

# Announcements

April 27 & 28, 2024

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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 form.

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### NEW THIS WEEK

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#### MEN'S BOOK CLUB

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The Men's Book Club continues to meet Mondays at 9:30am in the church library. We will be setting up the meeting for Zoom shortly. For information, contact:

Ed Strong [estrongjr@gmail.com](mailto:estrongjr@gmail.com) 267.250.4576  
or just come and join us.

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#### NEW PASTORAL MINISTRY

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Our new Deacon, Ken McCaslin, has begun to expand our Pastoral Care ministries. We have begun training Eucharistic Lay Ministers. St. Monica's has been providing Eucharist to those who are not able to attend in person due to mobility issues. We will be able to increase the visits with our team of Eucharistic Lay Ministers. Read more about this in our eNews!

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#### MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

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You may notice that our Music Director isn't in attendance today. This week, Dr. Gomez is no longer serving as our Director of Music. While he is talented, it became apparent that his skills didn't fit within our church. We extend our best wishes to him for success in his future endeavors and keep him in our prayers. As we search for our new Director of Music, we'll be hosting various substitute musicians throughout the summer.

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#### PARISH HALL UPDATE

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We're sprucing up our Parish Hall! Painting has already started, thanks to our dedicated volunteers who generously donated their time and others who donated the materials. If you'd like to lend a hand, please reach out to Fr. Jonathan.

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### OUR NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN

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We're excited about our collaboration with The Healthy Earth Organization. Together, we've established a community garden aimed at alleviating hunger and educating children about caring for the environment. If you'd like to get involved, please reach out to Falon Tabares at [faalon@thehealthyearth.org](mailto:faalon@thehealthyearth.org).

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### PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### NAME TAGS

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Please take a moment to find and wear your name tags, as it allows us to easily recognize you and note your attendance. Please leave them in the baskets toward the back doors.

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#### WOMEN OF ST. MONICA'S

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The Women of St. Monica's thanks everyone who contributed infant and children's items for the March collection box. In April, we are collecting items for students attending the East Naples Middle School. One of our church members, Susan Rober, teaches there. She is asking for items to replenish the student's special needs closet. Items needed include socks and underwear in all sizes (sizes range from youth to adult) and personal care items: deodorant, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Thank you!

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#### LADY'S LUNCHEON

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The On Monday, May 13th at 12:30, we will be going to L'Appetite. It is located 2592 Northbrooke Plaza Dr. It is between The 7-11 and Bob Evans just before the entrance to highway 75 from Immokalee Rd.

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#### ENVELOPES FOR OFFERINGS

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If you need envelopes, you can find them on the usher's table by the door.

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## WAYS TO GIVE OF YOUR TIME

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- Sign up for hosting coffee hour – we will train you! Just call or email the office.
- Learn how to do wonders with flowers serving our flower guild.
- Learn the prayerful experience of serving in the altar guild.
- Give of your time at the front desk, help with small administrative tasks, answering phones and greeting visitors.

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## HEALING MINISTRY

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We look forward to 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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## 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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## TRIP TO EPISCOPAL CHURCHES IN CUBA

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In November 2024, we are taking a small delegation, along with St. Mark's and Padre Gerardo, to visit three churches in Cuba to explore the possibilities of missional relationships. Please contact Fr. Jonathan if you would like to find out more.

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

*April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

5/2 Doug Blatz      5/2 Theresa Miller      5/2 Fred Swendeman  
5/2 Sharyn Wieditz      5/3 Patricia Traverse

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

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## PLEDGE – STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

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PLEDGES IN 2023	# PLEDGED REC'ED	# NEW PLEDGES THIS WEEK	TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED
94 Totaling \$350,385.53	72	0	\$284,215.31

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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 Fr. Jonathan at 786.450.5704.

**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>

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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	Jim Sarconi
239.593.9429	239.961.0934
<a href="mailto:ttack3@yahoo.com">ttack3@yahoo.com</a>	<a href="mailto:diver84@aol.com">diver84@aol.com</a>

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## 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](mailto:finance@stmonicasnaples.org)