

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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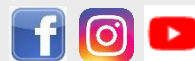
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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Martin Luther King, Jr. by Kelly Lattimore.

kellylattimoreicons.com

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;
there are different workings but the same God.

- 1 Corinthians 12

January 19, 2025

Second 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. 18	Patricia Moore – Maureen Croston
Sun. Jan. 19	Derrick Burroughs – Family
Tues. Jan. 21	Special Intention for All Our Sick
Wed. Jan. 22	All Parishioners
Thur. Jan. 23	Special Intention for Donna Whitehair – Dorothy Schwind & Cathy Ripperger
Fri. Jan. 24	All Souls
Sat. Jan. 25	Stephen Marling – Bill & Cathy Ripperger
Sun. Jan. 26	St. Monica Clergy & Staff – Lynn Fulmore



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 Steve Moss

Bernard Fischer
Mary Ellen Fischer's brother

Our Deceased
Domenico Donofrio
Sara Donofrio's husband

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



This Week at St. Monica Church: January 19-26, 2025

Sunday, 1/19	10:15 am – Mass, Church 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 1/20 MLK Jr. Day Office closed	2:00 pm-4:00 pm – MLK Day Coat Giveaway, Narthex 4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 1/21	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 1/22	8:00 – Mass, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group, Dining Room
Thurs., 1/23	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Friday, 1/24	8:00 – Mass, Church
Saturday, 1/25	4:00 pm – Mass, Church
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

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



NCYC

2025

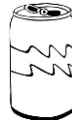
We are thrilled to be sending a group to the National Catholic Youth Conference this November!



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

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

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

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

Our Collection: Week of Jan. 12, 2024

Physical collection:	\$2,384
Online giving:	\$366
Total collection this week:	\$2,750
Weekly expenses:	\$9,423
Weekly Surplus/ Deficit :	(6,673.00)
CMA goal:\$25,000	Pledged:\$13,678 (55%)

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 Houzel
585-328-3228, ext. 1555
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org.

WEEK of
PRAYER
for CHRISTIAN UNITY
2025



JANUARY 18-25, 2025

The theme for the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was approved by the Catholic Church's Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, in collaboration with the ecumenical monastic community of Bose in Italy.

The entire passage chosen for reflection is John 11:17-27, where Jesus arrives in Bethany and raises Lazarus from the dead. A part of that story is the encounter between Jesus and Martha, at the end of which Martha confesses faith in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God. This year's theme was chosen in recognition of the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea (325), at which the words "I believe" were chosen to anchor the Creed as an instrument of universal Christian unity.

Martha then makes the confession of faith, "I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the one coming into the world." What is the result of this affirmation of belief? Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, contradicting the ultimate fear of every human being that death conquers us. Instead, faith in Jesus conquers death.

This theme, by offering a way to see that faith is not just a static set of beliefs, but an active means of receiving grace, is most appropriate for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2025. If faith can raise the dead and conquer all fear, surely faith will bring us the miracle of unity as Christians. Remembering that division, separation and rejection are symptoms of sin, the healing of the Church comes about in the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray knowing to whom it is we pray, as one community. God wills us to reconcile. God wills us to love one another. God will give those who profess the faith of Martha, of Nicaea and of all the holy ones who have gone before us, the precious gift of unity.

<https://geii.org/>



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



Jesus turns water into wine at the wedding at Cana during the St. Monica Palm Sunday Passion Play in 2024.

You Need a Night Out!

We will be having an adult hors d'oeuvres and dessert party in the rectory on Saturday, January 25th 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.



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!

St. Monica Neighborhood Connection

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

The largest share of St. Monica neighborhood businesses represents minority cultures and faiths. What the neighborhood lacks in upscale venues is more than made up for in diversity!

US Halal Fried Chicken & Gyro is a unique take-out restaurant that opened last August at 577 Thurston Rd. The Halal designation means their meals use meats sourced according to Islamic dietary laws, with no difference in taste.



Their signature "Rice Platter" is a huge bed of tasty basmati rice covered with grilled chicken or shrimp, plus a green salad – all for \$10. They also have a variety of gyros, fried chicken, tilapia, whiting, shrimp, wings, burgers, hot sandwiches and salads.

US Halal is open 7 days a week from 10am until 11 pm. Call 355-4447 for pick up or use any of online ordering websites.

