

# *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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**Sunday Mass ~ 10:00 a.m.**

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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.

***August 7, 2022***

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

At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

Both the creed we profess and today's Gospel leave no doubt: When we die, we will have to account for every moment of our lives. What did we do with the gifts we were given? What did we fail to do? Will our lives reflect what Saint John Paul II called the civilization of love or the culture of death?

## **The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen**

The new atheism is not of the intellect, but of the will; it is an act of free and eager rejection of morality and its demands. It starts with the affirmation of self and the denial of the moral law.

**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, August 7, 2022**

**Edward Cullen**

**Requested by Maureen Corral & Ralph Destephano**



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

**Bible Readings for Sunday, August 7, 2022**

*Wisdom 18:6-9*

*Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19*

*Luke 12:32-48*



**Bible Readings for Sunday, August 14, 2022**

*Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10*

*Hebrews 12:1-4*

*Luke 12:49-53*

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, August 7, 2022**

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

**Sunday, August 14, 2022**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

**Sunday, August 21, 2022**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum & Violet Booker

**Sunday, August 28, 2022**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

**Sunday, September 4, 2022**

Reader I & II—Walter DeRouen

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

**Sunday, September 18, 2022**

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

**Sunday, September 25, 2022**

Reader I & II—Norma Thom

**Offerings for July 31, 2022**

**Offerings: \$2,703**

**Attendance: 88**

**Online Giving: \$1,290**

**Online Givers: 5**

*Thank you for your generous support.*

**August Christian Action**



**Be kind and caring!**

- Be the reason someone smiles.
- Visit, email, call or write a note to someone who is lonely.
- Let someone know you are praying for them.
- Lighten someone's load.
- Be the reason someone believes in the kindness of strangers.



Aloys Bukuru  
Andre Cropper  
Maureen Corral  
Jake Gasiorek  
Paris Horman  
Jeff Mierzejewski  
Catherine Pappin  
Jean Pryor

*Happy Birthday!*

# EARTH PROTECTORS



**ST. MONICA VBS 2022**

**AUGUST 15-19**

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

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

The fruits of our labors are not always seen in our lifetimes. Faith is not conditional on seeing results. Faith is a radical trust in what is unseen. It requires vigilance and self-investment. It requires our attention even when our efforts don't bear fruit or are unappreciated or unrecognized. A person who is open to accepting God's presence, however it come, and is willing to share the love received with others is a true inspiration. God works will flow from this vigilant depth of faith. It will be directed where it is most needed and detached from the need for recognition or gratitude. Faith exercised in secret is the most profound expression of faith and a testament of true love for our Creator. No one needs to know the humility, generosity, and goodness of our hearts, only God. Standing erect and watchful, we are prepared to receive the Divine Love and freely share it with others, without recognition or self-benefit.

## First Responders Mass

The First Responders Mass for police, fire, and emergency medical services personnel will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 11:15am at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester.

The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano will preside. First responders, active and retired, and their families are cordially invited to attend.

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's & St. Monica



## Red Wings Baseball Night

Friday, August 12, 2022

7:05 pm

Tickets—\$10

Please see Precious Fontenette for tickets.

## Repair & Redress Prayer Vigil

NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice invites you to join members of the Rochester community at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Catholic Church, 445 Frederick Douglass St., on Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. to pray, listen to Truth Tellers share about their own experiences of racism and discrimination, and learn about the effort to lobby President Biden to establish an H.R. 40-style Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans.

The purpose of the Commission is to examine slavery and discrimination in the colonies and the United States from 1619 until the present and recommend appropriate remedies. H.R. 40 has been introduced in Congress every year since 1989 by Representative John Conyers until his retirement. It was introduced this year by Representative Shirley Jackson Lee and was passed out of committee. H.R. 40 refers to the 40 acres of land and a mule that was supposed to be given to emancipated slaves at the end of the Civil War. This promise was never fulfilled. The failure to do so has led to economic and social repression which has endured for generations.

To learn more about H.R. 40, go to <https://www.aclu.org/news/racial-justice/h-r-40-is-not-a-symbolic-act-its-a-path-to-restorative-justice>

Following the vigil will be a reception outside, weather permitting. Masks required inside the church.



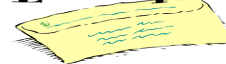
## MASS INTENTIONS

The 2023 Mass Intention book is now available to schedule Mass Intentions. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The offering is \$10.

## REMINDER

## Offering Envelopes

If you attend another local Catholic church on the weekend, you can place your Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's donation envelope in their collection basket and your donation will be returned to 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> <b>2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester 14626</b></p> <p align="center">Visit our two new stores Twisted Dolls Hair Braiding Salon and Consignkids Clothing and more. City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions, Greece Chiropractic, Orville's Appliances.</p>	
<p><b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.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 align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>HENRY FAISON JR.</b> <i>Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</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">LYNN FULMORE, MASTER INSTRUCTOR <b>EPIC TRAININGS</b></p> <p>Phone: 585-615-4379 Email: mail@epictrainings.com WEB: www.epictrainings.com Facebook: EPIC Trainings CPR First Aid Classes for Lay/Professional Responders, Safety Classes for Children, Coaches, Scouts and Seniors, Certified Just Yell Fire Training Center</p>	
<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES &amp; JEFFREY WALTERS DOUGLAS SIMMONS</b> <i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p align="center">In Loving Memory of <b>GILBERT &amp; CHARITY ADIELE</b> <i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p align="center">All About Toastmasters...Your Path to Leadership <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 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>SARAH ANN GORDON</b> <i>Louise &amp; Shannon</i></p>	<p align="center">SPACE AVAILABLE</p>