

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 1, 2023

26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Turn away from sin and follow Christ.

In today's Gospel parable there is a model son, who gives honor to his father by verbally assenting to his father's wishes. But his words are hollow, and his virtue is a mirage. How does our own reality measure up to our Christian ideals? Loving our neighbor sounds like a lovely sentiment until they cut us off on the highway. May Christ who calls us always to conversion help us root out any hollowness and hypocrisy in our own lives that we may truly confess that Jesus is Lord.

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 1, 2023

Zachary Corral

Requested by Maureen Corral & Ralph Destephano



Offerings for September 24, 2023

Offerings: \$1,233

Attendance: 59

Online Giving: \$220

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

OCTOBER



- Sun. Oct. 1 Religious Education Registration/Parent Mtg./Meet Teachers*
- Sat. Oct. 7 Pastoral Council Mtg.—9:30 am*
- Sun. Oct. 8 Religious Education Classes Begin
Blood Pressure Screening following Mass in the Sacristy*
- Mon. Oct. 9 Indigenous Peoples' Day—Office Closed*
- Wed. Oct. 18 Finance Council Mtg.—3:00 pm*
- Fri. Oct. 27 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality*
- Tues. Oct. 31 Happy Halloween*

Bible Readings for Sunday, October 1, 2023

*Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
Matthew 21:28-32*



Bible Readings for Sunday, October 8, 2023

*Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43*

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

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



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.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

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

Hopefully, you have received the Catholic Ministries Appeal mailing and have had a chance to review the materials. The theme for this year's campaign is **Go Forth With Christ**. The CMA allows us to extend Christ's presence to others. It supports each of us in our faith life and enables us to live out our purpose as Catholics. Through gifts to the CMA, we support the larger Church so that it may meet real needs throughout the Diocese. Your gift to the CMA enables the Church to be responsive and caring in fulfilling its mission. Please be as generous as your means allow in your response. Every gift is needed and important! Please pray for the success of our efforts. Thank you.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Holy Beginnings

Join us for a series of welcoming gatherings to live out our call to be a Eucharistic people - to **BE the living presence** for others, *most especially people who may not feel welcomed by the Church*: the LGBTQ+ community, women, people of color, the divorced, those with special needs.

These gatherings are inspired by the 4th pillar of the National Eucharistic Revival: Missionary Sending – “Invite One Back” and accompany those in need and on the margins. *We begin:*

October 11, 7:00pm

St. Mary’s Church - Dugan Center

A Holy Beginning for the LGBTQ+ community

(Subsequent, focused gatherings will follow)

The following parishes are collaborating on this and subsequent gatherings: St. Rita/Webster, The SE Rochester Catholic Community, Church of the Transfiguration, St. Anne, Our Lady of Lourdes, St John of Rochester, St. Monica Church/Rochester, St. Joseph’s Penfield, Emmanuel Church of the Deaf and St. Martin de Porres Parish



To learn more about the local and national call for the Church to address these groups based on the Synod, to see Synod summaries from the Diocese of Rochester and the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

<https://www.dor.org/synod/>

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/us-national-synthesis-2021-2023-synod>

Following Mass today, the Finance Council will hold its annual parish meeting regarding the parish's finances and budget for 2023-2024. Please plan to attend.

**ANNUAL
PARISH
MEETING**



Registration/Parent Meeting and Meet Teacher on
Sunday, October 1, 2023.

Religious Education Class Begins
Sunday, October 8, 2023.

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, October 8th in the sacristy. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



***“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 175th Anniversary.

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

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

The Church knows too that to marry the present age and its spirit is to become a widow in the next.

<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, Greece Chiropractic, Heart & Home Health Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon 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 align="center">In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Wife ILONA WHITE <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p align="center">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</p> <p align="center"><i>Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p align="center">Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY <i>Blessings Bill & Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of DAVID MILES <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CULLEN & CORRAL FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center">CPR and First Aid Classes For lay and Professional Responders</p> <p align="center">EPIC TRAININGS (585) 615-4379</p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of My Beloved Mother Linda Nash <i>Lynn Fulmore</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of GILBERT & CHARITY ADIELE <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">"In Memory of the great bass player Tim Sullivan <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of MICHAEL NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i></p>	<p align="center">MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING 585-247-4941</p>