

# Announcements

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3 and 4, 2022

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## WANT TO JOIN OUR CHURCH?

If you have found that St. Monica's is the place for you, 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 the "I'm New" tab, you'll find the form "New Member Form."

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## ATTENTION FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children and Youth Ministries Kickoff is next Sunday! Bring your bathing suit and towel to church, as we will have a huge waterslide, open until 1pm. Enjoy some ice cream too. Invite your friends!

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## SATURDAY POTLUCK SOCIAL

We're happy to announce the return of the **Second Saturday Pot Luck Socials** starting **September 10th** following the 5pm service in the Parish Hall. Please bring an appetizer to share and have it dropped off at 4:30pm before service. We'll provide the iced tea, lemonade, fun and fellowship. **Please Join Us - All Are Welcome.**

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## LADIES LUNCHEON IN SEPTEMBER

We will be going to **Alda's Diner** on **Monday, September 12th** at 12:30. It is located 7750 Mission Hills Dr. Located near the Wynn Dixie at the corner of Collier Blvd and Vanderbilt Beach Rd in Naples.

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## FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RESUMING IN SEPTEMBER

We will gather on Zoom starting **Friday, September 9th** at **9 AM** and then start meeting in person in early October. Discussions include the Gospel readings for the following Sunday. Then in October, we will read and learn about Isaiah followed by First Corinthians. We will start our gatherings with a Morning Prayer and a light breakfast will be included when meeting in person. If you have any questions, call Betsy Smith at 239.292.5763.

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## TWO NEW UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER AND FEBRUARY

We have two very exciting events planned. **On Nov 5th, we are holding a Rummage Sale.** We need donations of items to sell, items you would purchase yourself, and volunteers to assist. More details will follow. In **February 2023** we are planning a **Parish Dinner Dance** with entertainment and fun items for auction. You will learn more about this event in the fall. We are counting on you to help St. Monica's with these ventures! Please contact Susan Gibson at [tohdov@gmail.com](mailto:tohdov@gmail.com) or 239.285.2354 with questions and to volunteer. Let's enjoy and have a great time while we work to benefit our beloved church.

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## MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSALS - WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE?

Music Ministry Rehearsals begin soon! Our Choir begins rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary followed by a "Welcome Back Reception." Come join us for a new season of Music Ministry - **All are welcome!** **Handbells** begin rehearsals shortly thereafter on **Tuesday, September 27, at 6:30 pm.** If you are interested in participating as a singer or a ringer, please contact Dr. Doiron at the church office or at [rdoiron@stmonicasnaples.org](mailto:rdoiron@stmonicasnaples.org) so that we may have music prepared for your use in advance.

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## COME PRAY WITH US EVERY TUESDAY

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.

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

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### BIRTHDAY

9/6	Grace Stafford	9/8	Nancy Scofield	9/9	Tamela Pittaro
9/6	Ronald Benson	9/9	Caroline Richards	9/10	Jeffrey Abalos

### ANNIVERSARIES

9/4	Rankin and Carole Lusby	9/10	Bob and Colleen Rossomando
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If you have a birthday or an anniversary this week and your name does not appear, please log into the church directory to update your record, or contact us at [administrator@stmonicasnaples.org](mailto:administrator@stmonicasnaples.org). We don't want to miss out!

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## OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED IN-PERSON AND ZOOM MEETINGS

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Zoom & In-Person	➤	Contemplative Prayer.....	Wednesdays, 11am - Church	MEETING ID
Zoom Only	➤	Bible Study.....	Fridays, 9am	166 7392
Zoom & In-Person	➤	Daughters of the King.....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, 1pm - Church	PASSCODE
Zoom & In-Person	➤	Prayer and Faith Sharing...	Tuesdays, 10am	7070
In-Person Only	➤	Ladies Luncheon.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, 12:30pm - Different each month.	

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

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

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Our Treasurer, Tom Gibson, gave an uplifting financial report to the Vestry for St. Monica's financial results through the end of July. We're showing clear evidence of emerging from the Pandemic slump of the past 2.5 years. Our Income/Revenues are much improved from the prior year. Our rentals contributed more than three times as much as they did in 2021 and now comprise about 15% of our total income. Our total income is well over budget and is on track to meet or exceed our year-end goal. The congregation is on track to meet its pledge goals and unpledged donations are exceeding the budget. However, our expenses are slightly over budget primarily because of large increases in utility expenses, lawn care, and maintenance repairs. As our physical plant ages, we are seeing large maintenance and repair needs including failing air conditioning units. Additionally, we are facing lean months ahead (August, September, October) before our snowbird members return. Because of the increased expenses and the upcoming lean months, we cannot yet say with certainty that we'll meet the year-end budget for expenses and capital repairs. But through help from the Diocese to increase our mortgage and to give us temporary relief on apportionment payments and no mortgage payments through year-end, we have a cushion to cover most unexpected problems. Moreover, our cash-on-hand position is much stronger than it has been. The year-to-date financial statements are posted on the bulletin board outside the office. Upcoming fund-raising events will also help strengthen our financial position even more. A rummage sale is scheduled for November 5th. A dinner, dance, and silent auction are scheduled for February and volunteers are working diligently on these projects. We thank you for all your prayers and support. So many of you give so generously of your talent, time, and treasure.

### CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY



A Charitable Gift Annuity is a simple agreement that provides you with a fixed, guaranteed life-time stream of income in exchange for a gift of cash or securities.

We would be happy to provide a personalized illustration of the benefits of a gift annuity for you, a friend or any family member you wish to benefit from your gift annuity.

#### Advantages also include:

- ♦ **Tax Savings:** A large part of what you donate qualifies as a tax deductible charitable gift.
- ♦ **Tax Free Payments:** A large part of your annual payments may be tax-free.
- ♦ **Reduction of Capital Gains:** When you fund your annuity with appreciated securities you can avoid considerable capital gains tax.

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

Please sign up for our eNews as there is more information about tax-free contributions there.