

# *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.

*January 18, 2026*

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*We must bring the light of Christ to the world.*

*The servants of God are lights to the world. There is no way to serve God without bringing light to others. Isaiah and John the Baptist were both called lights. Jesus is, of course, the light of the world, but he also desires that his followers bring his true light to the world.*

## *Remembering Martin Luther King Jr.*

*January 15, 1929—April 4, 1968*



***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.

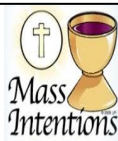


New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**Rusula Herman**

**Requested by Julietta Herman**



*Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Clara Bray, Jocelyn Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Fr. Raymond Fleming, Tom Fugate, LaVaughans Holcomb, Denise McGowan, Harold Moore, David Powe, Bing Reaves, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler*

### **LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore

**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum/Violet Booker

**Sunday, February 8, 2026**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate/Teyana Pappin

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

Reader I & II—Don Toyer

**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore



### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass Intentions can now be scheduled for 2026. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.

### **THE SUNDAY BULLETIN**

#### **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:**

Please send bulletin submissions to Tracy by 4pm on Mondays:  
tracy.jordan@dor.org with photos.

### **2025 Contributions**

2025 Contribution statements will be mailed no later than January 31, 2026. Please call the church office if you have any questions. Thank you for all you do!

### **Offerings for January 11, 2026**

**Offerings: \$2,851**

**Attendance: 73**

**Online Giving: \$180**

**Online Givers: 4**

**Thank you for your generous support.**

### **JANUARY**

**Mon. Jan. 19** Martin Luther King Day—Office Closed

**Wed. Jan. 28** Finance Council Mtg.—3:00 pm  
St. Monica

**Fri. Jan. 30** St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

### **January Christian Action**

**Make a Difference:**

- *Join a ministry.*
- *Change a bad habit.*
- *Help a stranger.*
- *Do more than is expected.*
- *Say God bless you!*
- *Say please and thank you!*
- *Listen instead of speak!*
- *Hold the door open for someone!*
- *Let someone go ahead of you!*



**Parish—Goal \$11,000**  
**\$10,359 Pledged**  
**94.17 % of Goal**

As of this date, 22 families have contributed to the CMA. 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 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!

*"Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children".*

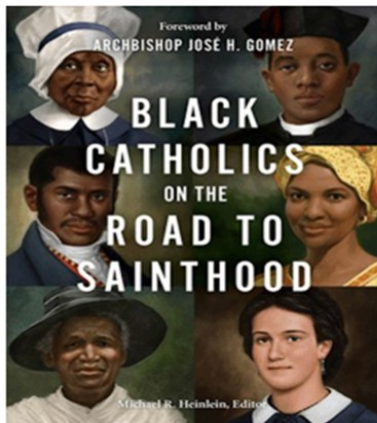
*Martin Luther King Jr.*



## MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL MLK DAY COAT GIVEAWAY**  
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2:00-4:00 PM



### BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOK DISCUSSION

In celebration of Black History Month, we invite you to join us for an engaging Zoom book discussion of Michael R. Heinlein's book *Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood*.

This is the first book to explore the lives of the six Black Catholics from the United States whose causes are under formal consideration by the Catholic Church for canonization.

We hope you will join us for this meaningful conversation.

Please contact the Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester (BCCR) at [blackcatholiccoalition@gmail.com](mailto:blackcatholiccoalition@gmail.com) for additional information.

**Mondays,**  
February 2, 9, 23  
2026

**Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood**

by

**Michael R. Heinlein**

**7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

**Zoom Book Discussion**

**Sponsored by  
Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester (BCCR)**

## BOWMAN-FRANCIS MINISTRY Lenten Bible Study

**Presented by: Fr. Charles Smith, SVD**

Every Wednesday via ZOOM 7:00 p.m. EST

BEGINNING Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>

To Register Go To:

[WWW.BOWMANFRANCIS.ORG](http://WWW.BOWMANFRANCIS.ORG) and to download the study guide.

*Welcome Visitors!*

*We are blessed by your presence.*

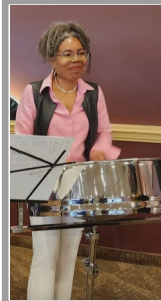
*Please come again.*



## Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Religious Education Food & Sock Drive



IC/SB Youth are asking for your support for their 2026 Food and Socks Drive. Beginning on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, **PLEASE** donate nonperishable food items, Socks (children and adult sizes). There will be bins in the gathering space. Each time the bins have a substantial amount, the food will be donated to a food bank. The socks will be donated to a community center. This will be a continuous opportunity to support our Rochester community...through June 28<sup>th</sup>.



*Thank You*

Thank you to Penny Parris and Plenty Rhythm for providing the music for Mass on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. As always the music was a true delight!

## #Onebody 6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Day of Racial Healing Virtual Prayer Service

In support of

One Church, One Family: Witness for Immigrants

January 20, 2026 7:00pm – 8:00 pm est

We would be honored to have you join us for #Onebody's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Virtual Prayer Vigil on Racial Healing hosted by the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #94 and the St. Martin de Porres of Buffalo, NY #Onebody ministry. This year the prayer vigil will also include the mission of **One Church, One Family** - raising awareness of racism that immigrants are experiencing. The virtual service is scheduled for Tuesday January 20, 2026, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

The mission of the **Racial Healing Prayer Vigil** is to raise awareness about racism in society including the church. We pray for ways to eradicate this insidious sin. We strive to provide solutions and encourage meaningful interactions among the various racial groups. The overall goal is to promote racial healing, and to restore the #Onebody. The event will bring together parishes, clergy, educators, laity, and community leaders.

Hosted by #Onebody and Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary  
St. Martin de Porres Court 94, Buffalo, NY



*"I think I have discovered the highest good.  
It is love."*

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

<b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b>  A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS.</i>  <i>I SAY IT AGAIN REJOICE!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PHILIPPIANS 4:4</i></p>	
<b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org	<b>Skips on the Ridge</b>  640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896	<i>Jack &amp; Elvira Powell</i>  <i>Always Loved</i> <i>Never Forgotten</i> <i>Forever Missed</i>
In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>RAPHAEL NGUTI</b>  <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i>	<b>Alzheimers Association</b>  Our free 24/7 Helpline provides support and information. Call 800.272.3900 today.
In Loving Memory of <b>RACHAEL ALICEA &amp; THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</b>  <i>Rick &amp; Colleen Brade</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b>  <i>The Wingo Family</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b>  <i>The Wingo Family</i>	In Loving Memory of My Guess Family, <b>CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC &amp; MARVA</b> <i>Out of sight but never out of mind!</i> <i>Marcia Fugate</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b>  <i>The Stokes Family</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>TOM &amp; NELLIE BOSTICK &amp; ALICE WALTERS</b>	<i>Linda Nash</i> <i>Always Loved</i> <i>Never Forgotten</i> <i>Forever Missed</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>BILL CASTLE</b>  <i>The Castle Family</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID &amp; LOUISE MILES</b> <i>Gone, but Never Forgotten</i> <i>Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon, Shannel &amp; Brandon</i>	“In Memory of the great bass player <b>Tim Sullivan</b> <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band “</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b>  <i>Joanne Gordon</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b>  <i>Roxana C. Weber</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b> <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MCGEE FAMILY</b>  <i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>TALLAM NGUTI</b>  <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL &amp; JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</b>  <i>The Nwokelo Family</i>
<b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b>