

# Announcements

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

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## HAVE YOU MADE A PLEDGE?

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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. **We need your help.** All those who come here for the season are also strongly encouraged to be a part of St. Monica's through their pledge and participation.

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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, as 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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## SPRING MUSIC RECITAL

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Theresa Miller's music students from the ages of 5 to 18 will have their music recital in the Church on **Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm.** Everyone is welcome to attend.

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## BIBLE STUDY SUMMER SCHEDULE

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Our last in-person gathering was this past Friday - we will start meeting virtually on Zoom **May 19<sup>th</sup>** through June 30<sup>th</sup> at **9am** and then restart our in-person gathering September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Library. We will not be meeting in July or August. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Betsy Smith at [betsy71smith@icloud.com](mailto:betsy71smith@icloud.com).

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## MEMBERSHIP ON THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

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St. Monica's Endowment Fund currently stands at approximately \$123,000 as of April 2023. It assures St. Monica's long-term growth and stability. Generally, it is not used for operating or capital costs. Members of the committee manage this fund by making recommendations on its investment direction to the Vestry and by creating and disseminating marketing materials to our church. We invite those qualified to contact Tom Gibson at 239.455.0058 or [tohdov3@gmail.com](mailto:tohdov3@gmail.com).

Qualified members should be comfortable with the following:

- Safe investment options for endowment monies including stocks, bonds, money market funds, and mutual funds.
- Tracking of investment risks and opportunities along with general trends in the economy which will affect these investments.
- Recommendations to the Vestry on changes to St. Monica's Endowment investments to manage risk and enhance the longer-term performance of the funds. Implementing Vestry's final decisions.
- Creation and dissemination of marketing materials to the congregation about ways of donating to St. Monica's Endowment and their tax benefit.
- Oversight of the Legacy Society membership and coordination of occasional events to recognize their support of St. Monica's.

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## YOUR USED CELL PHONES ARE NEEDED

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The Shelter for Abused Women and Children ([naplesshelter.org](http://naplesshelter.org)) needs cell phones to provide to families at the county's two shelters. After you delete the personal information from your phone, you can drop it in the basket at the back of St. Monica's sanctuary. If you need help deleting your personal information, refer to YouTube or someone's grandchild. For more information check with Colleen Rossomando [perkycolf@gmail.com](mailto:perkycolf@gmail.com). This is an initiative of the Women of St. Monica's. Your generosity is appreciated and will help keep people safe.

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## POTLUCK SOCIAL

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**Potluck Social May 13th.** Bring a friend, an appetizer to share, and some wine to sip. The appetizers can be dropped off in the Parish Hall after 4:30pm. All are welcome. It's our last social before the summer. We will be dining out at local restaurants in June, July, and August. Hope you will join us."

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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5/14 Charles Gentzel      5/14 Paul Nick      5/16 George Traicoff      5/18 Gordon Macdonald  
5/19 Frank Dowd & Doug Ball      5/19 Todd & Rose Garfield

Please contact us at [administrator@stmonicasnaples.org](mailto:administrator@stmonicasnaples.org) to update our records if we missed you.

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## OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED IN-PERSON AND ZOOM MEETINGS

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Zoom Only	➤ Contemplative Prayer.....	Wednesdays, 11am - Zoom	
Zoom & In-Person	➤ Bible Study.....	Fridays, 9am - Library and Chapel	166 7392
Zoom & In-Person	➤ Daughters of the King.....	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, 12:30pm - Different location each month.	
In-Person Only	➤ Men's Book Club.....	Mondays, 9:00am - 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

## Consider a Gift of Retirement Assets!

Retirement assets can be the best gift for a donor to leave.



- ◆ A tax-efficient planned gift: Qualified retirement accounts are subject to income tax when received by your heirs. If left to heirs, federal income taxes and estate taxes can erode a sizable amount of this asset. As a nonprofit organization, St. Monica's does not pay any federal income tax or estate tax on the distribution of this asset.
- ◆ Higher value assets to heirs: Leave to your heirs a wide range of other assets that are not subject to income tax.
- ◆ Simple set-up: a simple form is all you need. While no attorney needs to be involved, it is practical to touch base with your professional advisors for their counsel.
- ◆ During your lifetime, you continue to use and receive distributions from your retirement accounts.
- ◆ Flexibility: If your circumstances change, you may easily change the beneficiary designations at any time.

Simply contact St. Monica's at [finance@stmonicasnaples.org](mailto:finance@stmonicasnaples.org)