

# 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

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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.**

## 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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*Jesus is baptized in the river during the St. Monica Palm Sunday Passion play.*

The kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy.

– Titus 3

# January 12, 2025

# The Baptism of the Lord

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. Jan. 11 Deceased Members of the Angeline, Flanagan & O'Brien Families & Tom Miller – Family  
 Sun. Jan. 12 St. Monica Choirs  
 Tues. Jan. 14 Russell Pappert – Pat Fox Zahn  
 Wed, Jan. 15  
 Thur. Jan. 16 All Parishioners  
 Fri. Jan. 17 All Souls  
 Sat. Jan. 18 Patricia Moore – Maureen Croston  
 Sun. Jan. 19 Derrick Burroughs – Family



### St. Monica Financial Update

Over the past few months, our finance team, pastoral council (formerly facilitation team), development team, and staff team have worked to inform the parish that with the projected numbers, St. Monica has about 5 more years of financial solvency. With the collection in the red every week (see page 3), it is increasingly important for us to plan ahead and take measures to ensure the future of our beloved parish. Each of us can help, and there are many ways to do so:

1. Invite people to St. Monica's Mass or events. We know how wonderful it is to be a part of this community. Let's share it and grow it!
2. Give if you can to the weekly collection.
3. Put St. Monica Church in your will – see the pamphlet for details on how.
4. Memorial donations – invite people to give to St. Monica in memory of a loved one who has passed away.
5. Living legacy garden plot – “grow the parish” with a plot in our beautiful church garden to remember a loved one.
6. Seniors can give a QCD – see below.

Together, we can work to make sure that our parish continues living out our mission statement: to transform discouragement into HOPE, fear into LOVE, isolation into COMMUNITY.

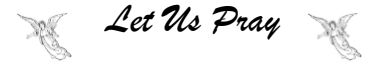


### Seniors May Donate and Save Taxes

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to St. Monica Church from your IRA could reduce your 2024 Taxable Income!

- You must be at least 70½ when you request a QCD.
- Funds must be transferred directly from your IRA custodian to St. Monica Church.
- A QCD will count toward your 2024 Required Minimum Distribution if the funds come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline (generally December 31 each year).

Consult your IRA administrator or financial advisor for details.



**Our Sick  
John Delibert**

**Domenico Donofrio**

**Our Deceased  
Helen Cox**

**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

**Family of Fox Zahn**  
*Pat Fox Zahn*

### CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

**Domenico Donofrio**  
*Family*



### This Week at St. Monica Church: January 12-19, 2025

<b>Sunday, 1/12</b>	<b>10:15 am – Mass, Church</b> <b>11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church</b>
<b>Monday, 1/13</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, 1/14</b>	12:10 pm –Mass, Church
<b>Wed., 1/15</b>	8:00 – Mass, Church <b>1:00 pm – Social Justice Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Thurs., 1/16</b>	12:10 pm –Mass, Church
<b>Friday, 1/17</b>	8:00 – Mass, Church
<b>Saturday, 1/18</b>	<b>4:00 pm – Mass, Church</b>
<b>Sunday, 1/19</b>	<b>10:15 am – Mass, Church</b> <b>11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room</b> <b>11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church</b>

# WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

**ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL  
MLK DAY COAT GIVEAWAY  
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2:00-4:00 PM**

**Be a part of helping our neighborhood.**



Volunteers help with welcoming guests, shopping, bagging, sorting/organizing, s'mores-making, and more!



CASE training required. Contact [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org) to sign up.

**Coat donations will be accepted during office hours until January 15.**

**THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY WARM!**



### Book Giveaway

Check out the two bookshelves in the narthex and take home your very own piece of the St. Monica library! We are cleaning out the library and want to share these wonderful books with our community. Take some for yourself or for a Christmas gift to give someone and know that each book comes with the prayers of our community.



# NCYC

## 2025

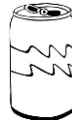
We are thrilled to be sending a group to the National Catholic Youth Conference this November!



Keep an eye out in the bulletin for ways that you can support our parish teens to have an unforgettable, life-changing experience. Thank you for sending them on this pilgrimage with love!

**NOVEMBER 20-22, 2025 @ INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

### CAN You Help?



We are accepting, on a rolling basis, returnable cans and bottles as a source of income to fund our youth group dinner program and NCYC 2025. Donations can be brought to the office during the week or to the church or bring your cans & bottles directly to our donation center at 2374 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624 and tell them it is for St. Monica's. Thank you for sharing your love!

### Follow Jesus with us:

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

Please see page 4 for collection numbers from December 22, December 29, and January 5.

Thank you for supporting our community!

CMA goal: \$25,000 | Pledged: \$13,218 (53%)

### 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 come to 681 Brown Street Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 9 AM to 11 AM.

### 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 Housel**  
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).

**Our Collection: Week of Dec. 22, 2024**

Physical collection:	\$2,362
Online giving:	\$884
Total collection this week:	\$3,245
Weekly expenses:	<b>\$9,423</b>
Weekly Surplus/ <b>Deficit:</b>	<b>(\$6,178)</b>

**Our Collection: Week of Dec. 29, 2024**

Physical collection:	\$5,122
Online giving:	\$404
Total collection this week:	\$5,527
Weekly expenses:	<b>\$9,423</b>
Weekly Surplus/ <b>Deficit:</b>	<b>(\$3,896)</b>

**Our Collection: Week of Jan. 5, 2025**

Physical collection:	\$2,549
Online giving:	\$517
Total collection this week:	\$3,066
Weekly expenses:	<b>\$9,423</b>
Weekly Surplus/ <b>Deficit:</b>	<b>(\$6,358)</b>

CMA goal: \$25,000      Pledged: \$13,218 (53%)

**You Need a Night Out!**

We will be having an adult hors d'oeuvres and dessert party in the rectory on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm. Come enjoy an evening of good food, music, and socializing. There will also be an optional tour of the church building to learn about its history. Sign-up boards for this event are located at the entrances to the church. For more information, contact Bob Engle at (585) 329-6313.



**Social Justice Committee Meeting**

Our first meeting of the "new" social justice committee will be held on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the rectory dining room. ALL are welcome even if you'd just like to see what we are/will be about in the coming months. Please join us if you are available.



**Extending Christ's Mission**  
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL  
Go to [www.dor.org/cma](http://www.dor.org/cma) • See how the funds are distributed • Make your gift

**St. Monica Neighborhood Connection**

*Jesus, who is my neighbor?*

Here is a nearby non-profit organization that serves our neighborhood by accepting and selling all kinds of durable goods.

**Rochester Greenovation** helps keep things out of the landfill by operating a second-hand store where you can donate items others can use and where people can buy things they need at reasonable prices. They have items for everyday living: furniture, clothes, tools, plates & glasses, pots & pans, children's stuff, and lots, LOTS more. See some of what they accept and resell at <https://rocgreenovation.org/what-we-sell>.

Rochester Greenovation is 100% run by volunteers. In addition to selling to the public they also share donations with other local nonprofits, particularly those that assist refugees.



The huge store space is at 22 Flint St., 4 minutes' drive from our church. It is now open Wed. 10-1, Thurs. & Fri. 10-4, and Sat. 10-3. For information, call 494-7101.

This beautiful quilt that is on display by the side door was made by parishioner Pat Mitchell. What a wonderful addition to our nativity decorations. Be sure to check it out!

