

Announcements

Sunday after the Ascension

May 21, 2023

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. **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.

PLEDGE AND FINANCES UPDATE

We are so grateful for the generosity of the parishioners of St. Monica's. We now have 89 individuals and families who have pledged over \$349,000. Our goal is \$375,000. Fortunately, we have received significantly high non-pledged giving. However, we now have a bump in the road ahead of us, as we must replace a commercial AC unit for the Parish Hall, and we need to replace some water pipes. Our capital loan from the Diocese should cover most of these expenses, but we are still awaiting bids from contractors. While the expenses for the maintenance of our buildings has been expensive lately, our buildings are put to work for ministry and for service of the community.

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 “I'm New”, you'll find the form.**

SPRING MUSIC RECITAL

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

BIBLE STUDY SUMMER SCHEDULE

We will meet virtually on Zoom **May 19th** through **June 30th** at **9am** and then restart our in-person gathering **September 8th** 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.

MEMBERSHIP ON THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

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 toh dov3@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.

YOUR USED CELL PHONES ARE NEEDED

The Shelter for Abused Women and Children (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. This is an initiative of the Women of St. Monica's. Your generosity is appreciated and will help keep people safe.

LADIES LUNCHEON

We will be gathering at Jason's Deli, on **Monday, June 12th, at 12:30pm**. It is located at 2700 Immokalee Rd. in Uptown Plaza. It is on the same side of Sam's Club.

DID YOU LOSE A RING?

A ring was found and turned into the office this week. If you misplaced a ring, please contact the church office with a description to claim it. You are welcome to email admintistrator@stmonicasnaples.org or call 252.591.4550

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

5/23	Beau Crevier	5/24	Fred Cable	5/26	John Adams
5/23	Susan McCampbell	5/25	John Owen	5/26	John Adams
5/26	Linda Gutsch		5/19 Frank Dowd & Doug Ball		

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

OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED IN-PERSON AND ZOOM MEETINGS

Zoom Only	➤	Contemplative Prayer.....	Wednesdays, 11am - Zoom Only	MEETING ID
Zoom & In-Person	➤	Bible Study.....	Fridays, 9am - Zoom Only	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 - On Summer Break	
In-Person Only	➤	Ladies Luncheon.....	2 nd Monday, 12:30pm - Different location each month.	
In-Person Only	➤	Men's Book Club.....	Mondays, 9:00am - Library - On Summer Break	

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