

# *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.

*October 15, 2023*

*28<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time*

*Let us always rejoice in the abundance the Lord provides.*

*As followers of Jesus, we cannot allow the challenges of everyday life to take our attention from the sumptuous abundance of our lives in God's family. Each day we return our focus to rejoicing, provided for by God in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

*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, October 15, 2023**

**Margaret Edmond & Riffie Castle**

**Requested by the Castle Family**



*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 Degan, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler*

**Bible Readings for Sunday, October 15, 2023**

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



**Bible Readings for Sunday, October 22, 2023**

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22:15-21

**Offerings for October 8, 2023**

**Offerings: \$2,706**

**Attendance: 71**

**Online Giving: \$220**

**Online Givers: 4**

**Thank you for your generous support.**

**OCTOBER**



Wed. Oct. 18 Finance Council Mtg.—3:00 pm

Fri. Oct. 27 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

Tues. Oct. 31 Happy Halloween

**October Christian Action**

**INVITE SOMEONE TO SUNDAY MASS!**

While talking with family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, associates, etc., invite them to join you for Mass on Sunday.

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

**Sunday, October 29, 2023**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

**Sunday, November 26, 2023**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral



**Catholic Ministries Appeal**

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

The active phase of our parish CMA campaign continues. By now, you should have received a special letter in the mail with a personalized pledge card. If you have not received a mailing, pledge envelopes are available in the gathering space.

Thank you to everyone who has responded with a gift or pledge. If you have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider a gift. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. Every gift to the CMA helps those in need, supports the mission of the Church, and comes back to help our parish. Thank you. Let us continue to pray for the success of our efforts.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER  
2023-2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

*Go Forth With Christ*



When you support the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you celebrate your faith in thanksgiving with thousands of other Catholics within the Diocese of Rochester, ensuring that our church provides richly for the faithful within our Diocese.

Please support your parish in the CMA  
Go to [www.dcor.org](http://www.dcor.org) • View the video • See how the funds are distributed • Make your gift

## CYO: Remembering David Divers



This 2023-2024 winter CYO basketball season is going to be dedicated to David Divers, long-time pillar of our St. Monica basketball and parish community, who passed away in August of this year. We mourn our loss of a friend, husband, coach, father, grandfather, and parishioner. David's vision was to bring basketball and community to our neighborhood, and we honor him by continuing our CYO basketball program, which turns his vision into reality. Tami Divers, David's wife, is our incredible athletic director who oversees the program. She is assisted by a handful of wonderful coaches and supported by St. Monica staff. David's absence will be felt this year, and we are seeking help from our parish to support Tami and our coaches in making our CYO program accessible and meaningful for youth in our parish and neighborhood. Perhaps God has put in on your heart to help our youth have positive experiences. We invite you to consider whether you can help in one of the following ways at our home games in the gym at 841 Genesee St.:

- Collecting admissions
- Selling concessions
- Setup
- Tear-down
- Running the time clock

We have 3-6 Saturdays that have home games scheduled in the season. You can help with one Saturday or all of them. If you are interested in helping, please contact [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org). Thank you so much for considering giving of your time to help our community!

## *"We've Come This Far By Faith, See What The Lord Has Done For Us"*

Do you have photos, videos or audio recordings that reflect **"just how far we've come by faith"**? Be a part of our celebration by submitting elements of the past for possible submission in our souvenir journal, and collage, that reflects the Immaculate Conception Community.

See Isabella Walters or contact Tracy Jordan (church secretary) for more information. We request all photos, videos and audio recordings be labeled with your contact information and submitted to us by **Sunday, October 15, 2023**.

Mark your calendars and save dates from April through December 2024 as we celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

***Let's Show Just How Much God Has Done For Us!***

## World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.



### St. Monica Church—NCYC

Be a part of our NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) team - buy your t-shirt to support our NCYC 2023 pilgrims! This t-shirt was designed by our teen pilgrims. Our pilgrims will be wearing the same

shirts at the conference November 16-18 and will say a special prayer for all who are wearing their shirts to support us from home. Thank you for helping us with the cost of our pilgrimage, which will be very meaningful and life-changing. Shirts are \$18 each. Thank you, and we love you!

#### How to order:

- Online at <https://forms.office.com/r/z27reEgyye>
- Call the office at 585-235-3340
- Order in-person at Mass

**FREE** *October 28<sup>th</sup>* **FREE**

**1:00 – 3:00 pm**

*A Safe and Fun Trick-or-Treating environment for the children of the Gates and Chili Communities.*

Our friends from local businesses, the Gates Fire & Police departments, St. Pius X Knights of Columbus and others will be gathered in our parking lot to hand out goodies.

Come in costume for Cider, Candy & Community

**ALVAH HALLORAN &  
SON  
FUNERAL HOME**  
2125 Chili Ave  
585-247-7590

**PRESENTS**

**TRUNK  
OF  
TREAT**

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