

# Announcements

December 30 and 31, 2023

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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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#### PARDON OUR DUST

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If you have noticed any discrepancies between what you have given and what has been recorded in our database, please let our administrator know: [administrator@stmonicasnaples.org](mailto:administrator@stmonicasnaples.org). We are migrating our data to a new software, and we appreciate your understanding.

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#### WOMEN OF ST. MONICA'S

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If We are excited to introduce a monthly collection program to support various organizations in our local area. Each month will focus on specific items that will be collected at church and then distributed to the organizations. For the month of January, we will collect Towels, Bedsheets and Bed pillows. These items can be lightly used and must be clean and in good condition. During the month of January free to bring in your donations when you visit the church and place the donation in the box that will be provided at the back of the church. Thank you for your participation in the January project!

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#### SECOND ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

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Save the date for an enchanting evening at St. Monica's Church! Join us for our second annual Dinner Dance on **February 10, 2024**, as we celebrate Mardi Gras in style. Mark your calendars for an unforgettable night of delicious food, lively music, dancing, and a fantastic silent auction!

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## PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### CHRISTMAS CLEAN UP

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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.

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### CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS - A THANK YOU

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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.

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### AFTER CHURCH CLASS

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The After Church Class will focus on 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 7<sup>th</sup> 2024**.

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### CLASS ON THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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](mailto:rector@stmonicasnaples.org) to register. If you are interested but unable to attend the class, please contact Fr. Jonathan.

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### LADIES LUNCHEON

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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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## HEALING MINISTRY

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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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## MEN'S BOOK CLUB – TIME CHANGE

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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.

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## THE FLOWER GUILD

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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).

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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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## STILL ACCEPTING CELL PHONES

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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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## 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	Colleen Rossomando
239.593.9429	239.253.6718
<a href="mailto:ttack3@yahoo.com">ttack3@yahoo.com</a>	<a href="mailto:perkycolfl@gmail.com">perkycolfl@gmail.com</a>

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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

*December 31, 2023 – January 6, 2024*

1.4 Julie More

1.4 Stephen Votapek

Please contact us at [administrator@stmonicasnaples.org](mailto:administrator@stmonicasnaples.org) to update our records if we missed you.

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## CHURCH OFFICE NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY HOURS

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*On Friday and Monday December 29 – and January 1 the office is closed for New Years*