



Where Christ's Light Shines

# The Messenger

7070 Immokalee Road Naples, FL 34119

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Fall 2018

## Fall at St. Monica's All Are Welcome

### In October:

- ◆ Morning Prayer and Friday Bible Study - October 19 at 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ 2018 Stewardship Dinner and celebration: "A Season of Transformative Generosity" October 26, 2018 at 6 p.m.

### Ongoing:

- ◆ Men's Bible Study - Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Thursday Evening Bible Study with Father Eric at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Women's Dinner on the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m.
- ◆ Guadeloupe Soup Kitchen on the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Vestry Meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.



# From The Rector. . .

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

As we come to the close of summer, it is hard to believe that we have been serving Christ together for only six short months. Terri and I are overjoyed and blessed to share ministry with God's people of St. Monica's. This parish is an incredibly loving, welcoming, and faithful community, and we are blessed to serve Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ alongside you. These past few months have been filled with new excitement and enthusiasm, new leaders taking on new ministries, and renewed commitment to growing in our faith together. Through all the changes of moving, getting to know new people, and entering parish ministry again, I must say, you all have made our transition easy and joyful. Thank you!

Your vestry and I, from our very first meeting, have been working diligently to position the parish for this transition, and to pave the way for the future God has in store for us. First, we are implementing our new SWEEPPS (Service, Worship, Education, Evangelism, Parish Life, Pastoral Care, and Stewardship) organizational structure. Each member of the vestry is responsible for one of these ministry commissions, which will provide a direct communications link and support framework, to support the many ministries within the church. I would like to share with you, a few updates on the work of these new commissions.

Our Service Commission continues to support local mission (outreach) in our neighborhood. Through the ministry of those serving in the Baby Basics ministry, Immokalee Soup Kitchen, St. Matthew's House Soup Ministry, and through our many other ministries, we are showing love to our neighbors by being Christ's hands and feet to others. Our Worship Commission is working together to make our worship services go smoothly. Our leadership teams have grown and now we have co-team leaders providing training and scheduling for Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Chalice Bearers), Lectors (Readers), Altar Guild, and Ushers. We have added several new readers to the schedule for each service, as well as new licensed Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Our Usher leaders have developed (coordinating with the Rector) a checklist for each service, whereby many of the tasks necessary to set the church up for worship are now more easily accomplished.

Our Education Commission continues to develop new formation classes for all ages. Currently, the Rector's Bible study, which began several weeks ago, continues to draw a sizeable group of participants. Thus, I will continue to offer this class on each Thursday evening at 6:00 pm (except 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday - Vestry Meeting). Please consider joining us for this study of the "Gospel According to Luke." Our Youth Ministry Advisory Team spent several months developing our new youth and Sunday School program, and on August 19<sup>th</sup>, we launched Sunday School for our youth. We currently have ten children registered for Sunday School, and since the August 19<sup>th</sup> Kickoff, we have had two new families join us on Sundays with five new children in attendance.

Our Evangelism Commission has been very effective these past few months, and through their work, we now have several new members at St. Monica's. Sarah Meador and her team have implemented our new *Radical Welcome* program. This intentional communications and integration program is designed to assist newcomers to move from "First Time Visitor" to new member. The process begins with the first hello from our wonderful Greeter team, who captures the contact information of each new person! Next, I send a personalized letter to each visitor on the Tuesday following their first visit. Soon after, a Welcome Team member makes a personal phone call to the visitor, at which time, they are invited to attend a "Circle of Friends" gathering hosted by me and Terri in our home. We had our first gathering on July 29<sup>th</sup> and there were thirteen people in attendance. Throughout the process, each newcomer is invited to make a commitment to become a member of St. Monica's, and it has proven successful. Over the past five months, our new Radical Welcome team has been tracking our progress, and I am happy to report that we have had 93 visitors: we are following up on 36, 14 visitors left no contact information, 13 visitors need follow up in the Fall, 19 were not interested, but we now have **11 new members** added to our community. Check out the Evangelism board near the kitchen, for pictures of our new sisters and brothers who are a part of our family at St. Monica's.

