

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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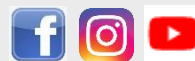
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Walk with us on:



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.



Some volunteers at our Annual MLK Day Coat Giveaway on January 20th. More details on page 3.

As a body is one though it has many parts,
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,
so also Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 12

January 26, 2025
Third 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.

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan. 25	Stephen Marling – Bill & Cathy Ripperger
Sun. Jan. 26	St. Monica Clergy & Staff – Lynn Fulmore
Tues. Jan. 28	Nettie & Carl Button – Jean Button
Wed. Jan. 29	Joseph Robinson – Mary Robinson
Thur. Jan. 30	Special Intention for all our Sick
Fri. Jan. 31	All Souls
Sat. Feb. 1	Lillian & Charles Kase – Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
	Frank A. Tomaino – Matt & Jeanne Dudek
Sun. Feb. 2	Ronald R. Ochs – John & JoAnn DeMott



Let Us Pray

**For the people of California
affected by the wildfires**

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



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.

We will be doing the blessing of the throats on the weekend of February 1 and 2 for the Feast of St. Blaise after Mass.



This Week at St. Monica Church: January 26-February 2, 2025

Sunday, 1/26	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 12:45 pm – First Reconciliation Prep, Dining Room
Monday, 1/27	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 1/28	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 1/29	8:00 – Mass, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 1/30	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 1/31	8:00 – Mass, Church
Saturday, 2/1	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 2/2	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:15 am – Family Faith Formation, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church 12:45 pm – First Reconciliation Prep, Dining Room

MLK Day Coat Giveaway Warms Community on a Cold Day

A huge thank-you to all who helped make our Annual MLK Day Coat Giveaway a success! Despite freezing temperatures, our steadfast volunteers came out on January 20th to spread some warmth in the community. Almost all the coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for adults and children were given away, and guests enjoyed s'mores and hot cocoa. What an awesome way to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy of solidarity and inclusion.

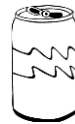


Book Giveaway

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 gift to give someone and know that each book comes with the prayers of our community.



CAN You Help?



We are accepting, on a rolling basis, returnable cans and bottles as a source of income to fund our pilgrimage to NCYC 2025. Donations can be brought to the office during the week, to the church or bring your cans & bottles directly to the 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

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

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

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

Our Collection: Week of Jan. 19, 2024

Physical collection:	\$2,477
Online giving:	\$691
Total collection this week:	\$3,168
Weekly expenses:	\$9,423
Weekly Surplus/ Deficit :	(\$6,255)
CMA goal:\$25,000	Pledged:\$14,078 (56%)

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.

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 come 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

We all live in an urban environment and probably farming and all its intricacies are not subjects we think about every day. But check out this hopeful report.

According to Environment America, a surprising discovery - planting strips of prairie alongside crops - can significantly reduce soil erosion. Iowa State University professor Lisa Schulte Moore says that planting these prairie strips next to corn, wheat, soybeans and other crops reduces erosion by 95%. The prairie strips are planted with a variety of native grasses, legumes, bush clover, coneflower, goldenrod, native sunflower and sedges such as Indian grass.

The strips do more. Environment America also reports that planting the prairie strips prevents fertilizer runoff by 90%. So, along with the immediate area, the strips protect the downstream landscape where runoff can harm plants and wildlife. What's more, the prairie strips provide habitats and foraging sites for pollinators such as butterflies and bees as well as birds, thus promoting their diversity.

Farmers have reported another effect on their communities. It's not only the bees visiting the prairie strips. Local students have asked to have their senior pictures taken with the vibrant and colorful native plants in the background. The next goal is getting to the point where planting prairie strips is common across the Midwest so more bees can buzz, monarchs can float on the breeze and the soil is rich and healthy.

Source: TCD (The Cool Down) Newsletter

Save the date:



St. Monica @ Redwings game on Saturday, August 16

Enjoy a night at the ballgame and support our youth singers opening the game with the National Anthem.

St. Monica CHURCH

SAVE THE DATE

VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL
2025

AUGUST 18-22

8:45am-noon * Grades K-12

THEME ANNOUNCEMENT AND REGISTRATION
TO COME!

Thank you to the two parishioners who made a combined \$50 contribution to the "free meal fund" at the Brooks Landing Diner. Individual neighborhood residents seeking money for food during Mass times are accompanied discreetly to a nearby restaurant to ensure a hot nutritious meal.



Extending Christ's Mission
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal

2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Go to www.dor.org/cma • See how the funds are distributed • Make your gift

Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester Presents:

A Fill Your Souls Day Retreat

Stations of the Cross

An African American Saint worthy Journey



In relation to our lives today, journey with us through the Stations of the Cross with reflective homage to the six African American Candidates for Sainthood...

Hosted by the Notre Dame Retreat House

February 11th, 2025 9:00am-2:00pm

Retreat ~ Lunch ~ Mass

\$35.00 Per Adult

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Need expert help with income taxes? Tired of the costly impersonal tax franchises? Tired of their predatory advance refund loans? Here are two long-serving businesses in our neighborhood offering personalized tax preparation services.



St. Monica Pastoral Council member **Best Batchateu** says "Never settle for less than the Best". He has served repeat customers and referrals with tax preparation and financial services for 25 years. Call 802-3353 or email tax@btierfs.com for an appointment.

Opira Tax & Financial Services

office at 484 Brooks Ave. has served 19th Ward neighbors since 1998. Experienced owner George Opira holds an MBA in Accounting and Finance and serves on the board of the Urban League. Call 328-9650 for an appointment.

