village Ice Cream

at 338 Thurston Rd. is a family business open summers. They feature 10 flavors of Perry's ice cream and sherbet. Meet owner Tony Clark and family. Enjoy a cone at a sidewalk table or visit the community garden next to the shop. The shop is open every day, 1 pm until 7.

