

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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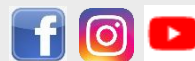
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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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.



Vacation Bible School was SWEET like God's love!

O God, let all the nations praise you!

– Psalm 67

August 20, 2023

20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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, Aug 19 Bruce Letzelter - Jane Tasciotti
 Sun, Aug 20 Donald Sayre - Shirley Sayre
 Tues, Aug 22 Communion Service
 Wed, Aug 23 Communion Service
 Thurs, Aug 24 Communion Service
 Fri, Aug 25 Communion Service
 Sat, Aug 26 Manuel & Caroline Sa - Nidia Flores
 Sun, Aug 27 Melissa Marie - Barb Borgus



Let Us Pray

Our Sick
Margaret White

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 August

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Lucille McGinnis

John & JoAnn DeMott

Rhonda Neri

John Delibert

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT



Riley, Sara, & Norman Will

Doris Will Meadows

Join St. Monica at the Westside Farmers Market

Tuesdays, 4:00-7:00 PM • June 6-October 10



We are seeking volunteers to be friendly and welcoming at the St. Monica booth! Contact Jessica.tette@dor.org to sign up for ONE day.

Volunteers also needed for setting up from 11:30am-4:00pm and helping with baked goods & produce sales at the Co-Op tent. Participate according to your interest and time availability. See Bob Boyd, John Curran, or Bob Passalugo.

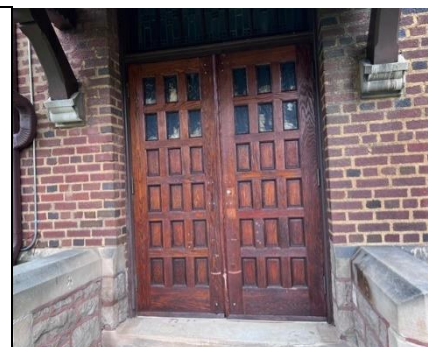
Our chalkboard offers a reflection question each week where people can write their response at the market.

This week's chalkboard question:
What is something SWEET in your life?

If you are looking for a way to help others, make new friends, and stay busy and active – please join us at Monroe Community Hospital! Volunteers are needed to visit with residents; escort them to events and activities on-site; and work in our beautiful Gift Shop and Thrift Shop! To learn more please call Laurie at 585-760-6151 or visit <https://www.monroehosp.org/volunteer>.



The Monica and Genesee Streets "door to nowhere" has been repaired, restored and varnished professionally by Frank, our parishioner.



This Week at St. Monica Church: August 20-27, 2023

Sunday, 8/20	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 8/21	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 8/22	12:10 pm – Mass, Church 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking lot
Wed., 8/23	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Thursday, 8/24	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 8/26	8:00 am – Mass, Church
Saturday 8/27	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 8/28	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MASS & RECEPTION

**Sunday, August 20
@ 10:15 Mass**

Our VBS campers will share songs and memories from the VBS week! Then join us for a reception following Mass.



GOD'S LOVE IS SWEET!
St. Monica VBS 2023

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Responsible neighborhood business operators invest in their property and improve appearances to benefit the community. Of course, it's also good for business.



RaceTrac convenience store and gas station at 874 Genesee St. is a great example. Since its current owner took over in 2020 the store got a new brick façade, new red roof, new paving, a new canopy with new pumps and a new interior. There are large bright windows and the inside is spotless.

Owner Muhammad Khan is proud of his store. He believes that customers, regardless of income, deserve an attractive business – and will prefer to shop there. Judging by the lines in front, he is correct.

RaceTrac is open from 6 am until midnight, 7 days a week.



NCYC UPDATE

THANK YOU so much for your support of our pilgrims attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in November! We are closer to our goal with \$800 left to raise. We are still collecting returnable cans and bottles to raise funds for our pilgrimage. We are SO grateful for our community! ♥

Follow Jesus with us:

www.stmonicaofrochester.org

[@stmonicaofrochester](https://www.facebook.com/stmonicaofrochester)

[@st.monicachurch](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 and live in these zip codes: 14428, 14514, 14546, 14559, 14606, 14608, 14611, 14614, 14619, and 14624, please contact the **SWEM food cupboard HelpLine at 235-4491**. People from other zip codes can phone 211 for emergency food assistance.

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!



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.

Our Collection: Week of August 13, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
8/13/2023	3,238	3,489	252
Year-to-Date	22,725	22,233	(492)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$264	



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

Fall in Love with Nature

Take an earth walk or simply step outside and take a good look around.

Let nature call out to you; sense your natural attractions.

When a flower, or a leaf, a tree, stone, insect, cloud formation ...catches your attention, get as close as you can.

Introduce yourself and state your intention to get to know this being.

Open your senses fully; focus on its characteristics.

Embrace the unique nature of this way of being.

Let the wisdom of nature speak to you; be open to this being as a manifestation of the living loving Spirit of God reaching out to you.

Be present to your connection. Notice your responses.

How is this being of creation a gift to you right now?

How can you in turn be a gift for this being?

How can you strengthen your relationship with all of God's creation?

Send out your respect to and gratitude for this expression of the Creator.

"How [might I] be changed if I could bend forward into the frames of mind of our kindred species. What wisdom would open up within me? How would the encounter transform my mind? What fierce and loving lengths would I go to to protect the chimney swift overhead who just wants to feel its body dipping and swooping in the clear air of a cool June morning?" -

-Patricia Pearce 'Setting Aside Our Human-Centricity' <ppearce@patriciapearce.com>

St. Peter's Kitchen is holding its 7th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday September 8, 2023 at Eagle Vale Golf Club. A number of our parishioners have already signed up and they invite you to join them and have fun! Call or email to get registered: 585-235-6511, email info@stpeterskitchen.org, or contact Bob Boyd at 585-698-4713.



ST. PETER'S KITCHEN
nourishment. community. hope.

JOIN ST. MONICA'S FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICES:

SUNDAYS AT 10:15 AM
SATURDAYS AT 4:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME,
ESPECIALLY YOU! ♥

VBS 2023: GOD'S LOVE IS SWEET!

A huge thanks to all who helped make our week SWEET!

Check out all of our pictures on our St. Monica Church Facebook page.

