

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 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus calls us to live in intentional and faithful discipleship.

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his first disciples by name. Their response is immediate and total - they leave everything behind and accept his invitation. We gather today to celebrate this Eucharist because we, too, have been called to follow Christ in intentional and faithful discipleship. Today we ponder that call and renew our response.

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.

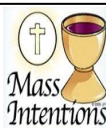
Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the office.



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 25, 2026

**Special Intention for Immaculate Conception/
St. Bridget's Parishioners**



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 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

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



**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.

Offerings for January 18, 2026

Offerings: \$1,127

Attendance: 62

Online Giving: \$230

Online Givers: 5

Thank you for your generous support.

JANUARY

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!*

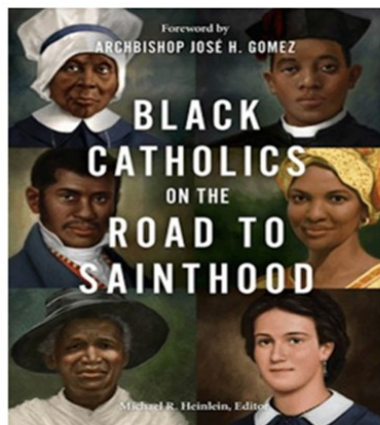


**Parish—Goal \$11,000
\$10,859 Pledged
98.72 % of Goal**

As of this date, 26 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!

**THE SUNDAY
BULLETIN**
weekly worship & announcements

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



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 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)**



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.



Fr. Bradler will be celebrating his

91st birthday on

Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, February 1st in the sacristy following Mass. Please have your blood pressure taken before leaving church.






BOARD GAME DAY AT ST. MONICA'S



Sunday, February 1
1:00-4:00 pm in the rectory dining room
For all ages!
Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Pizza lunch will be provided.



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

February 18, 2026

Welcome Visitors!

We are blessed by your presence.

Please come again.

BOWMAN-FRANCIS MINISTRY Lenten Bible Study

Presented by: Fr. Charles Smith, SVD

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

BEGINNING Wednesday February 25th - Wednesday March 25th

To Register Go To:

WWW.BOWMANFRANCIS.ORG and to download the study guide.

Living Faith

Divine Illumination

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shone.

Isaiah 9:1

If we're accustomed to having reliable access to artificial light, we may never have experienced total darkness. Some years ago, in pre-cell-phone days, I was staying by myself in a tiny cabin in a dense forest in Maine when I lost electricity following a hurricane. Once evening blanketed the area, I was relieved at the difference even the flickering flame of a small candle made in piercing the night and keeping me company.

Perhaps many of us have experienced a different kind of walking in darkness at times in our lives. Lingering pain and illness, devastating loss, a sense of failure, chronic worry—all of these and more may leave us feeling that we live in the land of gloom. Yet, no matter what might be unfolding in our lives, the Holy One, the source of light, accompanies us always. We are never left alone in the dark.

Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M.

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>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>	
Corn Hill Neighborhood Association 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.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, CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC & MARVA <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>Always Loved</i> <i>Never Forgotten</i> <i>Forever Missed</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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