

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 for.

NEW THIS WEEK

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Don't have plans for Christmas? Well, now you do! Join us for a Potluck Supper on December 25 from 3-5pm in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite appetizer, casserole, side dish, dessert, and/or wine. Please feel free to invite your friends too. Sign up by contacting JoAnn Sarconi: 239.297.2408 or Shellby8@aol.com. (This is to replace the Potluck Dinner that is normally held on the second Saturday of every month.)

AFTER CHURCH CLASS

The After Church Class will focus on a short film on Advent with some of the most provocative thinkers in the past few decades. All are welcome to join us in the library at 11:15.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB - TIME CHANGE

The men's book club now meets at 9:30 am in the church music room. We are currently reading *Mere Christianity* by CS Lewis. Our next book will be *Caste: The Origin of Our Discontent* by Isabel Wilkerson. Our selections and timing are made by the group. Interested potential new members are encouraged to come and try us out any time. You can pick up the readings as you go. If you would like more information, please contact Ed Strong, estrongjr@gmail.com, 267.250.4576.

GIFT CARDS - LAST CHANCE

The WoSM have received a little over 100 gift cards from your generosity as of now. We have over 225 children we want to help. ***Can you help pull in that final need? All cards must be in the church office by December 13th*** so we can get the cards to them before they are released for Christmas break. Our vestry member, Jenny Wise, helps with the distribution of the cards to the most in-need children to help them have a brighter Christmas. We ask that you purchase gift cards of \$10 value only from Target and Wal-Mart. Let's share our blessings with these children once again!

CALLING ALL ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

Altar Guild Members that serves at the **5pm Saturday** service and the **10am Sunday** is asked to attend a meeting this Sunday December 10th at 11am in the Church. Can't wait to see you there.

PLEDGE STATEMENTS HAVE GONE OUT

Thank you all for your generosity to our shared mission and ministries at St. Monica's! We have sent out the pledge statements so that you can make sure you can fulfill your remaining pledge. This statement only shows the pledge details. The end of the year 2023 statement will go out in mid-January which will include all contributions made in 2023 for your tax purposes. Please check your email. If you do not have an email, watch your post/mailbox.

ONGOING NEWS

TIME TO DECORATE

The Flower Guild is asking for helpers to put up the Christmas Tree and all the decorations! We are gathering on **Sunday, December 17th** right after the 10am service! We hope you'll come join in on the fun!

THE FLOWER GUILD IS LOOKING

The flower guild is looking for help! We only have two parishioners that beautify the Church every weekend with the flowers you see each weekend on the Altar. We would like to grow this team. You do not need any experience as we will train you. It only takes a couple hours of your time on Saturday mornings. The task isn't hard, and we are always open to questions and willing to help. To find out more or join the Flower Guild call Sharon Lapierre at 920.204.4165 or you can email at Sharon-lapierre@comcast.net.

HEALING MINISTRY

We look forward to resuming our healing ministry this weekend, the third Sunday of each month. This will include healing prayers for those who desire it, just after taking communion.

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!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & GREENS

Donations are being accepted for the greenery and poinsettias that will decorate & beautify St. Monica's for our Christmas celebrations. You can send in your dedication by using the form enclosed or on our website at: <https://www.stmonicasnaples.org/giving> then click on "Christmas Flowers and Greenery", or simply use your smartphone to scan the QR code on the backside of this sheet.

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
 - Non-Perishable Food
 - Work boots (*men and women*)
 - Personal Hygiene
 - Diapers (*sizes 4,5,6 only*)
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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-eneews>

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.

PRAYERS

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 by visiting:

www.stmonicasnaples.org/this-weeks-prayer-list
or contact:

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

PASTORAL

If you go to or are going into the hospital, or your spouse, partner, or family member is experiencing a pastoral or health care issue, please call the Rev. Jonathan W. Evans at 786.450.5704.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

December 10 – December 16

12/11 Margaret Holt

12/16 Donna Janosec-Luzzi

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

Christmas Flowers and Greens QR Code:



How to use:

- 1: With your smartphone, open your camera as if you are going to take a picture.
- 2: Point the camera at the QR code and center the box in your camera.
- 3: Hold still and once the camera is able to focus on the code, a link box will appear.
- 4: Click on the link and the flower dedication page will be there.

NOTE: Never trust any QR codes unless you know it's safe and internet connection is required.