# More From The Rector...

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Our Parish Life Commission continues to create many opportunities for fellowship at St. Monica's. The Women's Group continues to meet each month with lively gatherings filled with fun, fellowship, and food! Our own Jill Ducatman has been working on developing some fun summer events, the first of which was our "Baseball Outing" at Hammond Stadium where several of us enjoyed the game with the Fort Myers Miracles minor league team. There will be many more opportunities for fellowship, fun, and family that will be forthcoming this Fall and maybe even an Everblades Hockey Game is in the works!

Our Pastoral Care team continues to support and help the Rector with the ministry of caring for our members through pastoral visitations, home communions, Stephen Ministries, and more. With the support of Don McCleary, we now have ten new Lay Eucharistic Visitors who have been trained, licensed, and recently commissioned to take communion to those who are home bound, in the hospital, or in nursing homes. If you need pastoral care, home communion, or you have any pastoral need, please do not hesitate to contact me at the office. If you have a pastoral emergency and you need urgent care, please call my cell phone 239-272-6131.

Finally, our Stewardship Commission team has been formed with five members who have been working diligently developing our Fall Stewardship program. The Stewardship theme this year is "Transformative Generosity." Our Program begins on October 26, 2018 at 6 p.m. with a festive dinner. The Rev. Canon Chris Gray, Development Officer for the Diocese of Southwest Florida, will be our keynote speaker! Please join us for a night of food, fun, live music and lots of celebration! All of us will make our annual pledge of "Time/Talent/and Treasure" on All Saint's Day 2018. This will be a time when each of us commits to return to God generously a portion of the abundant grace and provision God has given each one of us. Be on the look out for more information about the exciting events this fall.

My sisters and brothers, there are some many other wonderful things God has been doing among us, and too many for me to list in this short article. Please know how much Terri and I love you all. It is a great joy to be serving as your Rector, and I look forward to our ongoing ministry together. I want you to know that my door is open anytime. If you ever have a concern, or you need to just chat with me, please call Linda, or call me directly, and we will set a side a time when we can talk.

May God continue to bless each of you and continue to bless the ministry of St. Monica's Episcopal Church.

Peace, blessings, and love,

Fr. Eric+



# *Liturgically Speaking...*

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## ORDINARY TIME AT ST. MONICA'S

We are now in the second half of Ordinary Time which is the season after Pentecost. The color remains green.

We have several special Sundays during this last part of our church year. The first weekend in October we celebrate St. Francis. Our animals will be blessed at the 9:30 a.m. service.

The first weekend in November is All Saints weekend. All Saints Day is November 1<sup>st</sup>, but the church celebrates it on the closest Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. This is the day that we remember all who have gone before us in faith. The names of all who have joined the "Communion of All the Saints" since last All Saints Day will be read during the Prayers of the People.

Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> is another Feast of Our Lord, Christ the King Sunday, which is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. The next Sunday is Advent 1 - the beginning of a new year, a new season of expectation, and the gospel readings will come from The Gospel According to Luke.

**Join us at any of the following services for joyous, faithful, prayerful worship - one of the basics of life in Christ**

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. for Rite Two Holy Eucharist

Sundays at 7:45 a.m. for Rite One Holy Eucharist

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. for Rite Two Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays at 12 Noon for Contemplative Holy Eucharist

Fridays at 8:30 for Morning Prayer (starting October 19)



# From The Treasurer...

Fr. Eric and I have worked diligently since he arrived to develop systems to track the financial health of St. Monica's. His financial acumen was one of the gifts he brings to St. Monica's. He has developed a cash flow projection system that allows us to plan our income/expenses through the year. He has hired a bookkeeper, Stacy Hersha, to work twice a week in the office. She is a CPA and has been learning the Church Windows system as she processes donations and invoices. We have also established a finance committee that will assist in preparing our 2019 budget and oversee our financial future. The vestry bulletin board in the parish hallway posts our balance sheet and treasurer's report once they have been approved by the vestry.

