Directions to St Michael’s Woodshop

The address for SM is 691 St. Paul St. Rochester, N.Y. 14605

It's a 6 or 7 story brick office building that used to be a Bausch and Lomb Building, on the West side of St Paul, just north of Genesee Brewery. From the East, come in 490 across the river and on to the Inner Loop and exit on St Paul. From the West, exit on to the Inner Loop from 490, then exit on St Paul going North.

There is a parking lot just south of the building, but you might have difficulty finding a spot during the day. After about 3:30 it gets better. If you circle the lot and can’t find a spot, make sure you check the area by the loading dock, but there is another lot about a half block North on the right (East) side. The building directly across St Paul from the SM building is a city school district building and the lot is at the North end of that building. There is a separate file which is a Google Maps of the area around St Michael’s which also shows the secondary parking lot (don’t park in the spaces near the back of the lot that are lined in yellow paint, those are reserved, but the ones lined in white are OK to use.

During the day, before 4pm, after you park, go in the main entrance (double doors), up the left side of a short flight of stairs but don’t go to the main reception desk (which might have a line of people waiting to be served), but rather go left at the top of the stairs and there’s a partition with a door to the left alongside the top of the stairs (don’t go through the glass door yet. For the first few Open Shop sessions, we will try to have someone in the lobby to help with directions.

If there is a security person around, just tell him you need to sign in for the Woodshop, and if you tell him you haven't been there before, he will show you the clipboard which is inside the partition door on a shelf. It looks like you shouldn't open that door, but you do. It's a small enclave where a security person is watching a bunch of cameras). When you open the door to that area, the clipboard is on the top shelf on the left side of the door opening. Mention to the guard watching the cameras that you are signing in for the Woodshop.

To get to the woodshop you go through the glass door (the guard watching the cameras will press a button so the card swipe indicator for the glass door turns green to enter), turn to the left around a corner into a stairwell and go down two floors to the lower basement. There is an elevator also, and if you take that you are going to B2, the lowest level.

After 4pm, for an evening session, we will have someone at the single door to the left of the main entrance to let you into the building.

When you come out of the stairway on the lower basement, there’s some stuff on the floor and two doors on the opposite wall. The woodshop entrance is the left side door and it's got a small sign that you can't read
unless you are at the door. It should be unlocked depending on when you arrive. The woodshop sign is the small wooden sign on the far-left door.

We have face shields and club tools plus 4 min lathes and the club grinder with CBN wheels, but you are welcome to bring your own tools, particularly if you want help with sharpening.