

Announcements

August 3 and 4, 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

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.

VISITING SIENA LAKES SENIOR LIVING

Come join the Rev. Ken McCaslin on **August 8 at 3pm** in the Meeting Room at Siena Lakes to discuss the next gatherings at Siena Lakes. Siena Lakes resident and parishioners, Pat Murphy, will be hosting the community gathering at 2781 Siena Lakes Circle, Naples, FL 34109.

ALL SEASONS EUCHARIST

We will temporarily move our location on **Tuesday August 6**. Due to construction on the Theater, we'll meet in the Multipurpose Room.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB

Our group is reading *A Different Way; Recentering the Christian Life Around Following Jesus* by Christopher A. Hall in the conference room at 9:30am Monday mornings. Please join us. If you have any questions contact our leader, Ed Strong at estrongjr@gmail.com. Reading assignments can be found in the Constant Comment sent out every Monday Morning at 7am ET. To be added to the notification notices sent out every Monday morning, send your information to Deacon Ken at Ken@stmonicasnaples.org.

A SHORT-TERM HOME FOR OUR NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

Many thanks go to Sara and Ed Meekins who have graciously offered their home for Kyler for the first few months of his transition here to Naples. It's wonderful to have a church that is so generous and welcoming.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our community garden needs help with assembling a picnic table, weeding, and planting **Thursday, August 8, 9:30 to 11:00am**. This activity will require you to get dirty! Please bring comfortable clothing, closed toed shoes, and a refillable water bottle. We will supply all the tools needed plus light snacks, and water.

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.

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.

ST. MONICA'S T-SHIRTS ARE HERE

St. Monica's t-shirts are now available for purchase in the front office at \$20 each. If your desired size is unavailable, you may conveniently order online at www.floridaycreations.com/stmonicas for direct delivery. All proceeds benefit St. Monica's Episcopal Church.

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES LUNCHEON

We'll be meeting up at Doug's Seafood on **Monday, Aug 12**, at 12:30pm. You can find it at 3411 Bonita Beach Rd, Bonita Springs.

SATURDAY 5PM SOCIAL

Our last Saturday Social at a restaurant will be on **August 10** at the Greektown Taverna, 2440 Vanderbilt Beach Rd. Please join us right after the 5pm service on Saturday. Contact Wayne Medeiros, 815.483.8450, if you plan to attend or go to this link to RSVP online: www.stmonicasnaples.org/RSVP.

BABY BASICS

St. Monica's has been active with Baby Basics of Collier County for many years supplying those in need with free diapers. During this time, we have been very fortunate that Steve Popper and Meals of Hope have been housing our diapers at their warehouse. However, Meals of Hope is growing and they need all of their space for their charitable mission. The good news though, Fr. Jonathan offered space here at St. Monica's to continue our mission for Baby Basics. We will be using some of the closet space in the Parish Hall. This will help us tremendously! We are excited to have the diapers housed here at the church!

PRAYER & FAITH SHARING

The prayer group will not be meeting during the month of July. We will resume our gatherings again starting on Tuesday **August 6th** at 10am in the Church.

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!

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.

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 at the front desk, help with small administrative tasks, answering phones and greeting visitors.

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

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-e-news>

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

August 4 - 10, 2024

8/8 Amy Thompson

8/7 Matt and Betty Devlin

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