In the meantime, we have had some extraordinary expenses with several lightning strikes knocking out our electrical panel for the fire suppression system, our phone system, internet and we lost a computer in the bookkeeper's office. While we are working with our insurance company for compensation we have paid the invoices for these expenses.

As you anticipate increasing your pledge for 2019 would you consider starting now by increasing your 2018 pledge to help us continue our ministry through the end of 2018? If you feel called to increase your pledge for 2018 please contact Stacy in the office.

We look forward to an exciting year for St. Monica's with new members, new ideas, and new ministries but our work is only possible with your help.

God bless you,  
Janet L. Ross  
Treasurer

## Schedule of Operating Income and Expenditures

For the Period Ending June 30, 2018

Jan 1 - June 30, 2018

<b>Operating Fund Revenue</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Open Plate Offering	9,000	8741
Current Year Pledges	192,498	181,731
Non-Pledge Offerings	17,502	31,614
Rental Income	19,998	16,792
Other Income	<u>9654</u>	<u>3,034</u>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>248,652</b>	<b>241,912</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Diocesan Apportionment	23,386	28,386
Outreach	1,200	2,189
Pastoral Staff*	54,044	64,376
Administration	60,968	61,745
Worship	32,910	34,056
Formation	858	560
Communications	600	1,100
Welcoming, Hospitality, Fellowship	750	2,306
Facilities	35,718	38,634
Mortgage - Land, Building, Equipment	<u>12,048</u>	<u>12,551</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>227,482</b>	<b>245,894</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>27,101</b>	<b>(3,982)</b>

\*Includes Transition Expenses



# From The Vestry...

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## THIS FALL'S STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

It will soon be autumn, and everyone is anticipating renewed choir music, Sunday School, and the gradual start of "Season" here in Naples. St. Monica's Stewardship team is no exception in planning for the annual Stewardship Campaign.

The month of October will be when most of our parish activities take place, and as a part of our 2018-2019 Stewardship Program the parish will support a Festive Dinner on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. The Rev. Canon Chris Gray, Canon for Development in the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida will be present for this occasion, to share with us his own faith story of how stewardship has been a blessing to his family. This will be a time of pleasant table conversation, and an interactive time of discussion about stewardship and our faith. Annual pledge cards will be mailed within a couple of days after the event and will not distributed at dinner.

In the coming weeks, some parishioners will be asked to participate in the communication of this campaign to the entire congregation, but this will be a voluntary endeavor on everyone's part. We all will be invited to make our annual pledge of "Time/Talent/and Treasure" on All Saint's Day (November 4th) 2018. This is a time when each of us are asked to return to God generously, a portion of the abundant grace and provision God has given each one of us.

Fr. Eric, the Vestry, and the Stewardship Team encourage us all to think and pray carefully about all the good things God has blessed us with in this life. With thanksgiving please give generously to support God mission of love, mercy, reconciliation, and grace through the mission and ministry of St. Monica's Episcopal Church.

Doug Ball, Chair  
Stewardship Commission

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is alive and flourishing at St. Monica's this fall. For information about the children and youth programs see Tess Willbur-Williams' article on page 11 and for that as well as some adult offerings, see Father Eric's article on page 2.

Adult Formation on Sunday mornings has started and consists of some specialty programs offered by Father Eric at various times of the year. For instance, he is teaching one on baptism right now and will return to do a special Advent series in November and December. Follow the schedule in the bulletin each week to know what is currently being offered. When he is not teaching, I will moderate a class in which we discuss the Gospel reading and how it applies to our lives today.

