

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.

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do everything for the glory of God.

Do everything for the glory of God. Paul's words are both commanding and encouraging. As Christians, whatever we do ought to reflect who we are: children of the Most High God, adopted sons and daughters of the Lord. We are sisters and brothers of Christ, and our very identity should permeate all we say and do. We are encouraged in this endeavor, and aided by grace, so that we can glorify God for his sake, and for the sake of the world's salvation.

celebrate
BLACK
history MONTH

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.

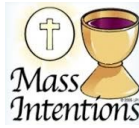
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Charles Lincoln Guess

Requested by the Fugate 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 Degnan, Morris Doucette, George Fontenette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE



Sunday, February 11, 2024

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Offerings for February 4, 2024

Offerings: \$2,582

Attendance: 72

Online Giving: \$450

Online Givers: 4

Thank you for your generous support.

FEBRUARY

Wed. Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday—Mass & distribution of Ashes at 6:00 p.m.

Mon. Feb. 19 President's Day—Office Closed

Fri. Feb. 23 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

February Christian Action

BE CHRIST'S LOVE:

Pay a sincere compliment.

Surprise someone with a love note.

Treat someone to a coffee/lunch/dinner.

Leave a generous tip.

Send a valentine to someone who may not receive one.

Speak with kindness.

Pray for someone.

There will be a second collection for the Black, Native American & Hispanic next Sunday, February 18, 2024.



Go Forth With Christ

2023-2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Go to www.dor.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**

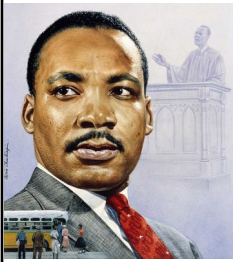
As of the date, 26 families have contributed to the CMA. We have reached 79.16% of our goal (\$8,708). We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!



MASS INTENTIONS

The 2024 Mass Intention book is now available to schedule Mass Intentions. Mass Intentions are needed for Sunday Masses.

Please call Tracy at the office to schedule a Mass for a loved one or special intention for a loved one. Call 585-235-3340 to schedule.



Dr. Martin Luther King, jr. (1929-1968) was one of the greatest and most influential voices of the Civil Rights Movement. In this Black History Month, his words still resonate and give us guidance for today.

So I say to you, seek God and discover Him and make Him a power in your life. Without Him all of our efforts turn to ashes and our sunrises into darkest nights. Without Him, life is a meaningless drama with the decisive scenes missing. But with Him we are able to rise from the fatigue of despair to the buoyancy of hope. With Him we are able to rise from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy. St. Augustine was right—we were made for God and we will be restless until we find rest in Him.

“Love yourself, if that means rational, healthy, and moral self-interest. You are commanded to do that. That is the length of life. Love your neighbor as you love yourself. You are commanded to do that. That is the breadth of life. But never forget that there is a first and even greater commandment, ‘Love thy God with all thy heart and all thy soul and all thy mind.’ This is the height of life. And when you do this you live the complete life.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Living Faith

Dying to Self

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.” Mark 1:41

On Ash Wednesday morning last year, I was in Putignano, Italy, looking for Mass. I found an open church with people sitting inside. I joined them. A man started lighting the altar candles. Mass must begin soon, I thought. But then what? Why is he lighting the paschal candle?

Well, then. Here come the men in black suits and white gloves. And a coffin. Obviously (now), not an Ash Wednesday Mass after all. I offered some prayers for the faithful departed and departed myself.

Lent is beginning in just a few days, and we might be preparing. Accidentally sitting in on a funeral was perhaps not the worst way to start off Lent, a season of dying to self. In today’s Gospel, a leper asked Jesus to cleanse him if he was willing. Of course Jesus was, and of course he is. The cleansing will change us and require letting go. That may be a sort of death but one that will give me reason not for tears but joy.

Jesus, cleanse me.

Amy Welborn

175th Anniversary

There is a Steering Committee meeting after Mass today for the 175th Anniversary.

Thank You

Many thanks to all for your patience and willingness to participate in the 175th Anniversary Celebration Greeting to the parish last weekend. As you know, our celebration is fast approaching, beginning with our opening Mass with Bishop Matano April 7th. These greetings will be posted on our social media platforms starting in March and throughout the celebration period, April-December. Some will be featured in the longer video to be shown later this year. May God's Blessings continue to be upon us!

+ Ash Wednesday Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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

Mass + Ashes	8:00 am	St. Monica Church
Drive-through	11-11:15 am	St. Monica parking lot
Ashes + Confession	12-12:15 pm	
	1-1:15 pm	
Drive-through Ashes	5:15-5:30 pm	St. Monica parking lot
Mass + Ashes	6:00 pm	Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608



St. Monica
CHURCH

Lenten Regulations

Based on the 1983 Code of Canon Law, the following are the regulations for fast and abstinence during Lent:

- Everyone over 14 years of age is bound to observe the law of complete abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- Everyone between 18 and 59 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast (one full meal a day and nothing between meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday).

<p>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</p> <p>A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p align="center">BUCKMAN'S PLAZA 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 and Orville's Appliances.</p>	
<p>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org</p>	<p>Mileage Master Center of Rochester 2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870</p> <p><i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i></p>	<p>Tom Zubert, Realtor RE/MAX REALTY GROUP 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p>Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p>For all Deceased Families, Friends & Parishioners of Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church <i>Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>CPR and First Aid Classes For lay and Professional Responders EPIC TRAININGS (585) 615-4379</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Beloved Mother Linda Nash <i>Lynn Fulmore</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p>"In Memory of the great bass player Tim Sullivan <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p>Words cannot say how much you are missed. You are so very loved. MOMMY <i>Love Jacquie, Kimberly, Gina & Jean</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of MICHAEL NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p>MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING 585-247-4941</p>