

St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

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Rochester, NY 14619

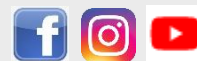
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Walk with us on:



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.

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.

Black History Month



Parishioner Ambrose Nwaimo proclaims the Word of God on Sunday, February 18.

"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

– Romans 8

February 25, 2024

2nd Sunday

of Lent

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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 Saturdays during lent from 2:30-3:30 or by appointment – call office at (585) 235-3340 to schedule.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, Feb 24 Erna & Bill Gall - Peggy Reigelsperger
 Sun, Feb 25 Joan Giblin - Patty & Ed Giblin
 Special Intention for Foster Nichols - Robert & Kristin Boyd
 Tues, Feb 27 Barbara Borgus - Donna Whitehair
 Wed, Feb 28 All Parishioners - Linda Pugliese
 Thurs, Feb 29 Cynthia Kellogg - Cathy & Bill Ripperger
 Fri, March 1 Betty Bunce - Doris Will Meadows
 Sat, March 2 Daniel & Anjanette Danieu - Patty Danieu
 Sun, March 3 Lorraine K. Yanz - David Yanz



Holy Week 2024

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

Palm Sunday Mass: 9:00 am - Immaculate Conception
March 24 10:00 am - St. Monica Church & Emmanuel Church of the Deaf

Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration: March 28 7:00 pm
 Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
 8:00-9:00 pm - Adoration

Good Friday Service: March 29 Noon - Immaculate Conception
 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608

Stations of the Cross in ASL with interpreter: 6:00 pm
 Emmanuel Church of the Deaf

Easter Vigil: March 30 7:01 pm
 St. Monica Church

Easter Sunday Mass: March 31

9:00 am - Immaculate Conception Church
 10:15 am - St. Monica Church + Easter Egg Hunt
 11:30 am - Emmanuel Church of the Deaf

All are welcome, especially you!

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL GOAL: \$26,000

As of this date, 90 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* 


Let Us Pray


Our Sick
Tom Diederich
 Debbie Diederich's husband

Sister Margaret Deegan, RSM

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 February
SANCTUARY LIGHT
 **Vivian Rightmeyer**
 John & JoAnn DeMott

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT
 **Robert, Doris, & Peter Will**
 Doris Will Meadows
Carol Wightman
 John Delibert

Stations of the Cross will only be online this year. Please join us virtually:

<https://bit.ly/49fh9xc>

This Week at St. Monica Church: February 25-March 3, 2024

Sunday, 2/25	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation and First Reconciliation Prep, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 2/26	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 2/27	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 2/28	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thurs., 2/29	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 3/1	8:00 am – First Friday Mass, Church
Saturday 3/2	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 3/3	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation and First Reconciliation Prep, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

Thank you to all who participated in Ash Wednesday and made it special. We are blessed to be on this Lenten journey together! Check our social media for more pictures or find our story on 13 WHAM news.



This Lent, give to those in need right here in our own community!
All you need to bring is your time and chef skills to help feed the teens in our youth group.
St. Monica can pay for ingredients.
Can you give one Wednesday to help our youth?

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!

Congratulations to Ian Miller on winning Class B Sectional Swimmer of the Meet! Ian won both individual events and was part of two 1st place relay teams.

He is also one of our Confirmation candidates this year. Way to go Ian - best of luck at States!



SECTION V CLASS B SWIMMING
SWIMMER OF THE MEET
IAN MILLER

Parish Bookkeeper - seeking qualified applicants for this 25-hr position that will oversee all disbursement and collection activities of multiple parishes. Degree in accounting or finance required. Please send resume to Carol Wynne at carol.wynne@dor.org.

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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 February 18, 2024

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
2/18/2024	2,875	3,339	464
Year-to-Date	118,475	112,105	(6,370)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$328	
CMA	\$26,000	\$19,295	74%

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 Housel
 585-328-3228, ext. 1555
 Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
 or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.

