

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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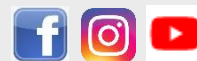
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www.stmonicaofrochester.org

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.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



We all serve God in different ways!

"He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

- Matthew 4

February 26, 2023

1st Sunday of Lent

COVID Updates

- All are welcome to attend our regularly scheduled Masses in person.
- We follow the NYS and Monroe County guidelines for COVID-19.
- Please continue to use hand sanitizer.
- The Sign of Peace will remain contactless.
- Congregational singing is welcome!

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat, Feb 25	Joan Giblin - Ed & Patty Giblin
Sun, Feb 26	James Murty - Kathy & Gerry Murty
Tues, Feb 28	Bishop Emeritus Matthew Clark - Donna Whitehair
Wed, March 1	
Thurs, March 2	
Fri, March 3	All Parishioners
Sat, March 4	Sheila Murty Czosek - Kathy & Gerry Murty
Sun, March 5	Lucille McGinnis - Helene & Kenneth Goergen



† Lenten Activities †

Lenten Journey

Pick up a booklet with readings, reflections, and activities for Lent at the doors of church

Confession

2:30-3:30 pm
Saturdays during Lent

Stations of the Cross

3:00-3:30 pm
Saturdays during Lent

Virtual stations of the cross any time on our
YouTube and Facebook pages

† Holy Week 2023

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

Palm Sunday Mass: April 2	10:00 am St. Monica Church
Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration: April 6	7:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
Good Friday Service: April 7	Noon - Immaculate Conception 3:00 pm - St. Monica Church
Stations of the Cross in ASL:	6:00 pm Emmanuel Church of the Deaf
Easter Vigil: April 8	7:01 pm Immaculate Conception Church 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608

Easter Sunday Mass: April 9

9:00 am - Immaculate Conception Church
10:15 am - St. Monica Church + Easter Egg Hunt
11:30 am - Emmanuel Church of the Deaf

All are welcome, especially you!



Let Us Pray

**Our Sick
Ellen Lill**

Doris Graham

Jim Cook

An end to racist beliefs and systems

All those affected by violence



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. and
Patrick Welling.

Lamp Intentions for March

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Guy, Gary, & Mike Pugliese

Family



CROSS ALTAR LIGHT

Robert and Jean Vane

Children & Family

This Week at St. Monica Church:

February 26 - March 5, 2023

Sunday, 2/26	10:15 am – Mass, Church & Livestream 11:15 am – Coffee Hour, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church
Monday, 2/27	4:45 pm – Virtual Contemplative Prayer (contact Dorothy Siegel to join: kenanddor@yahoo.com or 880-5519)
Tuesday, 2/28	12:10 pm – Mass, Church
Wed., 3/1	8:00 am – Mass, Church 6:30 pm – Youth Group
Thursday, 3/2	12:10 pm – Mass, Church 1:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry, Dining Room
Friday, 3/3	8:00 am – First Friday Mass, Church
Saturday 3/4	2:30 pm – Confession, Church 3:00 pm – Stations of the Cross, Church 4:00 pm – Mass, Church
Sunday, 3/5	10:15 am – Mass, Church & Livestream 11:15 am – Faith Formation/First Reconciliation Prep, Dining Room 11:30 am – ECD Mass, Church

SAVE THE DATE

VBS 2023

AUGUST 14-18

St. Monica @ Redwings game: August 11

St. Monica CYO Summer Basketball Clinic 2023



**OPEN TO YOUTH
IN GRADES 3-8**

**JULY 19-21 2023;
9:00AM - 12:30PM
LUNCH INCLUDED**

**ST. MONICA
PARKING LOT
831 GENESEE ST.**

LEARN AND SHARPEN
YOUR BASKETBALL
SKILLS THIS SUMMER
WITH RAY SMITH FROM
NEXT LEVEL HOOPS

REGISTER AT
STMONICAOFROCHESTER.ORG
THIS IS A FREE CLINIC.

**SHOOTING
PASSING
DRIBBLING**

Come ready to play with shorts,
sneakers, and water bottle!

CHEFS NEEDED YOUTH GROUP DINNER

 → Wednesdays
6:30 pm

 → Cook and serve
dinner to teens

 → Feed physical and
spiritual hunger!

 → Donate ingredients
or let St. Monica's
buy them

CONTACT JESSICA.TETTE@DOR.ORG TO SIGN UP!

**Thank you for donating to the Catholic Ministries
Appeal! We are at 79% of our goal – almost there!**

Give now at www.dor.org

*All funds raised in the CMA are used for programs, services, and
ministries for those in our diocesan faith community. No CMA
contributions are used for the settlement of legal cases.*

High School Youth
Group/Confirmation
Prep, grades 8-12

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)

Bulletin

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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.

