

Announcements

First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

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 the "I'm New" tab, you'll find the form "*New Member Form.*"

HAVE YOU MADE A PLEDGE?

We are so grateful for those who have made a financial commitment to the ministries of St. Monica's. Your generous gifts allow us to do so much! If you have not made a pledge yet, please pray about doing so - with your participation, we can "build a house" and live into our holy calling together.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We invite you to join us every Friday at **12 noon** through **March 31st** for a prayerful meditation through the Stations of the Cross. *He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."*

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

After church **this Sunday, February 26**, our Venturing Crew will host a pancake breakfast. This will help fund Lucas Harmon's Eagle project, which will enhance our firepit.

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Women of St. Monica's are collecting new, **singly wrapped** toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss to give to a local elementary school to be distributed at the discretion of the principal. Please bring these items and leave them in the designated basket in the sanctuary. For questions, contact Ruthann Turley ruthannturley@earthlink.net
Deadline is this Sunday, February 26th.

WOMEN OF ST. MONICA'S

All women are invited to the next meetings - Thursdays - **March 2, April 6, May 4, October 5, November 2, December 7**. The meeting will be at lunchtime, 12:30 in the Parish Hall - everyone bring your own lunch. The March 2nd meeting will be to establish the agendas for the meetings until the end of 2023. All input and ideas are welcome.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Women of St. Monica's is to serve our community focusing on bringing Christ's love and tangible gifts to those most in need - children, women, and the marginalized in Collier County.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Our next gathering will be at the Outback Steakhouse in Founders Square on **Monday, March 13th at 12:30**. Consider joining us even if you have never come! We love meeting new ladies.

BABY BASICS OF COLLIER COUNTY

One of St. Monica's Church's ministries is serving as a monthly distribution site for Baby Basics of Collier County. Your help is needed twice during the day each first Wednesday of the month. We need volunteers to pick up the diapers from a North Naples area warehouse mid-morning and take them over to St. Monica's. Later that afternoon, we need volunteers to come to the church for a couple of hours to distribute the boxes of diapers to the families. If you believe that you can be of support in either or both of these areas, even for a limited time, please contact Tammi Pittaro at 239.250.7730. Any help will be greatly appreciated!

COME PRAY WITH US

Your faith and scripture will come alive as we pray together in this prayer group. We invite you to spend one special hour with us each week. We think you will be glad you did. All are welcome to gather with us in the Church every Tuesday at 10am. We will praise God with song, read and pray with scripture, share faith experiences, bring our needs and the needs of others to our Lord through intercessory prayer and close with a prayer and song. For more information contact Theresa Miller 239.849.3315 or Toni Strong 717.372.8619.

CALENDAR

- **Sunday, February 26** - Pancake breakfast Fundraiser **11am** in the Parish Hall.
 - **Sunday, February 26** - Study of the Hebrew Scriptures **11:15am** in the Library.
 - **Monday, February 27** - Men's Book Club **9am** in the Church.
 - **Tuesday, February 28** - Prayer and Faith Sharing **10am** in the Church.
 - **Tuesday, February 28** - Handbell Practice **6:30pm** in the Church.
 - **Wednesday, March 1** - Contemplative Prayer **11am** on Zoom Only.
 - **Wednesday, March 1** - Baby Basics **5pm** in the Church.
 - **Thursday, March 2** - Women of St. Monicas **12:30pm** in the Parish Hall.
 - **Friday, March 3** - Bible Study **9am** in the Library.
 - **Friday, March 3** - Stations of the Cross **12pm** in the Church (weekly until March 31).
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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2/28 Emma Baumgartner | 3/1 Patricia Bennett | 3/1 Corinne Potts | 3/1 John Varsames |
| 2/28 Harold Williams | 3/1 Penny Jones | 3/1 Rod Smith | 3/4 Bob Boyden |
| 2/29 Chris & Mary Jo Tracy | 3/3 Kevin & Mary Fowler | 3/3 Donald & Dalna Montroy | |

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

OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED IN-PERSON AND ZOOM MEETINGS

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| Zoom Only | ➤ Contemplative Prayer..... | Wednesdays, 11am - Zoom | MEETING ID |
| Zoom & In-Person | ➤ Bible Study..... | Fridays, 9am - Library and Chapel | 166 7392 |
| Zoom & In-Person | ➤ Daughters of the King..... | 1 st and 3 rd Mondays, 1pm - Church | PASSCODE |
| In-Person Only | ➤ Prayer and Faith Sharing... | Tuesdays, 10am - Church | 7070 |
| In-Person Only | ➤ Old Testament Readings.... | Sunday, 11:15am - Library | |
| In-Person Only | ➤ Ladies Luncheon..... | 2 nd Monday, 12:30pm - Different location each month. | |
| In-Person Only | ➤ Men's Book Club..... | Mondays, 12:30pm - Library | |

To join a Zoom meeting, visit: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6951667392>
or call one of these three numbers: 301.715.8592 312.626.6799 929.204.6099