

Announcements

August 24 and 25, 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

SENIOR WARDEN

At the August Vestry meeting, Holy Cow! Consulting was chosen for our congregational survey, crucial for our strategic planning. A donor will cover the costs. We're forming a strategic planning committee with broader congregational involvement. The online survey is set to launch in November. For more details, see the full article in the eNews.

LATINO MINISTRIES UPDATE

Fr. Jonathan, Padre Gerardo, and Bishop Griselda are taking part in a Diocesan-wide strategic planning for Latino ministries that is initiated this weekend. Please pray for their efforts.

NOCHE CUBANA UPDATE

The Noche Cubana is postponed due to some unforeseen issues. We will reschedule it again as soon as we are able.

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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!

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!

LADIES LUNCHEON

In **September** we will be gathering at Naples Coastal Kitchen on the **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.

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!

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.

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.

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

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.

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-eneews>

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

August 25 – September 31, 2024

8/25 Mike Landreth	8/25 Kyle Williamson
8/28 Marge Gower	8/29 Al Ciano
8/27 Fred and Betty Cable	
8/29 David and Maureen Chismar	