On October 19, 2018, Friday Morning Bible Study will begin. We start with Morning Prayer in the Chapel at 8:30 a.m., have a light breakfast, and then proceed to Bible study. This year the group decided to study *The Revelation of John*. All are welcome - please come!

Betsy Smith, Chair  
Education Commission

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## RADICAL WELCOMING

Radical Welcome is the spiritual practice of embracing and being changed by the gifts, presence, voices, and power of others - both those in our midst and those just outside our door. It is not only our amazing greeters, ushers, and lay leaders. Radical welcome is the opportunity for every one of us to combine the universal Christian ministry of hospitality with St. Monica's unique spirit of inclusion and a truly open door.

What an exciting first quarter on this new mission we have had, with the tremendous blessing of welcoming these new members to St. Monica's!

Jennifer, Sean, Ben and Samantha Boddicker  
Marianne Callahan Fred and Betty Cable  
Wayne and Linda Stickney Rich and Jan Shea  
Dawn Galliardo Dave and Evie Lounsbury

The SWEEPPS bulletin board now includes pictures of New Members so everyone can be sure to welcome our newest parishioners. Our first newcomers gathering was held on July 29<sup>th</sup> and the team looks forward to hosting another in early November. If this ministry calls to you, get in touch with Sarah Meador at [smeador333@gmail.com](mailto:smeador333@gmail.com) or 239-961-6150.

Sarah Meador, Chair  
Evangelism Commission



# Endowment News...

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## ST. MONICA'S ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE AS OF JULY 31, 2018

Your Endowment Committee thanks all new and repeat members of the Endowment Birthday Club who have donated in 2018.

Ralph Miano	Margaret Miano	Islay Hedger	Sydney Richards
Jeri Borchers	Charles Kalwinsky	Frank Dowd	Sean King
Cooper Dearborn	Lisa Dearborn	Joan Blessing	Cindy Gault
Doug Ball	Sue Lemons	Fred Swendeman	Tom Cote
Betsy Smith	JoAnn Sarconi	Gordon Macdonald	Sandra Kilmon
Diane Traicoff	Kathy Schillreff	Linda Freund	Sara Meekins
Scott McCurdy	Leon Burrows	Robert Des Jardin	Janet Ross
	Debbie Chairs	Steve Borchers	

Your contributions to the Birthday Club have helped to increase St. Monica's Endowment Fund to \$59,020 as of July 31, 2018. We hope everyone will consider becoming part of this most generous group. If you have contributed to the Birthday Club during this year and your name was not listed please let the Committee know so we can make sure you are recognized for your gift. You can email me at [s.borchers@aol.com](mailto:s.borchers@aol.com)

### Friends of St. Monica's Endowment Fund

The following individuals have contributed to the Fund in 2018 outside of the Birthday Club.

Jack Baumgartner III

Islay Hedger

### St. Monica's Legacy Society Members (those who have included St. Monica's in their estate plans or donated \$5,000 or more to the Endowment Fund)

Margaret & Ralph Miano	Hal & Kathy Schillreff	Susan & Tom Gibson
Barbara Metcalfe	Jeri & Steve Borchers	Marjorie Keenoy
Jill & Steve Ducatman	Helen M. Strong	Bill & Betsy Smith
William A. & Ann James Frazier	Tammi Raye Pittaro	Dr. Ron Doiron
Fred & Lynn Swendeman	Betty Gamel	Bob & Carol Boyden

A special welcome to Bob and Carol Boyden who have joined the Legacy Society and a special thank you to Barbara Metcalfe for continuing to add to her original planned gift. Please consider a Legacy Planned Gift to our Endowment Fund in 2018. Leaving a planned gift to St. Monica's will help assure that our mission continues and reminds the next generation of our enduring faith. For more information on Planned Giving please see St. Monica's website under Giving Ministry/Endowment Fund or contact any member of the Endowment Committee listed below.

