

# Announcements

Sept 21 and 22, 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. 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.

### NEW THIS WEEK

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#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEACON

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For the next 3 Sundays' Cheri and I will be away. Cheri will be at a retreat and I will be checking in on my 99 year old aunt. The very last part of September and beginning of October, we will return to our previous Church home, St. David's Radnor Pennsylvania, and participate in their 173rd Church Fair. We will return on Sunday October 13. Blessings, Deacon Ken

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#### SHAPE ST. MONICA'S FUTURE

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We're forming a Strategic Planning Committee to work with Fr Jonathan, the Vestry. We need seven congregation members and three Vestry members to develop strategies, support a congregational survey, and maintain confidentiality. Deadline: September 30. See the full article in the eNews

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#### LADIES LUNCHEON

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We will be meeting at Jimmy P's on **October 14th at 12:30**. It is located at 1201 Piper Blvd., on the corner of Immokalee Rd and Airport across from Sam's Club. We are not going to meet at the new Jimmy P's as planned because they are not open yet. This is the last lunch for the year. November and December is busy for everyone, so we will meet in the new year.

### PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

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We've had productive discussions with our survey vendor, Holy Cow! Consulting, about how the process will meet our needs. Next week's update will announce the launch of the strategic planning committee. Once formed, the committee will help shape pre-survey activities to explain and support the survey, which will primarily be conducted online. A subgroup of the committee will work on customizing the survey to our needs. We invite you to pray about how you can be part of this effort. For more information, please contact the senior warden, Ed Strong, 267.250.4576.

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#### HEALING MINISTRY

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We look forward to our healing ministry the third Sunday of each month. There will be healing prayers for those who desire it, just after taking communion.

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#### DIOCESAN CONVENTION

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You're invited to the workshops of Diocesan Convention. Our diocese is offering fascinating workshops, and convention is open to all who want to come. See more information and you can register at [www.conventionswfl.org/workshops](http://www.conventionswfl.org/workshops)

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## PRESENTATION ON CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

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Join the Interfaith Alliance of Southwest Florida us for an evening with John Pavolitz: activist, storyteller and author of 7 books including "Worth Fighting For: Finding Courage and Compassion when Cruelty is Trending." **October 22, 2024, 7:00 pm** Naples United Church of Christ 5200 Crayton Rd, Naples 34103.

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## DIOCESAN NEWS UPDATES

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Stay connected with the heart of the Diocese through their bi-weekly E-newsletter Bridges which illuminates the community with stories of transformation, unity, and positive impact. This free newsletter is a testament to the vibrancy of our community, featuring uplifting tales from Diocesan House, our parishes, DaySpring, and our diocesan schools. <https://episcopalswfl.org/bridges-e-newsletter-subscription>

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## EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

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This ministry is launching soon and offering monthly communion to people in 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.

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## LECTOR MINISTRY INVITATION

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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](mailto:dcfrank@aol.com) or call me – my home number is in the parish directory. Thanks!

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## HELP US KEEP ATTENDANCE

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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 at the back doors and they will be placed back on the board for pickup the following weekend.

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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)

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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.**

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## MAKING OUR CHURCH OUR HOME

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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.

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## GET MORE INFORMATION, UPDATES AND NEWS FROM ST. MONICA'S

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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:

[www.stmonicasnaples.org/join-our-eneews](http://www.stmonicasnaples.org/join-our-eneews)

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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*September 21-28, 2024*

9/22 Gary Gentle 9/23 Janet Perna

9/27 Matt Devlin

9/26 Michael and Lynn Landreth