

# *Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church*

*A Roman Catholic Community of African American Tradition*

*"We've Come This Far By Faith"*



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**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 26, 2023*

## *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

*We celebrate Jesus, our king and true shepherd.*

*"To which king should I be loyal?" is not a question many of us face in modern times, but for both faithful Jews and followers of Jesus, it was a decision on which their lives could literally depend. We realize how relevant the question remains when we ask, "Who or what reigns in my life?" The answer determines both our present and future joy.*

*Sunday Mass ~ 9:00 a.m.*

*Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call the 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.*

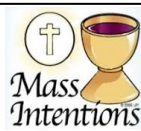
*Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.*

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

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Raphael Nguti

Requested by the Fontenette Family



Offerings for November 19, 2023

Offerings: \$1,704

Attendance: 83

Online Giving: \$195

Online Givers: 4

Thank you for your generous support.



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Jocelyn Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

DECEMBER

Sat. Dec. 2 Pastoral Council Meeting—9:30 am
Fri. Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass—6:00 pm
Mon. Dec. 25 Christmas—Office Closed
Tues. Dec. 26 Office Closed
Sun. Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

November Christian Action

BE GRATEFUL!

- Thank someone who is sitting by you or lives with you or near you.
• Thank a stranger (a salesclerk, cashier, librarian, etc.) for their help.
• Write a note to someone telling them why you are grateful for them.
• Pray: All that I am, and all that I have is because of you Lord! Remember there's always, always, always something to be thankful for!

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, December 17, 2023

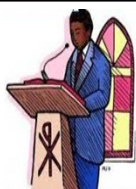
Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

Monday, December 25, 2023

Reader I & II—TBA



Go Forth With Christ

2023-2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Go to www.cma.org • View the video • See how the funds are distributed • Make your gift



Catholic Ministries Appeal
Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's
Parish Goal ~ \$11,000

As you are aware, the CMA has begun. To date, we have reached 39.25% of our goal (\$4,318). Thank you to all who have made their pledge and for supporting our mission. Please pray for the success of reaching our goal. Thank you.



MASS INTENTIONS

schedule a Mass.

The 2024 Mass Intention book is now available to schedule Mass Intentions. Call the office to

## Keep in Prayer

Please keep the Dobson Family in your prayers. Dorothy Dobson passed away on Sunday, November 19. Please pray for the repose of her soul.



## Thank You for Gracing our Gardens

"The rejuvenation of the gardens around Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget have gone well. The north side of the church has a new flower bed, Our Lady's grotto was all a blossom with colorful begonias and mums. The church entrances are now graced with tubs of flowers. The circle garden in front of the old rectory has new azaleas that should sparkle next spring. The huge overgrown lilac bush is back under control and the barberries trimmed. The daffodils that graced the altar last Easter are now in the ground, sleeping, ready to pop up next spring.

Time, now, to acknowledge the people who helped make the change happen: Judy, Isabella, Ralph, Kobe, Vince, Dan, Lee, George, Vasyl, Kevin, Jackie and the students in the Religious Ed program who started the coleus plants from seed in paper cups. Abundant thanks to all.

Robert Hoffmann."

## Blacks In Catholic History Moments

### Did You Know...

...that of the one billion Roman Catholics in the world today, at least 20% (200 Million) are Black??

Africa alone has 130 Million Black Catholics. In fact, the largest Catholic Church building in the world is found in Africa, the Cathedral in Yamoussoukro, the capital city of the West African country known as Cote d'ivoire. During the selection of the latest pope, many scoffed at the idea that one of the 12 Black cardinals would be picked. However, it would not have been the first. There have been three, all of them have been declared saints, that is, and the Catholic Church feels certain that all three went to heaven. It's interesting to note there are hundreds of revered icons that are statues of Christ and his mother throughout Europe which picture them as Black figures. The last pope, John Paul II had a Black icon in his personal chapel that he prayed before every day. Black people have been and are a very vibrant part of the church.

### Did you know...?

#### ICSB LIVE STREAM PRODUCTIONS

This information can be found on the ICSB Facebook page. Please join us for our weekly Mass on Sunday at 9:00 am. The mass will also be live-streamed conveniently for you. This mass and the livestream will start at 9:00 am and it covers the entirety of mass. We look forward to you joining us. Click here or the button below to access the livestream link or click on the Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's website.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2416e8Evwoqibg5YWjAs9Q>

<https://www.immaculateconceptionrochester.org/>

## Living Faith

### My Shepherd and King

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.** Psalm 23:1

Today, on the feast of Christ the King, we discover what that old-fashioned word kingship really means. And it has nothing to do with power, wealth, subjection or elitism.

The prophet Ezekiel, long before Christ was born, saw that God's desire is to care for us—all of us, and each of us—in the trials and troubles of life, especially when we are most vulnerable (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-16). That's why King David, who himself had been a shepherd, found no greater word of praise for God than Shepherd. Our Shepherd-King faithfully, unfailingly, leads us through every shadow and valley.

Jesus' parable of the sheep and goats tells us we too can become good shepherds, tending and caring for one another. (See Matthew 25:31-46.) In this we become like him whom we love. And in this he takes delight.

*No evil will I fear, for you, my Shepherd and my King, are at my side.*

Mary Marrocco

Immaculate  
Conception/St.  
Bridget's Sunday  
Service Live Stream

9:00am at Immaculate  
Conception/St. Bridget's

Join Us

<p><b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b></p> <p>A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p align="center"><b>BUCKMAN'S PLAZA</b> 2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626</p> <p align="center">Please visit our many stores, including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions, Greece Chiropractic, Heart &amp; Home Health Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon and Orville's Appliances.</p>	
<p><b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org</p>	<p><b>Mileage Master Center of Rochester</b> 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870</p> <p><i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i></p>	<p><b>Tom Zubert, Realtor</b> <b>RE/MAX REALTY GROUP</b> 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Wife  <b>ILONA WHITE</b>  <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p><b>For all Deceased Families, Friends &amp; Parishioners of Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p align="center">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons <b>ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</b>  <i>Blessings Bill &amp; Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of  <b>JOE HAUSER</b>  <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b>  <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of  <b>DAVID MILES</b>  <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CULLEN &amp; CORRAL FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of  <b>JAMES STOKES</b>  <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>CPR and First Aid Classes</b> For lay and Professional Responders</p> <p align="center"><b>EPIC TRAININGS</b> (585) 615-4379</p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Beloved Mother  <b>Linda Nash</b>  <i>Lynn Fulmore</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of  <b>BILL CASTLE</b>  <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of  <b>GILBERT &amp; CHARITY ADIELE</b>  <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">"In Memory of the great bass player <b>Tim Sullivan</b>  <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of  <b>CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE</b>  <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of  <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b>  <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of  <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b>  <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of  <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b>  <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of  <b>TALLAM NGUTI</b>  <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of  <b>MICHAEL NWOKELO SR.</b>  <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of  <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</b>  <i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of  <b>RAPHAEL NGUTI</b>  <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>MATH TUTORING</b> <b>MATH COACHING</b>  585-247-4941</p>