Steve Borchers - Chairman - [s.borchers@aol.com](mailto:s.borchers@aol.com)

Bob Des Jardin - [djbigtop@comcast.net](mailto:djbigtop@comcast.net)

Tom Gibson - [tohdov3@gmail.com](mailto:tohdov3@gmail.com)

Bill Richards - [bill.richards@fastradios.com](mailto:bill.richards@fastradios.com)

Fred Swendeman - [fswend@aol.com](mailto:fswend@aol.com)



# From The Music Director...

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## MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

### 2018-2019 Music Ministry Season Begins

September 5<sup>th</sup>

### There's a Place for You! All Are Welcome!

Please consider joining our growing Music Ministry Family this year! All are invited to participate as a *singer* in the Choir or as a *ringer* in the Handbell Choir - **no audition necessary!** All you need is a willingness to rehearse and participate as we worship with incredible joy by serving the liturgy and our parish through our shared music ministry. Below is a schedule for each group and additional information about ways to serve our community of faith. If you have any questions, please be sure to see me after a weekend Service or contact me at the church office. I hope to see you soon!

Dr. Ronald Doiron, Director of Music Ministries  
(239) 591-4550

[drdoiron@aol.com](mailto:drdoiron@aol.com) or [rdoiron@stmonicasnaples.org](mailto:rdoiron@stmonicasnaples.org)

### ST. MONICA'S CHOIR

**Weekly choir rehearsals begin again on  
September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

**The Choir sings regularly for the 9:30 am  
Service on Sundays, sometimes at 5:00 pm on  
Saturdays and for special programs offered  
during the year.**

A complete 2018-2019 choir calendar and music schedule will be given to all. If you are new to the choir, contact Dr. Doiron in advance at the Church Office or via email (see above) so that our Music Librarian, Sue Lemons, may have a music folder and robe prepared for your use.

### ST. MONICA'S HANDBELL CHOIR

**Weekly bell rehearsals begin with an  
organizational meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup> at  
5:30 pm.**

**The Bells ring every 4-6 weeks for either the  
Saturday or Sunday Service and for special  
programs offered during the year.**

If you are unable to be present at exactly 5:30, please join us after work. We will be discussing and planning

our rehearsal and service schedule for the year. If you have never played handbells, please contact Dr. Doiron in advance at the church office or via email (see above) so that we may welcome you and determine your possible position in the handbell choir - no previous experience necessary!

### ATTENTION SEASONAL SINGERS!

If you are a "Seasonal Singer" (that is, someone who is not here year round), you are welcome to join either Choir when you arrive. Please contact Dr. Doiron at the church office or via email (see above) before you arrive so that a music folder and robe may be prepared for your use.

### ATTENTION HOLIDAY SINGERS!

Rehearsals for Advent and Christmas begin on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to sing for Advent and Christmas, please contact Dr. Doiron in advance at the church office or via email (see above) so that our Music Librarian may prepare a music folder and robe for your use.

### ATTENTION INSTRUMENTALISTS!

If you play an instrument and would like to share your talents as part of our music ministry, please contact Dr. Doiron at the church office or via email (see above). We can schedule your participation for a weekend liturgy or special holiday services in advance so that you have plenty of time to rehearse your music. We have several instrumentalists already who are part of our music ministry: Trumpet, String Bass and Flute - all are welcome to join us!



# More From The Music Director...

## Announcing St. Monica's 2018-2019 *Friends of Music* Program and Concert Series

Join St. Monica's *Friends of Music* this year!

### About the St. Monica's *Friends of Music*....

Designed as an outreach to the parish and the greater Naples community, our *Friends of Music* provide a means of supporting new choral and instrumental music programs presented on *St. Monica's Concert Series* and for enhancing special Sunday and holiday services with guest soloists and instrumentalists. In addition to memorial donations to the music fund, offerings received at future concerts, and the continued support of St. Monica's parishioners, our *Friends of Music* program is supported by specific tax-deductible donations throughout the year.

