

Announcements

October 19 & 20 2024

WANT TO JOIN OUR CHURCH?

If you have found that St. Monica's may be your next spiritual home, we would be delighted to get to know you better. Feel free to call or email Fr. Jonathan. He would love to welcome you. Also, you can fill out our online form. Visit our website at: www.stmonicasnaples.org. Under "I'm New", you'll find the form.

NEW THIS WEEK

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

We have four volunteers already, but we need more. Like any deadline for service, our dates get flexible as we move along. Please prayerfully consider your role in shaping the future of St. Monica's. Please reach out to Fr. Jonathan, Ed Strong, or any Vestry members if you have questions.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB CONTINUES

We meet on **Monday** mornings at **9:30am** in the Conference Room. Our schedule, assuming no more hurricanes, is to complete the current book, *A Different Way* by Chris Hall, covering Chapters 10 and 11 on **Oct. 21 and 28**. Our next book will be *Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road* by Brian McLaren, which we will start on **Nov. 4** with Chapters 1 and 2. Please reach out to Ed Strong estrongjr@gmail.com if you have any questions.

HURRICANE RELIEF

Your gifts in our open plate donations, which included the past two weekends, have totaled \$809! Your generosity will go to Episcopal Relief and Development and to the Diocesan Hurricane Relief, as many of our churches in the diocese have suffered serious damage.

HOLIDAYS WITHOUT HUNGER

On **Dec. 21**, we will be joining hundreds of others at the annual Meals of Hope event. This is a fun intergenerational event. We already have 10 signed up and we expect many more. Please register as early as possible. More information is available in the eNews.

BISHOP VISIT AND EPISCOPAL CLASSES

Bishop Doug Scharf will be visiting us on Saturday, March 1. Prior to that, we will have adult confirmation classes starting in December. More information to come.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Did you know that we have five high school confirmands? They meet once per month with Fr. Jonathan and youth leaders. They attend our various services, Latino ministry at 12:30, Saturday at 5pm, and Sunday at 10am.

BAPTISM IN NOVEMBER

Let us pray for the grandchildren of Ian and Amy Thompson, Shafer and Morgan, who will be baptized at the 10am Eucharist.

NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Please pray for our new Director of Music Ministries, Carl Marucci, who will begin on November 6 with choir practice. He has already been hard at work contacting choir members and people in the community.

CASH OFFERINGS

Your vestry has voted to assign the cash offerings of the first full weekend of the month to go to organizations with whom we align or to funds that help us accomplish our missional goals. Read more about this in the eNews

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHAPING ST. MONICA'S

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ACOLYTING

Have you ever wanted to take part in the liturgy in a hands-on way? Please let Fr. Jonathan know, and you can be trained to be an acolyte.

MISION PENIEL

Join us in serving at Misi3n Peniel in Immokalee! Since we've been short on volunteers, we're teaming up with Vanderbilt Presbyterian, who faces the same challenge. Our upcoming volunteer dates are 12/13 this year, and 3/7, 6/13, and 9/12 in 2025. We'll meet at St. Monica's parking lot at 1pm to carpool, returning between 6-7pm. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Debbie Corey at sdkjcorey@comcast.net or call 781.413.5398. We'd love to have you join us!

HEALING MINISTRY

We look forward to our healing ministry the third Sunday of each month. There will be healing prayers for those who desire it, just after taking communion.

PRESENTATION ON CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

Join the Interfaith Alliance of Southwest Florida us for an evening with John Pavolitz: activist, storyteller and author of 7 books including "Worth Fighting For: Finding Courage and Compassion when Cruelty is Trending." **October 22**, 7pm Naples United Church of Christ 5200 Crayton Rd in Naples

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

This ministry is launching soon and offering monthly communion to people in senior living facilities. Join our training sessions after the 10am service: Sept. 8 (Listening Training-Pt 1), **Oct. 6** (Medically Aware as a Visitor), and **Oct. 27** (Listening Training-Pt 2). For more details, see the full article in the eNews.

GET MORE INFORMATION, UPDATES AND NEWS FROM ST. MONICA'S

Sign up for our eNews to get announcements, news, and alerts every Thursday at 5pm, featuring detailed info and photos. Join at: www.stmonicasnaples.org/join-our-eneews

LECTOR MINISTRY INVITATION

Anyone who would like to become a Lector for the Saturday 5pm service is welcome. This role generally involves reading once a month, and occasionally twice. I'm currently organizing the Sept-Dec schedule. If you're interested, please contact Frank Dowd at dcfrank@aol.com or call me – my home number is in the parish directory. Thanks!

HELP US KEEP ATTENDANCE

Please take a moment to find and wear your name tags, as it allows visitors and other parishioners to not only recognize you by name but allows the office to note your attendance which is a requirement for the Diocese. As you leave the church, please leave them in the baskets at the back doors and they will be placed back on the board for pickup the following weekend.

PRAYERS

If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, a friend, or family member, please visit:

www.stmonicasnaples.org/this-weeks-prayer-list

PASTORAL

If you or a loved one are facing a hospital stay or health care concern, please reach out to Fr. Jonathan at 786.450.5704

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October 20-26, 2024

10/21 Lorraine Maurer	10/22 Mary Gentzle
10/22 Kathy Romatzick	10/24 Stacey McCurdy
10/23 Greg and Ryan Smith-Landwehr	

Life Insurance



If your insurance policy is no longer needed, you could simply change St. Monica's Episcopal Church to be the primary beneficiary of the existing policy. Consider listing St. Monica's as the contingent beneficiary.

We would be happy to help you explore special giving opportunities.

Simply contact St. Monica's at finance@stmonicasnaples.org