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?

- Weekly offering envelopes, cash, or checks can be brought to Mass or mailed to
**St. Monica Church
34 Monica St.
Rochester, NY 14619**
- OSV Online Giving:** Visit our website (www.stmonicaofrochester.org) for secure one-time or recurring online giving.
- Text 2 Give:** Text your donation amount to 226-7514.

Thank you for supporting our community and ministries!

Our Collection: Week of Feb 19, 2023


	Collection Goal	Our Collection	Variance
2/19/2023	3,538	2,450	(1,088)
Year-to-Date	120,013	115,200	(4,813)
Online Giving/week (included in actual total)		\$231	
CMA	\$23,000	\$18,200	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, go to dor.org online training or email 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.

Creation Corner

Lent is a solemn season, but a season full of hope. We may be tempted to grieve and despair at the condition of the world around us. Climate injustice, poverty, hunger, and human suffering appear insurmountable, but we pray and trust that God hears us.

Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in trouble;
My eyes are tired from so much crying;
I am completely worn out.

But my trust is in you, O Lord; you are my God.
I am always in your care; save me from my enemies,
from those who persecute me.
Look upon your servant with kindness;
save me in your constant love. *Psalms 31, vs 9 - 10; 14 - 16*

To show love for our Creator, we respect and protect all of creation. Take a moment to pick up trash off the street or from a local stream or storm drain.

www.creationjustice.org



READY, SET, RECYCLE!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023
6:30 PM · ST. MONICA CHURCH

Join Meagan Evans-Saurini, the Environmental Educator for Monroe County's Department of Environmental Services, to learn more about the County's recycling programs, including the Monroe County / Waste Management Ecopark.

Bring your questions to get answers as time permits!

Learn more with recycling-based activities following the presentation led by our youth.

Social Teaching of care for our common home! Teens will be collecting the following items to recycle at Ecopark. Bring these items to church and leave them in the box in the narthex until March 8, or bring them to the event. Hope to see you there! 🌍♻️❤️

- **Computers: laptops, desktops, and tablets (erase personal data before recycling)**
- **Computer peripherals and cables (keyboards, mice)**
- **Small electronic equipment and cables (VCRs, DVRs, DVD players, MP3 players, game consoles)**
- **InkJet printer cartridges**
- **Telephones and cell phones**
- **Cameras & video cameras**
- **Radios, calculators**
- **Extension cords, cables, Christmas & string lights**

After our 2022 Earth Protectors Vacation Bible School, our teens wanted to learn more about how we recycle in our county. Join our youth group in helping live out the Catholic

Help End Human Trafficking

On February 8, we celebrated the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita. Born in Sudan in 1869, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery as a child. For years, she was subject to terrible violence. Eventually she was "purchased" by the Italian consul and after some time was brought with him when he returned to Italy.



She was given to another Italian family who gave her the task of caring for their child. Both were sent to live with the Cannossian Daughters of Charity, who taught Josephine about Christ. Bakhita was baptized in 1890. When her "owner" came to retrieve her from the convent, she refused to leave. The sisters advocated on her behalf and a court case declared that Josephine was free, as slavery had been illegal in Sudan at the time of her birth and was illegal in Italy.

Bakhita entered the Cannossian order in 1893 and served her community for 42 years until her death in 1947. She was known for her gentle voice and smile, her forgiveness toward those who had enslaved her, and her good cheer even in the face of physical pain. She had a deep desire to bring God to those who did not yet know Him. St. Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of the victims of human trafficking.

Liberate People from Slavery

Peruse these resources about modern-day human trafficking, which affects tens of millions around the world, watch this video, and read this info from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

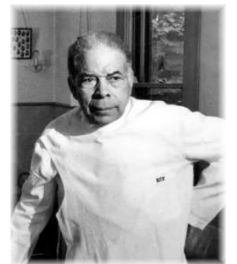
- <https://brycs.org/become-a-shepherd/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-WeSJAR7iRk&t=104s>
- <https://www.usccb.org/offices/anti-trafficking-program/coalition-catholic-organizations-against-human-trafficking>

St. Monica Neighborhood Businesses

Jesus, who is my neighbor?

Honoring Black History Month, here is a modern-day African American mom & pop business that chose to locate their office in a building that is part of Rochester's Black History.

Anthony Realty Group recently purchased and moved its real estate operations to 718 South Plymouth Ave. The office was built in 1965 by Dr. Charles Terrell Lunsford, Rochester's first licensed African American physician! He practiced medicine there until 1978.



Veronica Anthony is a NYS licensed Broker-Owner with over 20 years of experience. She leads a passionate sales team, helping buyers and sellers of homes, apartments, and commercial properties

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