

Announcements

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

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, as 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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, SUNDAY OCTOBER 8th AT 10AM

Please bring your pets or your friends with pets for a pet blessing as we remember the wonderful ministry of St. Francis of Assisi. If you have allergies and cannot attend, please consider coming to our Saturday service.

NEW DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

We are excited to announce our new Director of Finance, Joe Master. He will be working with us about thirty hours per month. He will work closely with our Treasurer and Parish Administrator. You can reach him at jmaster@stmonicasnaples.org. If you have questions about giving and your pledge, you will continue to contact our Parish Administrator, Laura Stamper.

RUMMAGE SALE NOVEMBER 4

Please donate your time and your things! We have a list of accepted items and individuals to contact on the table in the back of the church.

NEW TAGS FOR THOSE SERVING

You asked, and we listened! We now have new Usher, Host, and Greeter tags for those serving in those roles. We kept the magnetic backings for those who like them, but we also added the clip-on tags for those who cannot use the magnetic kind. Thank you for your feedback and for those of you that serve.

MISIÓN PENIEL IN IMMOKALEE

Misión Peniel is a pastoral ministry that provides food, clothing, fellowship, and emergency support to farmworkers in Immokalee, Florida. This ministry works with people of faith and compassion to act with farmworkers to achieve fundamental change in their living and working conditions while increasing public awareness of the need for bridge building. We will be collecting in our "shopping cart" the following items:

- Tennis shoes
 - Work boots (*men and women*)
 - Personal Hygiene Items
 - Non-Perishable Food
 - Diapers (*sizes 4, 5, and 6 only*)
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FALL CHOIR AND HANDBELL REHEARSALS POSTPONED

Due to the news we shared earlier this week in regards to Dr. Ron Dorion, all choir and handbell practices are postponed. We will send notices out during the week as things change. We ask that all choir members sign up and get the eNews so they get notified in a timely manner. Please read the rector's message in the eNews or the webpage for more information as to St. Monica's plans going forward. Sign up for the eNews at:

www.stmonicasnaples.org/join-our-e-news

THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING

Thank you to all of the ushers who have served this past year. Dave West and Matt Devlin, we couldn't have gotten through the summer without your assistance. We are pleased to welcome those of you who have responded to our request for additional help- Sharon Lapierre, Jack Hufty, Matt Devlin, and Cindy Gault.

COFFEE HOUR

We need you! Please sign-up to host a Sunday coffee hour. If you are not sure how to host, let Matt Devlin know and he can show you. There is a signup clipboard at the back of the Church, or you can call the Church during the week at 239.591.4550 to signup.

MAKING OUR CHURCH OUR HOME

With your coins, we want to beautify our church, making our church our home. Please take one, fill it up, and bring it to church!

LADIES LUNCHEON

Our next gathering will be at Blu Jelly, **Monday, October 9th at 12:30.** It is located 2650 Immokalee Rd

AN EASIER WAY TO REQUEST PRAYER

The pastoral care team has put together a page to submit a request whenever you want. Simply visit the link below and you will see two different links. One is to add a prayer and the other is remove a prayer. We hope by implementing this, it will help you send in the requests and share with others. Simply visit and bookmark this link for quicker access: <http://www.stmonicasnaples.org/this-weeks-prayer-list>

IN LOVING MEMORY

Remember a loved one, honor someone, or give thanks with the donation of a plaque that will be affixed to the back of a chair in our church. Some examples of wording include, "To the glory of God from the _____ Family," "In Thanksgiving for our many blessings, from _____," "In Memory of our Grandparents, from the _____," or "In memory of _____ and _____ from _____." The cost is \$200. Donations above that are welcome. Contact Sharon Lapierre at 920-204-4165 or Matt Devlin at 239-450-6229 for any questions. Request forms will be provided at the back of the church, in the church office or you can go online and send in your request.

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

St. Monica's now has a Faith Community Nurse, Susan Docimo, R.N. Her ministry will include serving as a health counselor, educator, advocate, and liaison. She will also help you to promote a healthy relationship between faith, health, attitudes, and lifestyle choices through bulletin articles and health education programs.

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

Be sure to sign up to get our announcements, news, and alerts in your email. We send the eNews every Thursday at 5pm and it provides detailed information and photos. To sign up, visit our website at:

<https://www.stmonicasnaples.org/join-our-enews>

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

10/10 Philip Reid	10/13 Gabriel Chalick	10/8 Rob & Dong Waverka
10/12 Nancy Moritz	10/14 Muriel Burkett	10/10 Charles & Ruth Kalwinsky
10/12 Paul Votapek	10/14 Sandra Johanse	10/10 David & Marcia Pardue
		10/13 Ned & Sara Meekins

Please contact us at administrator@stmonicasnaples.org to update our records if we missed you.

PRAYER CARE

It is our privilege to pray for our sisters and brothers. If you would like to have prayer for a family member, a friend, or yourself, please let us know.

Prayer List (Bulletin)	Prayer Chain (Email Chain)
Terri Tack	Colleen Rossomando
239.593.9429	239.253.6718
ttack3@yahoo.com	perkycolfl@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 8
Pet Blessing at the 10am service
- November 4
8am-1pm, **Rummage Sale**
- December 16
9am-11am, **Holidays without Hunger**
Meals of Hope meal packing event

Consider a Gift of Retirement Assets!

Retirement assets can be the best gift for a donor to leave.

- A tax-efficient planned gift: Qualified retirement accounts are subject to income tax when received by your heirs. If left to heirs, federal income taxes and estate taxes can erode a sizable amount of this asset. As a nonprofit organization, St. Monica's does not pay any federal income tax or estate tax on the distribution of this asset.
- Higher value assets to heirs: Leave to your heirs a wide range of other assets that are not subject to income tax.
- Simple set-up: a simple form is all you need. While no attorney needs to be involved, it is practical to touch base with your professional advisors for their counsel.
- During your lifetime, you continue to use and receive distributions from your retirement accounts.
- Flexibility: If your circumstances change, you may easily change the beneficiary designations at any time.



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