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## WANT TO JOIN OUR CHURCH?

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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](http://www.stmonicasnaples.org). Under "I'm New", you'll find the for.

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### NEW THIS WEEK

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#### THIS SUNDAY - DECORATE THE CHURCH

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

#### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & GREENS

This is the last week that donations are accepted for the greenery and poinsettias that will decorate & beautify St. Monica's for our Christmas celebrations. **The deadline is this Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.** You can send in your dedication by using the form located at the back of the church 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.

#### LADIES LUNCHEON

Coming up at the end of the year, it's a very busy time for everyone. So, we will not meet in December, but instead, we will gather on **Monday, January 8th, 2024 12:30pm**, at Jason's Deli. All St. Monica's ladies are welcome! We'd love to see new faces!

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### ONGOING NEWS

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#### 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.)

#### HEALING MINISTRY

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

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### AFTER CHURCH CLASS

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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. This will be the last class this year, then we will resume again on January 7<sup>th</sup> 2024

### MEN'S BOOK CLUB - TIME CHANGE

The men's book club meets at 9:30am in the 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](mailto:estrongjr@gmail.com), 267.250.4576.

### THE FLOWER GUILD

The flower guild is looking for help to beautify the church with the flowers you see each weekend on the Altar. 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](mailto:Sharon-lapierre@comcast.net).

### STILL ACCEPTING CELL PHONES

The Shelter for Abused Women and Children ([naplesshelter.org](http://naplesshelter.org)) needs cell phones to provide to families at the county's two shelters. After you delete the personal information from your phone, you can drop it in the basket at the back of St. Monica's sanctuary. If you need help deleting your personal information, refer to YouTube or someone's grandchild. For more information check with Colleen Rossomando [perkycolfl@gmail.com](mailto:perkycolfl@gmail.com). This is an initiative of the Women of St. Monica's. Your generosity is appreciated and will help keep people safe.

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### MAKING OUR CHURCH OUR HOME

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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!

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

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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>

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### FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

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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.

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### PRAYERS

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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](http://www.stmonicasnaples.org/this-weeks-prayer-list)  
or contact:

Prayer List (Bulletin)    Prayer Chain (Email Chain)

Terri Tack  
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### PASTORAL

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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.

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### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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*December 17 – December 23*

12/19 Barbara Evans

12/21 Ruth Kalwinsky

12/22 Ruth Macdonald

Please contact us at [administrator@stmonicasnaples.org](mailto: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.**

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

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Monday – Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

Friday and Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday – Thursday December 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

Friday and Monday December 29<sup>th</sup> – and January 1<sup>st</sup>

9am – 12noon    1pm – 3pm

Office is closed for Christmas

9am – 12noon    1pm – 3pm

Office is closed for New Years