

# St. Monica CHURCH

*All are welcome here!*

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[www.stmonicaofrochester.org](http://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.**



*Women of the St. Monica Gospel Choir performing at the summer concert on July 16, 2023*

"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."  
– Matthew 13

July 23, 2023

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org).

**Confessions by appointment –  
call office at (585) 235-3340 to schedule.**

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

Sat, July 22 S.S.J. Jubilarians - Oxford Street Community  
 Sun, July 23 Anne Booth - The Booth Family  
 Carol Olsen - Paul Olsen  
 Tues, July 25 Communion Service  
 Wed, July 26 Communion Service  
 Thurs, July 27 Communion Service  
 Fri, July 28 Communion Service  
 Sat, July 29 Daniel Tasciotti - Jane Tasciotti  
 Sun, July 30 Leonard Huether - Giblin & Johnson Family  
 Deacon Larry VanEtten 80th Birthday - Margot VanEtten



**St. Monica Summer Concert a Ringing Success**

Our community is blessed with so much musical talent! Thank you to all performers, organizers, and attendees of St. Monica's summer concert, which took place on Sunday, July 16 at 4pm. It was a gift to see a wonderful variety of music types and instruments! Watch the entire concert on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d48dMv3vY50> 🎹🎸🥁🎵



*Let Us Pray*

**Our Sick**  
 Sister Joanne Deck, Katherine Ann Rapp,  
 Marissa Butler, Sisters of Mercy

**Our Deceased**  
 Sister Arlene Semesky, Sister of Mercy

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 July**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

**Robert, Doris, & Peter Will**

*Doris Will Meadows*



**Joe Ochs**

*From your family*

**CROSS ALTAR LIGHT**

**Robert & Jean Vane**

*Children/family*



**Pete Klein**

*Barbara & family*

**This Week at St. Monica Church:  
July 23-30, 2023**

<b>Sunday, 7/23</b>	<b>10:15 am – Mass, Church</b> <b>11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church</b>
<b>Monday, 7/24</b>	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: <a href="mailto:kenanddor@yahoo.com">kenanddor@yahoo.com</a> or 880-5519)
<b>Tuesday, 7/25</b>	12:10 pm – Communion Service, Church 4:00-7:00 pm – Westside Farmers Market, Parking Lot
<b>Wed., 7/26</b>	8:00 am – Communion Service, Church
<b>Thursday, 7/27</b>	<b>12:00pm - Rusty Halos Senior Luncheon,</b> <b>Ezzy's Restaurant: 885 Buffalo Rd.</b> 12:10 pm – Communion Service, Church <b>6:30 pm – The Chosen, Rectory</b>
<b>Friday, 7/28</b>	8:00 am – Communion Service, Church
<b>Saturday 7/29</b>	<b>4:00 pm – Mass, Church</b>
<b>Sunday, 7/30</b>	<b>10:15 am – Mass, Church</b> <b>11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church</b>

# VBS WISH LIST 2023

Thank you for supporting our youth!

## TIME & TALENT:

Help us make decorations every Tuesday from 2:00pm-5:00pm starting July 11.

Please contact [Jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org) if you plan to come on a Tuesday. Then visit the Westside Farmers Market - Tuesdays in the St. Monica parking lot!

## TREASURE:

- Chocolate fountain to borrow
- 50 individual boxes of conversation hearts
- 50 packs of gummy bears
- 1 box freeze pops

GOD'S LOVE IS SWEET!

St. Monica VBS 2023



## St. Monica CYO Summer Basketball Clinic

The St. Monica CYO Summer Basketball Clinic was a hit! We had 30 kids, 15 teen helpers, 3 amazing coaches (Ray Smith, Tommy Bell, and David Divers), 1 awesome Athletic Director (Tami Divers), and countless of our amazing adult parishioners who participated and made this third annual clinic successful. A huge thanks to all involved, including Wegmans and BJ's, who donated food to us, Rochester Police Department for visiting us, and various news sources for covering our story of making a positive impact on the neighborhood. We are grateful every day for our awesome community!