Panhandling in Our Neighborhood

If you have been to St. Monica's, you have likely encountered someone in the church or parking lot asking for money. Parishioners have been asked to refrain from giving out money for several reasons, including:

- Giving money is not a sustainable ministry that St. Monica's can offer. There are other organizations that are set up to help people in the ways that they need.
- We do not want to encourage repeated visits to ask for money or word getting around that "St. Monica's gives out money."
- We have multiple programs for youth and vulnerable adults that operate in our spaces, and any present adults require *Creating a Safe Environment* training.
- We know the situations of several of the people who ask for money, and they are connected with organizations that can help them.

We **DO** want to maintain human dignity in our interactions with others. If someone asks for money, please:

1. Respond with kindness while maintaining the boundary: "I'm sorry, but we don't give out money here."
2. You may invite them to stay for Mass or coffee hour if applicable.
3. Inform a staff member so we can reinforce the boundary with individuals that we do not ask for or give money out in church, and so we can connect them with appropriate services, if applicable.

For further information, speak with any of the parish staff. Thank you!



Creation Corner

Catholic tradition for Lent has involved fasting and abstinence since time out of mind. Both options for Lenten observance presented this week involve food and how it affects us and our caring for the planet.

Greener Lent: Greener Lent presents four plans to reduce our consumption of meat and cheese and to learn more about why these actions are so important to the health of our planet. Find at www.greenerlent.org.

2024 Lenten Calendar: Transformation Begins at a Table: This calendar, developed by the sisters of Charity of New York and St. Elizabeth, focuses on forming a new relationship with food. Each day presents an activity (eat at a restaurant of a culture different from your own) or a thought to consider (pause before your meal and reflect – "in this food, the entire universe is supporting my existence"). Find at www.scnj.org.

Client Choice Volunteers Needed

The SWEM Emergency Food Cupboard, located now at the Gates Presbyterian Church at 1049 Wegman Road, is looking for volunteers to assist clients with shopping at the cupboard. Here are the times needed for volunteers:

- Tuesdays - 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM
- Wednesdays - 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM
- Thursdays - 11 AM to 1:30 PM

Training will be provided. Volunteers can work once a week, once a month or at whatever schedule is convenient. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jody LaRose at 247-5932 or jbowenlarose@gmail.com.

Lenten Series with Sr. Barbara Moore at Saint Catherine of Siena (Mendon, NY) and online February 24, March 2, March 9, & March 16 at 10:00 AM

Embrace the spirit of Lent with a profound journey through the Seven Last Words of Jesus, guided by the wisdom of Sister Barbara Moore. We invite you to join us for a special Lenten Series that promises spiritual reflection, inspiration, and growth.

Sister Barbara Moore will lead us in exploring the deep meaning behind the Seven Last Words, offering insights that will resonate with your heart and soul. This series is an opportunity for personal reflection and communal growth during this sacred season of Lent.

Can't make it in person? No worries! St. Catherine's has you covered. The Lenten Series will be streamed live on St. Catherine's YouTube Channel, allowing you to participate from the comfort of your home. You can also watch the sessions on-demand at your convenience.

Save the dates, invite your friends and family, and let us come together as a community to delve into the profound teachings of Jesus.

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Revitalization plans are moving forward for the Bull's Head area at the north end of Genesee Street after decades of disinvestment and neglect. Several St. Monica parishioners are involved.



Developers presented renderings at the January 22nd public meeting. The concepts proposed a new ESL bank, new stores, apartments, townhomes, and some job opportunities. The full presentation is online at

<https://developroc.com/projects/>. This week, City engineers will present street changes and work to support the coming development.

BULL'S HEAD PROJECT STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Tuesday, February 27, 6 pm

Salvation Army, 100 West Ave.

There are upgrades for pedestrians, vehicles, bicycles, and bus riders. Everyone's comments are welcome.

