

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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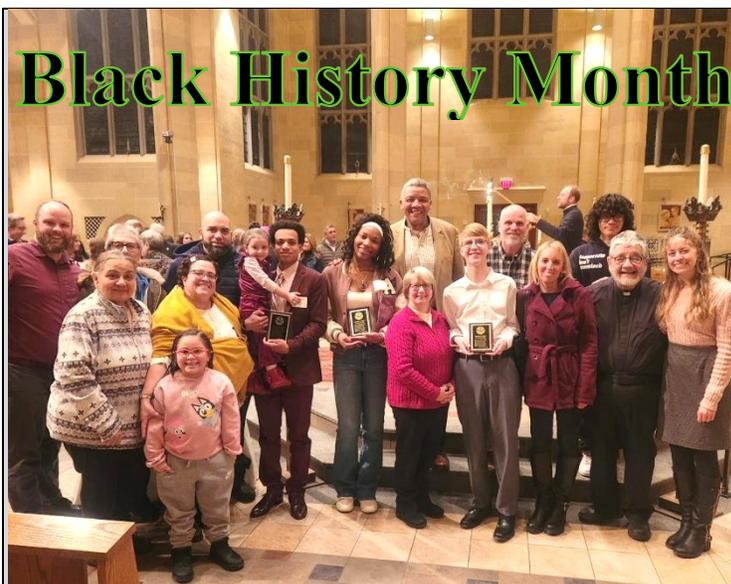
St. Monica Roman Catholic Church of Rochester Vision and Mission

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.

Black History Month



Families and youth group members gathered to celebrate our Hands of Christ award recipients on February 3rd at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Story on page 3.

Before each person are life and death, good and evil,
whichever they each choose shall be given them.

– Sirach 15

February 15, 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. Feb. 14	Rita Pugliese – Family Lydia Livingston – Sandy Chamberlain
Sun. Feb. 15	Henry A. McGinnis – John & JoAnn DeMott
Tues. Feb. 17	Carl Zahn – Pat Fox Zahn
Wed. Feb. 18	Robert, Doris & Peter Will – Doris Will Meadows
Thur. Feb. 19	All Parishioners
Fri. Feb. 20	Riley, Sara & Norman Will – Doris Will Meadows
Sat. Feb. 21	Juba Family – Mark & Sharon Juba
Sun. Feb. 22	Don Wiegand Sr. – Family Elnora Delibert – Family



Let Us Pray



Our Deceased
Eric Steele

Ken & Dorothy Siegel's son

Those who are housing vulnerable

An end to racism

An end to war

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

Rita Pugliese

Family



Special Intention

Pat Fox Zahn

CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Chris C. Wightman &

Carol L. Wightman

John Delibert



Russell Pappert

Pat Fox Zahn

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!

+ Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

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

Mass + Ashes	8:00 am	St. Monica Church
Drive-through	11-11:15 am	St. Monica parking lot
Ashes + Confession	12-12:15 pm	831 Genesee St. 14619
Drive-through Ashes	5:15-5:30 pm	St. Monica parking lot
Mass + Ashes	5:30 pm	Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church
		445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608



St. Monica
CHURCH

This Week at St. Monica Church: Feb. 15-22, 2026

Sunday, 2/15	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Coffee Hour, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 2/16	Office Closed 4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 2/17	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel
Wed., 2/18 Ash Wednesday	8:00 am – Mass & Ashes, Church 11:00-11:15 am – Drive-Through Ashes, Parking Lot 12:00-12:15 pm – Drive-Through Ashes, Parking Lot 3:00-8:00 pm – Youth Group Retreat, Dining Room 5:15-5:30 pm – Drive-Through Ashes, Parking Lot
Thurs., 2/19	12:10 pm – Mass, Chapel 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry, Dining Room
Friday, 2/20	8:00 am – Mass, Chapel
Saturday, 2/21	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 2/22	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

CMA Goal:
\$25,000
81 Donors
\$19,891 pledged
79% of goal



As of this date, 81 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 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!

Congratulations to our Hands of Christ award recipients, who received their awards on February 3rd at Sacred Heart Cathedral! Bishop Matano presided over the ceremony. The Hands of Christ award is given to seniors who act as the Hands of Christ in their communities. We are so proud of our seniors and all the love and goodness they spread in the world. Congratulations to you 4 winners and thank you for being the hands of Christ! We love you! (Not pictured: Marley Knapp, senior and Hands of Christ award winner).



