

# *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 12, 2023*

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

God's wisdom guides us to love in truth.

Human wisdom, hard as it is to come by, differs qualitatively from the wisdom of God. God's wisdom draws not only on God's knowledge of all things, but also on God's love of all things in totality and purity. When we follow Christ, we are drawn deeper into his way of love. We seek and trust his wisdom as the way of life.

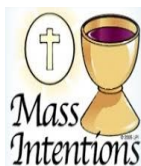


"Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble." —John Lewis

*Sunday, February 12, 2023*

*Charles Lincoln Guess*

*Requested by the Fugate Family*



Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Bishop Fernand Cheri, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Morris Doucette, Tom Fugate, Denise McGowan, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters

***Bible Readings for Sunday, February 12, 2023***

*Sirach 15:15-20*

*1 Corinthians 2:6-10*

*Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37*



***Bible Readings for Sunday, February 19, 2023***

*Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18*

*1 Corinthians 3:16-23*

*Matthew 5:38-48*

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, February 12, 2023**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

**Sunday, February 19, 2023**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

**Sunday, March 19, 2023**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

***Offerings for February 5, 2023***

*Offerings: \$2,560*

*Attendance: 61*

*Online Giving: \$1,050*

*Online Givers: 7*

*Thank you for your generous support.*

***February***

Tues. Feb. 14 Happy Valentine's Day

Sat. Feb. 18 Pastoral Council Mtg.—9:30 am

Mon. Feb. 20 Presidents' Day—Office Closed

Wed. Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday—Mass & Distribution of Ashes—6:00 pm

Sat. Feb. 25 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

**February Christian Action**

**BE CHRIST'S LOVE**

*Loving People with  
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.**

**Pray for someone.**

*I Am With You Always*  
Matthew 28:20

**Parish Goal ~ \$9,000**

To date, we have reached 128.04% of our goal (\$11,524). 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.

***Happy Valentine's Day!***

## Black History Month

The 2023 theme for Black History Month is **BLACK RESISTANCE**. Join the Association for the Study of African American Life and History for a month-long festival of events that will address "Black Resistance" in The Arts, the Black Press and the Black Church. As the late Congressman John Lewis advised, "Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year; it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble."

For more information, visit The Association for the Study of African American Life and History <https://asah.org/>

### IN THE COMMUNITY

#### About... Time Magazine Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

ABOUT...TIME Magazine, produced by a talented team, promotes teachable moments for Black people and American society. For 50 years, the publication has focused on international, national, and regional issues vital to African Americans. The award-winning publication became renowned for in-depth interviews, insightful commentary, special reports, news, and illuminating features. ABOUT...TIME reflects African-American life and culture with a mission to build a sense of community and create a mirror where we see more complete reflections of African American culture and heritage. The work rises above mainstream distortions and makes strong statements about how Blacks in America value themselves. Congratulations James and Carolyn Blount!

<https://theabouttimemag.com/>

#### Rochester Museum & Science Center

The RMSC celebrates Black History Month! We honor black history and highlight scientists, as well as local and historical activists.

<https://rmsc.org/events/blackhistorymonth/?cn-reloaded=1>

#### Rochester Public Library

The Rochester Public Library is celebrating Black History Month with the following unique programs and online resources.

<https://roccitylibrary.org/spotlight/black-history-month/>

#### Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County

Black Film Festival Opens February 2. Mayor Evans will speak at the opening of the Black Film Festival which was created to present a curated collection of motion pictures by and about Black people from all over the globe. See the film dates and more BHM events here.

<https://calendar.libraryweb.org/calendar/Central?cid=4901&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=4901&ct=54144&inc=0>

## + Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

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

8:00 am Mass + Ashes St. Monica Church

11-11:15 am Ashes St. Monica parking lot

12-12:15 pm Ashes St. Monica parking lot

1-1:15 pm Ashes St. Monica parking lot

6:00 pm Mass + Ashes Immaculate Conception/  
St. Brigid's Church  
445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608



## Vacation Bible School Day

February 21, 2023 · Ages 4+

8:45 AM-3:45 PM (lunch included)

Questions: [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org)



Join us for a  
VBS Day  
of self-care!  
Experience all the  
VBS activities you  
know and love  
plus a spa, movie,  
Mass, and more.

Register at [stmonicaofrochester.org](http://stmonicaofrochester.org)

Mark your calendars! After our 2022 Earth Protectors Vacation Bible School, our very own teens wanted to [learn](#) more about how we recycle in our county.

Join our [youth](#) group for this event and help us protect our common home!



## READY, SET, RECYCLE!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023  
6:30 PM · ST. MONICA CHURCH

Join Meagan Evans-Saurini, the Environmental Educator for Monroe County's Department of Environmental Services, to learn more about the County's recycling programs, including the Monroe County / Waste Management Ecopark.

Bring your questions to get answers as time permits!

Learn more with recycling-based activities following the presentation facilitated by the Creation Stewards team.

<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>In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Wife <b>ILONA WHITE</b> <i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p><b>Skips on the Ridge</b> 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>HENRY FAISON JR.</b> <i>Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons <b>ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</b> <i>Blessings Bill &amp; Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b> <i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID MILES</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CULLEN &amp; CORRAL FAMILIES</b> <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b> <i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>EPIC TRAININGS</b> LYNN FULMORE, MASTER INSTRUCTOR</p> <p align="center">CPR First Aid Classes for Lay/Professional Responders, Safety Classes for Children, Coaches, Scouts and Seniors Certified Just Yell Fire Training Center Phone: 585-615-4379 Email: mail@epictrainings.com WEB: www.epictrainings.com Facebook: EPIC Trainings</p>	
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES &amp; JEFFREY WALTERS DOUGLAS SIMMONS</b></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>GILBERT &amp; CHARITY ADIELE</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p><b>All About Toastmasters...Your Path to Leadership</b> <b>Where Leaders are Made</b> For more information contact Jean Pryor Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays except holidays <a href="mailto:E-mail-lyceumclub93@gmail.com">E-mail-lyceumclub93@gmail.com</a></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE</b> <i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b> <i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b> <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b> <i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>TALLAM NGUTI</b> <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL NWOKELO SR.</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</b> <i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH ANN GORDON</b> <i>Louise &amp; Shannon</i></p>	<p><b>MATH TUTORING MATH COACHING</b> 585-247-4941</p>