

Announcements

August 17 and 18, 2024

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 form.

NEW THIS WEEK

MUSIC UPDATE

We have Rebecca Richardson with us for the next three weeks, and on her third week, she will team up with our new Director of Music Ministries, Kyler Brown.

GARDEN UPDATE

The Healthy Earth Organization has upgraded the garden with new Clusia plants, an additional picnic table, and improved landscaping. Radishes will be harvested soon, with a potential preschool collaboration, and pumpkins are planned for next month. For more details, check out the full article in the eNews

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

The program is launching soon and offering monthly communion to senior living facilities. Join our training sessions after the 10am service: Sept. 8 (Listening Training-Pt 1), Oct. 6 (Medically Aware as a Visitor), and Oct. 27 (Listening Training-Pt 2). For more details, see the full article in the eNews.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Next month we will be gathering at Naples Coastal Kitchen, **Sept 9th at 12:30**. It is located at Prado Spring Creek, 25265 Chamber of Commerce Dr. in Bonita Springs. Go up 41 and it is off of Bernwood Pkwy.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

Exciting News! The Vestry has been crafting a dynamic strategic plan for St. Monica's future, with a big focus on your participation. Discover how you can be part of this journey and what exciting steps lie ahead. Read the full story in our eNews!

T-SHIRTS ARE ALMOST GONE - BUT...

We only have a couple sizes left (S and L) If your size is unavailable, you can order online at www.floridaycreations.com/stmonicas They do cost a bit more online due to shipping cost. All proceeds benefit St. Monica's Episcopal Church.

LEAD OUR SUNDAY GREETING TEAM

We want to thank Mrs. Ann Hoffman for her many years of dedicated service as the Sunday Greeters Leader. With her stepping down, we need a new leader for this ministry. As the leader, you'll coordinate the schedule by working with the Sunday lector team. We can provide training and guidance. If interested contact Laura, our Parish Administrator. Read the full message in the eNews for more details!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - NOCHE CUBANA

On **Saturday, September 14 at 6pm**, we will have a "Noche Cubana" in our Parish Hall. We will enjoy authentic Cuban food prepared by Padre Gerardo's family. Additionally, we will hear one of our new parishioners, Everton Azevedo, play guitar for us!

www.youtube.com/@EvertonVidalAzevedo

Donations will be accepted and go to support our Latino ministries.

MISION PENIEL

We have scheduled another workday at Mision Peniel for **Friday, August 23** from 2:00pm to 6:30pm. We will meet at St. Monica's at 1:15 to carpool. This is a rich experience, distributing food and clothing to those in need. Please contact Debbie Corey for more information.

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

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

LECTOR MINISTRY INVENTION

Anyone who would like to become a Lector for the Saturday 5pm service is welcome! This role generally involves reading once a month, and occasionally twice. I'm currently organizing the Sept-Dec schedule. If you're interested, please contact Frank Dowd at DCFRANK@AOL.com or call me – my home number is in the parish directory. Thanks!

HEALING MINISTRY

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.

BIBLE STUDY

We are currently on a summer break and not meeting. However, we will resume our gatherings after Labor Day. We invite you to join us on **Friday, Sept. 6**, at 9 am in the Library. Whether you are a familiar face or new, we would love to have you with us. We enjoy starting our time together with a light breakfast snacks, followed by a time of fellowship and reflection on the word. We look forward to seeing you there!

THREE NEW RENTERS

We are happy to announce that we have three new renters at St. Monica's. BNI, a business networking group, returned to us last month. They meet on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Hall. On Saturdays, from 9:00am-3:00pm, a Messianic Synagogue, El Ahava, will use the Parish Hall and the kitchen space. And the third group is a youth fencing academy that will meet in the Parish Hall from 5:00pm-8:00pm on Mon, Wed and Fri. Our relationships with these groups give us visibility in the community as well as help us with the costs of maintaining our buildings. They are a vital part of the ministry of St. Monica's.

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 Fr. Jonathan at 786.450.5704.

HELP US KEEP ATTENDANCE

Please take a moment to find and wear your name tags, as it allows visitors and other parishioners to not only recognize you by name but allows the office to note your attendance which is a requirement for the Diocese. As you leave the church, please leave them in the baskets toward the back doors and they will be placed back on the board for pickup the following weekend.

WAYS TO GIVE OF YOUR TIME

- 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 by help with small administrative tasks, answering phones and greeting visitors.

MAKING OUR CHURCH OUR HOME

We need your help to make our church home more beautiful and welcoming. Please take a coin collection cup from the back of the church, fill it with your spare change and bring it to church. Thank you.

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-eneus>

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

August 18 - 24, 2024

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| 8/18 Ed Strong | 8/21 Grafton Corbett |
| 8/21 Herb Newman | 8/22 Abigail Freigang |
| 8/23 Ann Hoffman | 8/24 Susan Docimo |
| 8/24 Linda Pilc | |

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| 8/18 John and Sue Adams |
| 8/18 Benji and Abby Freigang |
| 8/21 Keel and Penny Jones |
| 8/23 John and Maria Kuechmann |
| 8/24 Don and Joan Fuggi |

CONSIDER A BEQUEST!

Your thoughtful Will should be the cornerstone of your estate plan. A Will give form and substance to your thoughtful concern for the future of your family and other beneficiaries. A Will represents a person's final wishes and intentions. After providing for your loved ones, please consider one final testament of faith through a bequest in your Will or living trust that will prove an enduring foundation for our mission.

We would be happy to provide instructions to your legal advisor.

- ◆ **Specific Bequest:** You may leave a percentage of your estate or a fixed dollar amount using cash, securities or property.
- ◆ **Residuary Bequest:** You may gift the remaining balance of your estate after all specified distributions are made and obligations have been satisfied.
- ◆ **Contingent Bequest:** You may gift your estate if one or more beneficiaries does not survive the benefactor.



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