

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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Office Hours: 9:00 am — 3:00 pm (Monday-Friday)

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 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

At our baptism, we receive the light of Christ. While this light of faith certainly illumines our path, it is also meant to be shared with others. Through our good works, the light of Christ shines forth, helping others to recognize the work of God in our lives and drawing them to give him thanks and praise.

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.

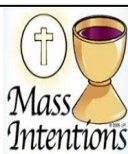
Baptism: Please call the office to make arrangements.

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

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Charles 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, Clara Bray, Jocelyn Bucchan, Fr. Giles Conwill, Tom Degnan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom Fugate, LaVaughans Holcomb, Denise McGowan, Harold Moore, David Powe, Bing Reaves, Carolyn Walker, Kathy Wheeler

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver/Nadege Bukuru

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Reader I & II—Makeeda Tatum/Violet Booker

Sunday, March 29, 2026 (Palm Sunday)

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate/Teyana Pappin



Offerings for February 1, 2026

Offerings: \$3,737

Attendance: 69

Online Giving: \$320

Online Givers: 5

Thank you for your generous support.

FEBRUARY

Sat. Feb. 14 Happy Valentine's Day

Mon. Feb. 16 President's Day—Office Closed

Wed. Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday—Mass & Ashes—5:30 pm

Fri. Feb. 27 St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

February Christian Action

Be Christ's



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.

Please Note—Date Change for Blood Pressure Screening. Blood Pressure Screening will be offered **today** in the sacristy following Mass. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.



28 Days of Black History

Visit <https://www.28daysofblackhistory.com/> and subscribe to receive Black history information daily during Black History Month. The theme for 2026 is "A Century of Black History Commemorations." We'll trace the moments throughout history we've honored the Black American experience, from cultural moments of boundary breaking to major individual and group achievements.

Black History Month

"Believe You Can"



Parish—Goal \$11,000

\$11,684 Pledged

106.22 % of Goal

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.



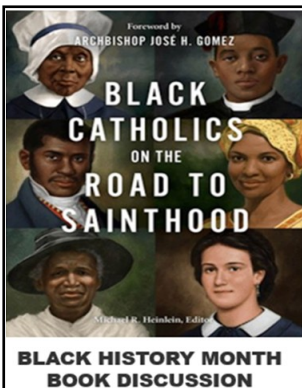
Did You Know That....??

Marva Collins (1936–2015) was an educator and founder of Westside Preparatory School in Chicago, renowned for her rigorous methods with under-served students.



1. Founded Westside Preparatory School (1975)
2. Developed a challenging curriculum for at-risk youth
3. Achieved high academic outcomes among students
4. Authored "Marva Collins' Way" (1981)
5. Received the Reagan Presidential Award for Excellence in Education

Source: @aaresilience (Instagram)



**Mondays,
February 9, 23 2026
7:00—8:30 pm**

Zoom Book Discussion

Sponsored by Black Catholic
Coalition of Rochester
(BCCR)



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 18th, **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 28th.

Lenten Mass & Soup Supper at Mercy Spirituality Center

A Lenten gathering where Mass is celebrated and followed by a great meal and wonderful conversation.

Presider for Mass: Fr. Ray Fleming
February 23 — 5:30 pm at the Mercy Spirituality Center
Fee: donations accepted. **Register here:**
<https://www.mercyspiritualitycenter.org/offerings>



Congratulations to
Jake & Lily Gasiorek on the
birth of their daughter,
Azalea Suzanne Gasiorek,
born on December 21, 2025.



Please remember to sign up for Coffee
Hour held once a month on the
second Sunday of the month.

You may now bring in homemade
items as well as store bought items.

Thank you!

The Empowered Caregiver Series
Supporting Independence
Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church
Sunday, February 8th—10:30 am—12:00 pm
Following Mass

This is the 4th of the 5 part series co-sponsored by the
Ladies Auxillary of Peter Claver.

+ Ash Wednesday Wednesday, February 18, 2026

**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 Ashes + Confession	11-11:15 am 12-12:15 pm	St. Monica parking lot 831 Genesee St. 14619
Drive-through Ashes	5:15-5:30 pm	St. Monica parking lot
Mass + Ashes	5:30 pm	Immaculate Conception /St. Bridget's Church 445 Frederick Douglass St. 14608



St. Joseph's House of Hospitality A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>WHATEVER IS TRUE, WHATEVER IS NOBLE, WHATEVER IS RIGHT, WHATEVER IS LOVELY, WHATEVER IS ADMIRABLE— IF ANYTHING IS EXCELLENT OR PRAISEWORTHY—THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PHILIPPIANS 4:8</i></p>	
Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org	Skips on the Ridge 640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896	<i>Jack & Elvira Powell</i> <i>Always Loved</i> <i>Never Forgotten</i> <i>Forever Missed</i>
In Loving Memory of the QUAMINA & HARPER FAMILIES <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of RAPHAEL NGUTI <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i>	Alzheimers Association Our free 24/7 Helpline provides support and information. Call 800.272.3900 today.
In Loving Memory of RACHAEL ALICEA & THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH <i>Rick & Colleen Brade</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i>	In Loving Memory of JOE HAUSER <i>The Wingo Family</i>
In Loving Memory of DR. NATHANIEL HURST <i>The Wingo Family</i>	In Loving Memory of My Guess Family, <i>CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC & MARVA</i> <i>Out of sight but never out of mind!</i> <i>Marcia Fugate</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES <i>Love Ralph & Maureen</i>
In Loving Memory of JAMES STOKES <i>The Stokes Family</i>	In Loving Memory of TOM & NELLIE BOSTICK & ALICE WALTERS	<i>Linda Nash</i> <i>Two Years, Too Long</i> <i>Missing You Still</i> <i>Always</i>
In Loving Memory of BILL CASTLE <i>The Castle Family</i>	In Loving Memory of DAVID & LOUISE MILES <i>Gone, but Never Forgotten</i> <i>Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon, Shannel & Brandon</i>	“In Memory of the great bass player Tim Sullivan <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band “</i>
In Loving Memory of JOANNE LESSLEY <i>Joanne Gordon</i>	In Loving Memory of JOSEPH RONALD WEBER <i>Roxana C. Weber</i>	In Loving Memory of SARAH & DONALD GORDON & HENRY BELL SR. <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i>
In Loving Memory of ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY <i>James & Melissa McGee</i>	In Loving Memory of TALLAM NGUTI <i>Love your Wife & Children</i>	In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JULIANA NWOKELO SR. <i>The Nwokelo Family</i>
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