

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

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Rochester, NY 14619

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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.

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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Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to
prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself,
so that where I am you also may be.

- John 14

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday
of Easter

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. May 2	Daniel Tasciotti – Jane Tasciotti
Sun. May 3	Rev. Thomas Reddington – Bob & Karen Engle
Tues. May 5	Special Intention for Mike Favata – Jean Button
Wed. May 6	All Parishioners
Thur. May 7	Bernardine Gordon – Ed & Patty Giblin
Fri. May 8	Rita Pugliese – Family
Sat. May 9	Patti Grant-Zollo – Family
	Rita Pugliese - Family
Sun. May 10	All Living & Deceased Mothers



Let Us Pray



**Our Deceased
Michael Maccio**

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 May



SANCTUARY LIGHT

**Guy, Rita, Annabelle Pugliese
& Norma Caiazza**
Pugliese Family

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT



Rhonda Neri
John Delibert

The Westside Farmers Market starts in June! We are once again looking for 2-3 volunteers to run the St. Monica booth each week. **Please sign up** by emailing Jessica.tette@dor.org – we want to make sure we evenly distribute volunteers across market days. The market runs every Tuesday from June 2nd-October 6th.



Finance Committee Update

Thank you for your very generous support of St. Monica's and the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

- We achieved 100% of our goal!
- Our expenses exceed our revenues. We used our reserves to cover the excess. In the past the revenue from the school was used to cover the deficit.
- Average attendance is 188 with significant attendance on Palm Sunday and Easter.
- What can you do today to help us get to 200 people by the end of May?

Financial Report
for the period July 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

Operating Revenue

Parish Revenue	\$185,619
Daly Trust	\$71,941
Total Operating Revenue	\$257,560

Operating Expenses

Salaries, Benefits & Shared Services	\$224,143
Buildings and Grounds	\$85,054
Insurance	\$42,147
School Assessment	\$19,500
Ministries and programs	\$7,433
Supplies	\$10,679
All other expenses	\$22,609
Total Expenses	\$411,565

Excess Expenses over Revenue	(\$154,005)
Reserve (Patrimony) Funds Used	\$154,005
Remaining Reserves	\$1,628,643

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!

This Week at St. Monica Church: May 3-10, 2026

Sunday, 5/3	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 5/4	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 5/5	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 6:00 pm – Welcome Committee Meeting, Rectory
Wed., 5/6	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel 5:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 5/7	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Group, Dining Room
Friday, 5/8	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 5/9	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 5/10 Mother's Day	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am - ECD Mass, Church

Thank you to the Welcome Committee and Terry and Joe Braun's coffee hour team for hosting the "Welcome to Spring" taco and ice cream party! Thank you to all who attended and enjoyed the delicious food and the warm community fellowship.



Tim has officially earned the rank of Eagle Scout! Way to go, Tim! We are so proud of you for all your hard work to get to this point. You rock!



There are only 3 youth group Wednesdays that need coverage for this academic year. Can you help? Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org!

HELP FEED OUR TEENS

YOUTH GROUP DINNER PROGRAM



Wednesdays during the school year, 6:30-7pm



- Cook and serve,
- send a meal,
- or give a \$ gift



Feed physical and spiritual hunger



Studies show that **food** is an important factor in youth group attendance!



Let's support our teens on their faith journey!

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.



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!

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

It's been well documented that cows and pigs often endure a lot of cruelty when they are raised on a crowded industrial farm. But there is some promising news. A university is using augmented reality to help humans get a clearer view of what life is like for their livestock.

Journalist Hope Kirwan of Wisconsin Public Radio reported recently that the Humane Handling Institute at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls is helping farmers to see their facilities through a cow's eyes. The Animal Eye Simulator consists of virtual reality goggles and a 360-degree camera mounted on a safety helmet worn by a human.

"The program mimics the panoramic vision of cattle, who can see more than 300 degrees around them," Kirwan reported. "The clearest point of vision is directly in front, while much of the cow's peripheral vision is blurry because their eyes are located on the sides of their head."

Cows have different attributes from humans that can often explain why a cow might suddenly stop or change their behavior, said Ashlynn Kirk, program manager of the Humane Handling Institute. Cows lack depth perception and their eyes take longer to adjust from a dimmer indoor environment to sunlight outside.

Using the simulator has already helped UW-River Falls improve their facilities, Kirk said. She found by wearing the simulator that vertical metal bars used in their pens were disorienting to cattle. "So we put up solid sides, and you can see through the augmented reality goggles that it's really easy to tell which way is out of the pen." Using the device can also help prevent accidental injury and deaths to animals. To read the entire article, visit

<https://www.kcur.org/environment-agriculture/2026-03-30/cow-vision-goggles-animal-welfare>

Holy Beginnings Outreach

Cordially invites you to join us in prayer and fellowship, for monthly gatherings of our LGBTQ+ community (family, friends and allies welcome as well).

**First Thursdays Every Month
Thursday May 7th**

**Mass at 6pm (adoration at 5:30pm)
Gathering 6:45-7:45 pm**

**Join others from around the diocese!
St. Rita Catholic Parish
1008 Maple Drive, Webster 14580**

Holy Beginnings is a collaboration of Catholic faith communities fostering inclusion and dialogue to those on the margins of the church and society, allowing us, as children of God, to live our call authentically.

Learn more: holybeginnings.org

Contact: Deacon Jim Fien at James.Fien@dor.org

St. Monica
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**

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Roadway construction for Bull's Head Revitalization is underway at the intersection of Genesee and West Main Streets. The finished design will be safer for pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles. Plans resulted from over 20 years of community involvement.



City engineers met with neighbors last week to design a "pocket park" historical display at Bull's Head. Contributing were St. Monica parishioners Jean Button, Sheila Clemens, John Curran, Joan Favata and Mary Fran Kolbuc.

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

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JACKSON

WITH
THOMAS
DORSEY

**MAY 3, 2026
4:00PM**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH
445 FREDERICK DOUGLASS ST.
ROCHESTER, NY 14608**



MAGGIE MOORE



MARVIN RODGERS



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DANCERS