

St. Monica CHURCH

All are welcome here!

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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.



Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— Isaiah 60

January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

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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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, Jan 6 Special Intentions Fr. Ray Fleming - Donna Whitehair
 Sun, Jan 7 Special Intentions Tiera Divers - Justine Alston Payne
 Tues, Jan 9 All Souls
 Wed, Jan 10
 Thurs, Jan 11 Ray Tette - Donna Whitehair
 Fri, Jan 12 All Parishioners
 Sat, Jan 13 Betty Bunce - Jane Tasciotti
 Sun, Jan 14 Betty Bunce - John & JoAnn DeMott



Mass intentions are needed for weekday and weekend Masses.
 Please call Tracy at the office to schedule as Mass said for a loved one or special intention.
 Call (585) 235-3340 to schedule.

School Break Youth Group Outing

On December 27, our youth group went to ISmash rage room in Rochester. We had a great time letting out our emotions in a healthy way! Our youth ministry would not be possible without the support and love of our community. Thank you!



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

As of this date, 76 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.



Go Forth With Christ



Let Us Pray

**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 January



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Raymond Tette

John & JoAnn DeMott



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

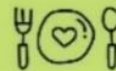
World Peace

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!

This Week at St. Monica Church: January 7-14, 2024

Sunday, 1/7	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 1/8	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 1/9	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 1/10	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thurs., 1/11	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 1/12	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Saturday 1/13	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 1/14	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

Hygiene Products for Refugees

We're asking St. Monica's parish to help us collect basic hygiene products for our families at Mary's Place Refugee Outreach, located in the former Holy Rosary Church on Lexington Avenue.

Mary's Place distributes basic hygiene goods to nearly 300 refugee families on the first Wednesday of every month. Here's the list of hygiene products needed:

1. Bar soap
2. Large shampoo (no conditioner)
3. Large toothpaste (full tubes, not travel tubes)
4. Deodorant (stick or roll-on)
5. Menstrual pads.

All donations are greatly appreciated. - Mary's Place Staff

Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex.



MARY'S PLACE
REFUGEE OUTREACH
BLOSSOM ON NEW GROUND

*A welcoming
community for
refugee
empowerment*

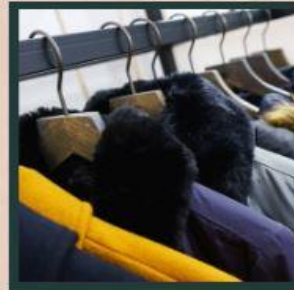
For local emergency shelter information please go to REACH News: <https://reachadvocacy.org/>

Can you help with the St. Monica's Annual MLK. Day Coat Giveaway?
Organize coats, assist shoppers, make s'mores, and more.
Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org to make your mark!

WE NEED COATS
(AND WINTER ACCESSORIES)

WE ARE IN NEED OF WARM, CLEAN COATS, HATS, SCARVES, AND GLOVES FOR ADULTS, TEENS, AND CHILDREN.

ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL MLK DAY COAT GIVEAWAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2:00-4:00 PM



Donations can be brought to the office at **34 Monica Street** Monday-Friday, **10:00am-2:30pm** -ring the bell at the front office door-

or to **Mass** to the box in the narthex until **January 10.**

To arrange another drop-off time, contact jessica.tette@dor.org.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY WARM!

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/StMonicaChurch)

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!



Our Collection: Week of December 31, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
12/31/2023	4,750	5,842	1,092
Year-to-Date	99,000	91,523	(7,477)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$152	
CMA	\$26,000	\$13,875	53%

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

Creation Corner

Last weekend, Don Cudzilo invited us all to meet after the 4PM Mass on January 20 to discuss and share thoughts about Pope Francis' *Laudate Deum* - Praise God - letter. The Pope tells us we must act with urgency to slow and stop the climate devastation that is happening to our home. We need to look at what this means for our congregation. For the past two years, we have been learning what we can do as individuals and, to some degree, as a parish. Is this enough? Do we need to do more? If so, what? These are not easy questions and the input from as many people as possible will be needed to look for answers. Part of our Mission Statement reads "WE answer the call to live out our baptismal vocation..." so please, as many WE as possible come on Saturday, January 20 after Mass.



Congratulations to our dear Emma, who got baptized on Christmas Day, and her family! This Christmas Day baptism was fitting because Emma played the role of baby Jesus in our Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve. Emma's brother and father provided some music for her baptism as a special gift. What a beautiful event!



St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Non-profit businesses serve our neighborhood with goods and services, and also provide residents with jobs.



The Salvation Army Thrift Store at 745 West Ave. is a huge 11,000 square foot shopping opportunity for budget-minded families. The store has clothing, footwear, housewares, books, furniture, appliances, music, video, toys and more. There is also a donation center where neighbors can drop off gently-used articles.

Proceeds from the store sales fund the adjacent Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, where those struggling with drugs and alcohol find help, hope, and a second chance at life.

The Salvation Army Thrift Store is open Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.



THANK YOU, ST. MONICA

On December 15th, St. Peter's kitchen gave 300 blankets as gifts to their guests and, of those 300, St. Monica contributed 86 blankets. Check out these very happy recipient photos.



In addition, on December 16th, 17th, and 18th, SWEM gave away 250 Christmas baskets over the 3-day weekend at their Gates location and at St. Monica's parking lot. And St. Monica donated 55 of those baskets. Then, on the 17th, 59 registered families received baskets (some receiving two baskets depending on the size of the family) and approximately 25 non-registered/walk-in families at St. Monica's. Those 25 families from our neighborhood who were not registered would not have had a Christmas dinner if we had not been able to provide our parking lot for the give-away to serve those walk-ins. So... approximately a total of 84 families were served at St. Monica's parking lot on the 17th.



A special thank-you goes out to St. Monica parishioners for your continuing generosity in donating as well as volunteering, and the McQuaid Swim Team and the Penfield Scout Troop 312 for all of their help. Many blessings in the New Year!