Contact Jessica to donate.  
Thank you ♥

### Follow Jesus with us:

[www.stmonicaofrochester.org](http://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

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](mailto:monicabulletin@dor.org). Be sure to check your junk/spam folder. If the problem persists, email [monicabulletin@dor.org](mailto: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](mailto: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!

### Our Collection: Week of July 16, 2023

	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
7/16/2023		3,313	
Year-to-Date		10,246	
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)			\$474

### 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](http://dor.org) online training or email [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto: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 Huseel**  
585-328-3228, ext. 1555  
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555  
or by e-mail to [victimassistance@dor.org](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org).

## Creation Corner

At this point in our history, there's no doubt that we have become a throwaway culture. We are constantly pressured to get the newer, better item, whether or not we need or want it. Oh, and we can get a second one for an additional fee and get free shipping.

Now, in the face of climate change, people are re-evaluating these messages. We are learning that the earth's resources are finite and not to be wasted. In our century, the three Rs have become Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Recycling has become pretty well-embedded in our daily lives. And we are beginning to look at whether we need to purchase new stuff. But we're not hearing so much about reusing things.

Recently, we had a clothing giveaway, which is a great way to reuse clothing we aren't using anymore. Cloth takes many years to decompose when it goes to a landfill, and we don't want to put anything in the trash if we don't have to. So, what can we do about clothing that has a small defect? Maybe it's time to look backwards to what earlier generations did.

Mending was a staple in most households. Nowadays, our grandmothers may not be around to teach us these skills. But we do have YouTube. A simple search for how to mend a hole in clothing turned up multiple videos, not only for holes, but how to mend seams, darn a hole in a sweater, repair holes in jeans, make necklines smaller and countless more subjects. These are repairs most anyone can make; you don't have to be an accomplished tailor.

Finally, when an item just can't be repaired anymore, consider donating the fabric to a quilter or quilting group. There are several in the Rochester area. We can be intentional about our impact on the world!



## Join St. Monica's 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](mailto:Jessica.tette@dor.org) to sign up for a 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.

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>.



**Monroe Community Hospital**  
MISSION + COMPASSION + HEART

## St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

Here is another opportunity to bring the Light of Christ's presence to a mom & pop business whose owner is a generational neighborhood resident.

**Nellie's House of Soul** restaurant at 402 Jefferson is named to honor Nellie Lewis, wife of business owner Mason Lewis. Nellie passed in 2017.



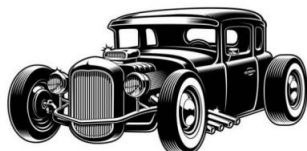
Nellie's is owned by daughter Carol Renia Gibson, who also operates Mason's Deli next door. The family is proud to have operated there for 55 years in April! Order ahead, congratulate them, and take home some real home-cooked soul food.



Nellie's opens Wednesday to-Sunday, 12 - 8pm.  
Call 730-7082

## Alvah Halloran & Son Funeral Home

Proudly Presents the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual



# Hot Rods for Hospice

Classic Car Show Fundraiser & Lay Hunger to Rest Food Drive

**Sunday, August 13, 2023 11am-3pm**

**2125 Chili Ave. Rochester, NY 14624**

Driver's Breakfast, Food, Drink, Trophies, Dash Plaques, Raffles, 50/50

This Year's show will be held the **Same Day as the Rochester Air Show!**  
Watch The Air Force Thunderbirds All Day From Our Lot!

**Bring Nonperishable Goods to Fill Up Our Hearse and Help Us "Lay Hunger to Rest"**

*All Money Raised Benefits Local Area Comfort Care Homes including:  
Aurora House, Journey Home, Patrick Place, Story of Hope, and Isaiah House*

**For more information, please contact Adam Szeluga**

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