

Announcements

Second Sunday of Advent

December 3 and 4, 2022

WANT TO JOIN OUR CHURCH?

If you have found that St. Monica's is the place for you, 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 the "I'm New" tab, you'll find the form "*New Member Form.*"

LET'S GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Right after our 10am church service on **Sunday, December 18th**, we will decorate the church for Christmas. Come join us and let's have some fun together. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Lapierre, 920.204.4165.

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

St Monica's has always shown support for our neighbors and as the Christmas season approaches. One simple way to share is by purchasing gift cards. Jenny Wise, vestry member, is an art teacher for an elementary school in Immokalee, and many there lack resources. We would like to present to 122 of these children \$10 gift cards from either Walmart or Target. The donated cards should be dropped off at St. Monica's office by **December 14th** so the students will receive them on December 16th before schools close for the winter break. Any questions, please contact [djcode54@gmail.com](mailto:djcote54@gmail.com).

HANDMADE PHOTO GREETING CARDS

During the weekend of **December 11th** and **12th** Marilynn Dessauer will be bringing her handmade collection of Photo Greeting Cards to St Monica's. Each card is unique, and pictures include flowers, animals, birds, ships, religious cards, and scenics from around the world, and here at home! All proceeds will go towards "New Doors for St Monica's" The cards are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00 Checks to St Monica's Church or Cash. Thank you.

SEVENTH ANNUAL SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS and CAROLS

Sunday, December 11, at 4pm. Come celebrate the season in scripture and song! The service includes the Daily Office liturgy, and features the choir, handbell choir, and orchestra. Join us in person or via Live Stream. Reception follows the Service in the Parish Hall.

THE WOMEN OF ST. MONICA'S

We would like to revive our Women of St. Monica's that, prior to the pandemic, flourished and was life-giving for so many. As in the past, this will have monthly meetings with interesting speakers and various food options. We are now anxious to formally regroup! All options for schedules and format are open, so let's begin! Please contact me for more information. Donna Cote, past president, Djcote54@gmail.com

SATURDAY POTLUCK SOCIAL

The Saturday Potluck Social is **December 10th** following the 5pm service. Come join us for some holiday cheer. Wine is welcomed. Please bring an appetizer to share. You can drop it off after 4:30 in the Parish Hall. We'll provide the iced tea, lemonade, fun and fellowship. Join us. **All Are Welcome.** JoAnn Sarconi. 239-297-2408

MEN'S BOOK CLUB

On **Monday, December 5th** we will meet at the Church in the Library. Meeting time is 9am. We will continue the discussion of Rob Bells book Love Wins.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We gather on Friday each week starting at **9am** in the Library. Discussions include the Gospel for the upcoming services. Morning Prayer starts our gathering with a light breakfast. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Smith at 239.292.5763. New people are always welcome to attend!

PARKING LOT REPAIR

On **December 19th, 20th and 21st** St. Monica's parking lot will be repaved/sealed, which will cause the inability to drive on the pavement. We ask that all scheduled events, meetings or gatherings during this time frame be placed on hold until **after December 21st** since the parking lot will be closed off and inaccessible.

COME PRAY WITH US EVERY TUESDAY

All Are Welcome to gather with us in the Church every Tuesday at 10am. We praise God with song, read, and pray with scripture. Please contact Theresa Miller 239.849.3315 or Toni Strong 717.372.8619.

OLD TESTAMENT - HEBREW SCRIPTURES - SUNDAY MORNINGS

We meet for Hebrew Scripture class regularly at **11:15am** on **Sunday** mornings after the morning Eucharist. We hope to see you there.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

12/4 Paul Ross	12/6 Jerry Hill	12/8 Leonard Koch
12/4 Jan Ward	12/7 Amy Graebner	12/8 Grace Parker
12/4 Michael Yarusevich	12/7 David Lounsbury	
12/6 John and Jennifer Matts	12/7 Jack and Yanielle Griffin	12/8 Gordon and Ruth Macdonald

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

OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED IN-PERSON AND ZOOM MEETINGS

Zoom Only	➤ Contemplative Prayer.....	Wednesdays, 11am - Zoom	MEETING ID
Zoom & In-Person	➤ Bible Study.....	Fridays, 9am - Library and Chapel	166 7392
Zoom & In-Person	➤ Daughters of the King.....	1 st and 3 rd Mondays, 1pm - Church	PASSCODE
In-Person Only	➤ Prayer and Faith Sharing...	Tuesdays, 10am - Church	7070
In-Person Only	➤ Old Testament Readings....	Sunday, 11:15am - Library	
In-Person Only	➤ Ladies Luncheon.....	2 nd Monday, 12:30pm - Different each month.	

To join a Zoom meeting, visit: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6951667392>

or call one of these three numbers: 301.715.8592 312.626.6799 929.204.6099

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY



A Charitable Gift Annuity is a simple agreement that provides you with a fixed, guaranteed life-time stream of income in exchange for a gift of cash or securities.

We would be happy to provide a personalized illustration of the benefits of a gift annuity for you, a friend or any family member you wish to benefit from your gift annuity.

Advantages also include:

- ♦ **Tax Savings:** A large part of what you donate qualifies as a tax deductible charitable gift.
- ♦ **Tax Free Payments:** A large part of your annual payments may be tax-free.
- ♦ **Reduction of Capital Gains:** When you fund your annuity with appreciated securities you can avoid considerable capital gains tax.

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