### How to join St. Monica's *Friends of Music*....

We always appreciate your support for our special programs through your attendance and any contributions in memory or in honor of loved ones to our Music Fund. However, we hope that you will also consider supporting plans for our 2018-2019 Concert Series by becoming a St. Monica's *Friend of Music*! Your tax deductible donation for 2018-2019 includes the following benefits:

#### \$50-\$99- *Friend of Music Support*

- ◆ Preferred seating for all special concert and choir programs
- ◆ Although gladly accepted, there is no sense of obligation to make additional contributions when attending special concert programs

#### \$100-\$199 - *Friend of Music Angel*

- ◆ In addition to the benefits above, with your approval, your name will be listed as a *Friend of Music* in all concert series programs and you will be recognized publicly in the *Messenger* at the end of the season.

#### \$200 or more - *Friend of Music Benefactor*

- ◆ In addition to the benefits above, you and a spouse or guest are invited to attend a private champagne reception in April, 2019 (details to be announced)

#### \$500 or more - *Friend of Music Benefactor Underwriter*

- ◆ In addition to the benefits above, you are invited to attend an end of the year Gourmet Wine Dinner prepared and presented by Dr. Ronald Doiron (details to be announced)

If you are ready now to join us as a 2018-2019 *Friend of Music*, please mail your tax deductible donation to:

*St. Monica's Friends of Music*  
7070 Immokalee Road  
Naples, Florida 34119  
OR

You may contact the church office and charge your donation to a credit card.

Your questions or suggestions are greatly appreciated - please contact Dr. Doiron at the church office. We look forward having you join us this year!



# More From The Music Director. . .

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## 2018-2019 *Friends of Music* Concert Series

In addition to special instrumental accompaniment at our All Saints, Christmas, and Easter Services, our *Friends of Music* are planning to offer the following special programs this year:

**Sunday, December 16, 2018 - 4:00 pm**  
**Advent Concert: *A Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols***

Offered by St. Monica's Choir, Handbell Choir, Soloists, Orchestra and Congregational Participation  
A free-will offering received. A Festive Reception follows in the Parish Hall.

**Sunday, February 10, 2019 - 4:00 pm**  
**Recital: *Languages of Love***

Performed by Frances Golden - St. Monica's Soprano Section Leader  
Accompanied by Dr. Ronald Doiron. A benefit for St. Monica's Music Ministry  
A Festive Reception follows in the Parish Hall.

**Sunday, March 3, 2019 - 4:00 pm**  
**Epiphany Concert: *Festival Evensong for the Last Sunday Before Lent***

Performed with St. Monica's Choir, Handbell Choir, Soloists, Orchestra and Congregational Participation  
A free-will offering received. A Festive Reception follows in the Parish Hall.

**Sunday, May 19 - 4:00 pm**  
**The Stewart Strings Advanced Performance Ensemble with Dr. Ronald Doiron, Organist**

Violin and Viola students from the studio of Joan Stewart (ages 11 to 18)  
Performing a *Farewell Concert* prior to their June European Tour

**Special Classical Guitar Concert**

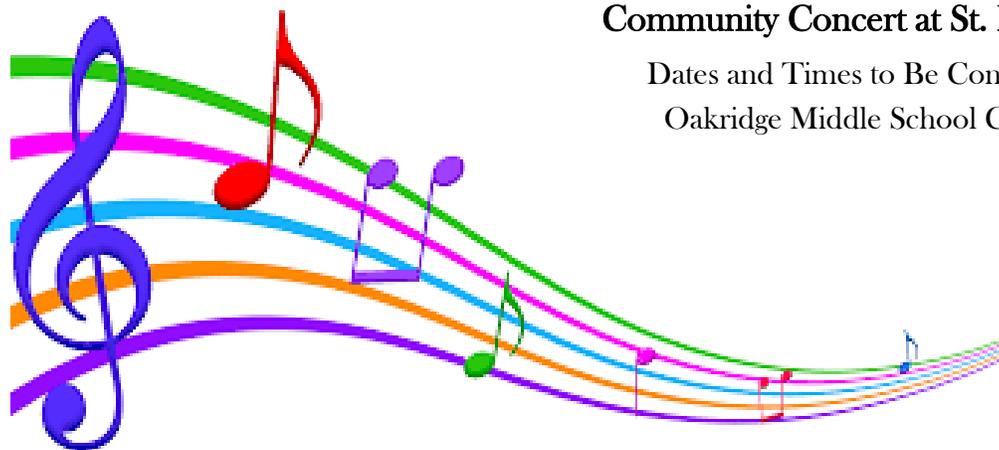
Patricio Sanhueza from Santiago, Chile  
Date and Time to Be Confirmed