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)

[@st.monicachurch](https://www.instagram.com/st.monicachurch)

[St. Monica Church - Mass](https://www.youtube.com/StMonicaChurch)

Our Collection: Week of Feb 8, 2026

Physical collection:	\$2,143
Online giving:	\$696
Total collection this week:	\$2,839
Weekly expenses:	\$10,516
Weekly Surplus/Deficit:	(\$7,677)
CMA goal: \$25,000 • Given: \$19,891 • 79%	

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..

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.

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.



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

Scientists at Environmental Working Group have found cancer-linked glyphosate in high levels in popular food like cereal and hummus. Glyphosate is an herbicide and the key ingredient in Roundup, the most widely used pesticide in the U.S. It is often sprayed right before harvest to dry out crops, a process that leads to high levels of contamination in food, according to EWG.

Glyphosate levels vary widely by sample, but your best option is to shop organic, advises EWG. Despite the presence of glyphosate in some organic products, they remain a better choice for reducing your exposure to the chemical. Glyphosate is not allowed on organic products, so the organic samples that EWG tested that contained it may have been contaminated by the chemical drifting from nearby conventional crop fields.

EWG staff tested food samples at retailers in Washington, D.C., Boulder, Colo., New York City and San Francisco metro areas. Here are their findings.

Hummus: On average, conventional hummus had nearly five times more glyphosate than organic alternatives.

Oat breakfast cereal: On average, conventional oat-based cereals had nearly 700 times more glyphosate than an organic alternative.

Granola: On average, conventional oat-based granola had nearly 300 times more glyphosate than an organic alternative.

Snack bar: On average, conventional oat-based snacks and snack bars had nearly 320 times more glyphosate than an organic alternative.

If you'd like to sign an EWG petition asking PepsiCo to remove glyphosate out of its food products such as Quaker Oats and Sabra Hummus, visit <https://act.ewg.org/a/pepsico>.

28 Days of Black History

Visit <https://www.28daysofblackhistory.com/> and subscribe to receive Black history information daily during Black History Month. The theme for 2026 is "A Century of Black History Commemorations." We'll trace the moments throughout history we've honored the Black American experience, from cultural moments of boundary-breaking to major individual and group achievements.

A big thanks to this awesome group from The Aquinas Institute for their help last week for their sophomore service day! They helped us organize and clean several rooms and put a great message on our sign. Thank you for blessing us so we can continue to bless others!



Social Justice News

Lenten Soup Suppers Are Back!! On the Saturdays of Lent, after the 4:00 liturgy, we will be having supper and a speaker. The first event will be on the first Saturday after Ash Wednesday, February 21st. Join us for these weekly events sponsored by the Welcoming and Social Justice Committees. We are looking for attendees and for volunteers to make soup, bring bread or salad, serve, and clean up. Sign-up sheets are available at the church doors.

Social Justice Saints: Mother Teresa of Calcutta was born in 1910 in Northern Macedonia. She joined a religious order of women and then founded her own order, The Missionaries of Charity, which today has more than 4,000 nuns who minister to those with leprosy, AIDS, and TB. In addition to the usual vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience, the nuns take a fourth vow to give "wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor." Mother Teresa received a Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, died in 1997, and was made a saint of the Church in 2016. "I used to believe that prayer changes things," Mother Teresa said, "but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things."

Blue Bags for February will be for SWEM - Southwest Ecumenical Ministries - which serves 11 zip codes including SW Rochester and westside suburbs. Please be as generous as you always are and donate canned food: soup, vegetables, fruit, pasta, beans, and tuna. Where possible, choose healthy low-salt alternatives. Our collection will be on February 28 and March 1. Bags will be given out the weekend before.

If you would like to be part of the Social Justice team at St. Monica or if you would like to be informed/updated on events, contact Dan Lill at danlill126@gmail.com or 585-313-6027.

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent offers a chance to bring the Light of Christ's presence to diverse family-owned businesses in St. Monica's neighborhood.

Why not take home a great seafood dinner this week?

Thurston Seafood Takeout at 419 Thurston Rd. has the neighborhood's best fish fry. Choose haddock, catfish or whiting. Or try a breaded jumbo shrimp dinner, crab sticks or chicken tenders. Sides include coleslaw, fries, mac salad, crab salad, fried okra & onion rings.



Hosts Peter Han & Michelle Kim moved their no-frills business to the 19th Ward only 3 years ago, but they have years of experience preparing seafood in other venues.

The shop is super clean and bright. They are open Mon-Sat 10 am-7 pm, and to 8 pm on Fridays. Order ahead for pickup at 448-0049.

