

# Announcements

Sept 7 and 8, 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.

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### NEW THIS WEEK

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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 <https://www.conventionswfl.org/workshops>

#### 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/>

#### 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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### PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### LEAD OUR SUNDAY GREETING TEAM

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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!

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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 INVENTION

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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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## SENIOR WARDEN

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At the August Vestry meeting, Holy Cow! Consulting was chosen for our congregational survey, which is 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.

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## LADIES LUNCHEON

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On **September 9** we will be gathering at Naples Coastal Kitchen on the **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.

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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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## 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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## 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:

<https://www.stmonicasnaples.org/join-our-eneews>

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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*September 8-14, 2024*

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9/9 Tammi Pittaro

9/11 Bill Docimo

9/13 Maureen Chismar

9/10 Colleen & Bob Rossomando

9/11 Tom and Donna Cote

9/14 Len Koch & Marilyn McIntyre