**Flute Cocktail in Concert!**

Date and Time to Be Confirmed

**Community Concert at St. Monica's**

Dates and Times to Be Confirmed  
Oakridge Middle School Choirs



# What's Coming . . .

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## ST. FRANCIS DAY AT ST. MONICA'S

The Feast of St Francis is Oct. 4, 2018, and at St. Monica's it will be celebrated on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at the 9:30 a.m. service. All are welcome to bring their pets for a special blessing. We have had reptiles, dogs, birds, arachnids, rodents and cats join us for worship in the sanctuary in past years, and they all enjoyed the music. Please be sure your pet is contained or controlled. Invite friends and neighbors to bring their pets! All are invited to a very special coffee hour afterwards.



## ELECTION NEWS

You may be surprised to know that one of Collier County's fifty-seven polling places, or election sites, is in St. Monica's parish hall. There are over 6000 voters in our precinct. In 2004, we adopted this site, for Precinct 303, and we provide the staffing, donating our paychecks to St. Monica's. We are also paid for the one-day rental of our parish hall, so this becomes a significant fundraiser each year that we have elections.

On August 27, we had 5 election workers: Jill Ducatman, Clerk; Jim Lemons, Electronic Voter ID Specialist; Ginger Shepherd, Ballot Specialist; Sue Lemons, Inspector; and Tammi Pitaro, Inspector. We made \$855 that day for St. Monica's! Our next election is November 6, and we will have 12 members working that day, bringing in nearly \$2000. If you see one of the people listed above, stop and thank them for their gift of time and talent for St. Monica's.

The Supervisor of Elections, Jennifer Edwards, provides excellent training. Election workers have an opportunity to see democracy in action and participate in the voting process in Collier County. If you are interested in being an election worker, NOW is the time to get trained and ready for the November election. Contact Jill Ducatman at 239-293-0256 or [jsducatman@mac.com](mailto:jsducatman@mac.com).

Note: Jennifer Edwards will be the speaker at the October Women of St. Monica's meeting. Everyone is invited to hear her presentation on Security and Processing Mail In ballots at 7 pm on Oct. 8.

Jill Ducatman

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## PUMPKIN PATCH NEWS



**October 16 - 31, 2018**

We still need you for the "Selling Team!"  
Selling shifts are only three hours and we have two people per team.

All net proceeds from the 2018 Pumpkin Patch will support the following ministries:

- 10% Outreach/Service - Local Mission
- 10% Music Programs
- 15% Youth Programs
- 20% Capital Reserve
- 45% Operating Fund

The sign-up sheet is located on the "Service Commission" bulletin board (on the right as you enter the parish hall).



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## IMPORTANT SAVE THE DATE!

Christmas Luncheon at St. Monica's  
Saturday, Dec. 1



Pause before all the fun begins for a very special luncheon!

A fundraiser event for the Women of St. Monica's

# This and That...

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## CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

The new Sunday School year at St. Monica's is off to an exciting start. We have changed our curriculum, our meeting time, and the organization of classes and meeting sites. We have added new teachers in addition to bringing back some veterans, and most exciting - the number of children attending has grown!

