

Announcements

December 23, 24 and 25, 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 for.

NEW THIS WEEK

CHRISTMAS CLEAN UP

The Flower Guild is asking for helpers to take the Christmas decorations down. Please join us on **December 31 at 11am** in the Church to help. All hands on deck would be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS HOURS - SERVICES AND OFFICE

Saturday - 5:00pm 4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday - 4:30pm Family Christmas Eve Service
Sunday - 9:00pm Christmas Eve Evening Vigil
Monday - 10:00am Christmas Day Service

The office is closed on Monday in observance of Christmas and will be open on Tuesday December 26 at 9am.

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS - A THANK YOU

St Monica's received some cute thank you cards from the students who received gift cards for Christmas thanks to your generosity. If you'd like to read them, they are hanging on the door in the church office for people to see or check the eNews.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK THIS MONDAY

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.

AFTER CHURCH CLASS

The After Church Class will focus on a short films from some of the most provocative thinkers in the past few decades. All are welcome to join us in the library at 11:15 on **January 7th 2024**.

CLASS ON THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Want to know more about the Episcopal Church? Considering joining? Fr. Jonathan will be teaching a four-week class on Sunday mornings at 9am, starting January 7. The fifth week, Bishop Scharf will be with us. Please email rector@stmonicasnaples.org to register. If you are interested but unable to attend the class, please contact Fr. Jonathan.

ONGOING NEWS

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!

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.

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, 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.

STILL ACCEPTING CELL PHONES

The Shelter for Abused Women and Children (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. This is an initiative of the Women of St. Monica's. Your generosity is appreciated and will help keep people safe.

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!

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)	Prayer Chain (Email Chain)
Terri Tack	Colleen Rossomando
239.593.9429	239.253.6718
ttack3@yahoo.com	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 24 – December 30

12/28 Molly McCurdy

12/29 Tanya Buck

12/28 George and Dinah Traicoff

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Friday and Monday December 22 and 25th

Tuesday – Thursday December 26th – 28th

Friday and Monday December 29th – and January 1st

Office is closed for Christmas

9am – 12noon 1pm – 3pm

Office is closed for New Years