Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s Church

A Roman Catholic Community of African American Tradition

“We’ve Come This Far By Faith”

Mission Statement: The Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s is a Roman Catholic faith community whose worship reflects and celebrates the cultural gifts and diversity of its members. We welcome all believers to worship God, love one another, evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ and serve those in need.

November 18, 2018
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Son of man will gather his elect from the four winds.

The sacrifice of Jesus is perfect and complete, atoning for our sins, and he will one day come again to gather to his side all of us who have followed him. In doing this, he will judge between the living—those who have remained faithful to his commandments—and the dead: those who lived lives not as disciples. Christ’s judgment, then, simply reflects our status, it doesn’t impose it. God has chosen us for his own—we are the elect. Let us respond by choosing it for ourselves, as well.

Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call church office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Baptism: Please call the church office to make arrangements.

Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the parish office.

New members of the parish community are most welcome. See one of the hospitality ministers following Mass or contact the parish office—325-3893.

We worship every Sunday at 10 am
Ministry Schedule

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Altar Servers

Readers
Reader I—Candice Lucas
Reader II—Kathryn Castle

Ministers of Communion
Roxana Weber—George Fontenette

Ushers
Maria Degnan—Alex Cooper
Wayne Uter—Bing Reaves

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Altar Servers

Readers
Reader I—Norma Thom
Reader II—Maureen Corral

Ministers of Communion
Jackie Bryant—Walter DeRouen

Ushers
Lee Wingo—Tom Degnan
Joe Catalli—Tim Sullivan

Sunday Readings

Sunday, November 18, 2018
Daniel 12:1-3 (pg. 60)
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 (pg. 61)
Mark 13:24-32 (pg. 61-62)

Sunday, November 25, 2018
Daniel 7:13-14 (pg. 65)
Revelation 1:5-8 (pg. 66)
John 18:33b-37 (pg. 66)

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018-2019

Parish Goal: $9,909

Pledged as of November 16, 2018
$2,270 (22.91%)

Paid to date:
$1,582.50

NOVEMBER CHRISTIAN ACTION

BE GRATEFUL!

There’s always, always, always something to be grateful for!
Thank someone who is sitting near you.
Thank a stranger (a salesclerk, cashier, librarian, etc.) for their help.
Pray: All that I am and all that I have is because of you Lord!
Write something on the chart (in the back) that you are grateful to God for.

You can track your action on the chart on the new bulletin board in the gathering space. Please share your experiences with Parish Council by emailing Maureen Corral at relax29@rochester.rr.com or place your handwritten reflection in the folder attached to the bulletin board in the gathering space.

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s parishioners will make the world a better place one action at a time.
Christ the King

On next Sunday, November 25th we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The feast marks the end of the liturgical year. At the conclusion of Mass we will have a Eucharistic Procession around the church concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Black Catholic History Month

While you may easily recognize St. Monica and St. Augustine as saints of African origin, do you know of these saints?

St. Cyprian

St. Cyprian of Carthage is second in importance only to St. Augustine as a figure and Father of the African Church. He was born in 190 and throughout his education questioned what truth was and was curious about Christianity. At the age of 56, Cyprian converted to Christianity, sold all of his property and was ordained as a priest a year later and a bishop two years after that. His writings are of great importance—especially his treatise on “The Unity of the Catholic Church. In it he said: “You cannot have God for your Father if you do not have the Church for your mother. God is one and Christ is one, and His Church is one…”

St. Mary of Egypt

St. Mary of Egypt was born in 344 and, at the age of 12, was made to become a prostitute which she did for 17 years. On one occasion when she went to join a group going to a church to venerate the relic of the True Cross, Mary, with the intent of plying her trade, tried to enter the door of the church but was unable to enter due to a miraculous force. After trying without success three time, she began to cry in remorse. She prayed near a statue of the Blessed Virgin for permission to enter the church and promised that she would renounce her sinful ways. She was able to enter the church, venerated the relic and returned to the statue to pray for guidance which she was given. Mary was told to cross the Jordan River and find rest. This she did and lived alone for 47 years.

St. Maurice

St. Maurice was the general of a Theban legion which was made up of Christian soldiers from Africa. This legion was called to put down a revolt in Aaunum located in modern day Switzerland in 287. The African legion was ordered to take part in pagan sacrifices and to harass and kill local Christians. Maurice’s legion refused to carry out these orders. As a punishment for disobedience, every 10th man in the legion was killed, but still the legion refused to obey. The entire legion was massacred. St. Maurice became the patron saint of southern Germany and parts of France, Spain Italy and Switzerland.

Ministry Corner

Liturgy and Sacramental Life

Arts & Environment

The beauty of our church reflects our recognition of the wonder of the Lord’s real presence in our midst. The mission of this ministry is the designing and implementing of liturgical themes for the sanctuary for the liturgical “seasons” of the year. For more information contact Joanne Gordon or Elise Clinkscales.

Faith Formation

Catechists for Children’s Faith Formation

We receive the valuable gift of faith, like a baton, and it is passed on from one generation to another. It is by our lived faith in Jesus Christ that we are transformed to become light of the world and salt of the earth. Catechists work with children and teens for religious education and sacramental preparation. Supervision and resources are provided. Catechists must have profound gratitude for the gift of our Christian Catholic faith and must joyfully give witness to the same faith. For more information, please contact Myrtle Fontenette or Harry Pierre-Philippe.

Bible Study

Adults are able to explore the Scriptures and the mysteries of the Church in this program that is held for several weeks in the fall and spring. Volunteers are trained in order to help facilitate discussions. For more information, please contact Jean Pryor.

Advent Calendar

Opening the windows or doors of Advent calendars is a long-standing tradition for many families. Start a new tradition with your children, grandchildren or students with the Catholic Courier’s online Advent Calendar! Filled with multimedia treats, the calendar is designed to help families and individuals prepare for the birth of Christ. Visit each day beginning December 2 at www.catholiccourier.com/adventcalendar2018.
If you are interested in advertising or including a Memorial
Please call the Parish Office – 325-3893

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<td>BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester Visit our many stores including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Hair Finale, to name a few.</td>
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Welcome Visitors to Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget’s Church
We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again!