The new curriculum is called "Living the Good News." It is a Christian, youth education curriculum which is based on the lectionary (the three-year schedule of readings from the Bible) used by the Episcopal church. This has replaced the "Godly Play" and "Journey to Adulthood" curriculums that we had used for many years. Along with a new curriculum, we have a new Sunday School schedule where the youth classes now meet as a part of (during) the service instead of being a separate meeting time at the end of the service as. When our youth and their teachers process out at the beginning of the worship service at 9:30, the lesson they're being taught centers around the same lectionary lessons that are read in church to the rest of the congregation. The hope is that our parents and children, having been exposed to the same lessons, will then have something in common from church that they can take home and discuss.

The teachers who volunteer their time to make this possible are: Suzanne Bodley, Tess Willbur-Williams, and Stacey McCurdy, who teach the middle school to high school aged class. The preschool to fifth grade class is taught by Laura Rodrigues, her daughter Veronica, Mary Wisnom, Lisa Dearborn and Lisa Herlich. We are also assisted as needed by Cassandra Manfield when she is not needed to oversee the nursery.

If you have room in your heart for more joy and love, call Tess, Suzanne or Fr. Eric and discover your ministry in one of our classes. Our youth are awesome.

Tess Willbur-Williams

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## WOMEN OF ST. MONICA'S

Prepare yourself for a new year filled with special events, programs and lots of fun and fellowship. We look forward to welcoming our newest members. Please save the date of December 1<sup>st</sup> for our first annual Christmas Luncheon and watch for forthcoming emails.

Heidi Varsames

[havarsames@gmail.com](mailto:havarsames@gmail.com)

## LEGACY SOCIETY

Below is the first of many Legacy Society stories that document personal spiritual journeys of members who have made Planned Gifts to St. Monica's.

St. Monica's has become the center of our spiritual life. For me it became the place associated with my religious epiphany. My faith has been strengthened over the past 8 years by letting God deal with my anxiety and fear brought about by the many twists and turns with my heart health. Our family thanks God everyday for the many blessings He has given us. I have a new sense of duty to participate in weekly services and become increasingly involved in the Church's ministries. We realized that giving of our treasure that God has provided isn't limited to our earthly lifetime. We decided to make a Planned Gift that would provide witness to the value of St. Monica's in our lives and secure it's ministries for generations to come. The easiest way for us to accomplish that was to leave a bequest in our wills that states x % of our estate will be distributed to St. Monica's when our estate is settled.

Steve and Jeri Borchers

St. Monica's Legacy Society Members, 2016.

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## RADICAL WELCOMING

Each of us at St. Monica's is using our God-given gifts of love and fellowship to further our mission: *Bring all people into unity with God and each other in Christ.* As a result of that love, St. Monica's is seeing real impact from our actions to welcome new visitors to St. Monica's. The Spirit is truly moving through our ministry as we do his will to "make disciples of all nations."

It is wonderful to witness the ambassadorship that is making each visitor feel welcome when they enter our sanctuary. The Radical Welcoming team will continue to grow with your help and ideas. With a program rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ, we will surely shape a culture of effective newcomer ministry! One simple action will ensure we are always on course: see Christ in each newcomer and let them see Christ in you!

Sarah Meador





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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Weekend Services

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:45, 9:30 a.m.

### Christian Formation

Sunday: at 9:30 a.m. for children and youth  
at 10:45 a.m. for adult

### Weekday Services

Wednesday:

11:00 a.m. Contemplative Prayer

12:00 noon Contemplative Holy

Eucharist with Healing Prayers

Friday:

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (starting Oct. 19)

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## THE MISSION OF ST. MONICA'S: TO ENGAGE, EQUIP, AND EMPOWER ONE ANOTHER TO LIVE OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES



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## PASTORAL CARE AND EMERGENCIES

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**A Stephen Ministry Congregation**

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office is Closed  
for Lunch