

Announcements

If you have found that St. Monica's may be your next spiritual home, we would be delighted to get to know you better. Fill out the visitors card and return it to the offering plate, or you can simply scan the QR code. We would love to welcome you. Be sure to visit our website at: www.stmonicasnaples.org. Click on: **"I'm New"**



October 11 & 12, 2025 - YR C - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

NEW THIS WEEK

NOTE ABOUT THIS WEEKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

There's a lot happening at St. Monica's! This bulletin includes brief highlights from our eNews. Visit the online edition for full articles, photos, and registration links.

THE eNEWS HAS A BRAND NEW LOOK

Our weekly eNews has been completely redesigned! The new format is easier to read and navigate, with clearly labeled sections and a simple menu to help members find what they need quickly. It's best viewed on a tablet, laptop, or PC while mobile viewing improvements are still in progress. If you haven't seen it yet, be sure to check out this week's eNews and share your feedback.

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

The Daughters of the King graciously agreed to be the first test group to review and react to the draft goals and objectives developed by the Strategic Planning Committee. It was a lively session with insightful feedback on our process and the product. We expect to do a few more of these group sessions before refining the goals and objectives and sharing them with the congregation. We are working on a new members session as the next one. Address questions to Ed Strong or Melanie Rose.

LADIES & GENTS LUNCHEON

Our luncheon group has a new name and broader invitation—open to everyone! Join us Monday, Oct 13 at 12:30 PM at Bonita Brunch in Bonita Springs for food and fellowship. The Men's Book Group continues with *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr. Each week has brought thoughtful conversation and shared insights. Meetings are on Mondays at 9:30AM in the conference room. All men are welcome to join at any time, even if you have not been with the group from the beginning.

SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry met in a special session to discuss several important updates. They approved plans to partner with Heavenly Day! Preschool on a Vacation Bible School this June, with Rev. Sylvia serving as coordinator and \$1,000 designated from the Endowment Fund to support the program. They also authorized up to \$3,000 to improve safety in the playground area behind the Parish Hall and confirmed participation in a Christmas Giving Tree with Fostering Success, a local nonprofit that supports foster children in the Naples area. Read more details in this week's eNews.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE

Our annual campaign with The Salvation Army is underway! Please bring canned goods, pasta, rice, or cereal to the donation box by the main doors. Every item helps support local families.

SATURDAY SOCIAL POTLUCK

Join us after the 5 PM service on Saturday, Oct 11, for an evening of food and fun in the Parish Hall. Bring a dish to share—or just come and enjoy the fellowship.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE EXPANDS

The 2026 campaign is taking shape with engaging ideas celebrating gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Please thank the team leading this important ministry.

THINGS TO COME

TRUNK-OR-TREAT - OCT 30

Decorate your trunk, bring 40 treats (*no candy, please*), and join the Heavenly Day Pre-K celebration. Volunteers are also needed for crafts and setup. More details to come.

SAINTS WORKSHOP - NOV 1

The Saints workshop will be coming up November 1st 9-11AM here at St. Monica's. This weeks message about it is an insights from Bishop Michael Curry about the book we will be using.

PARISH CONNECTIONS

NOT GETTING OUR eNEWS? WHY NOT?

Be the first to know what's happening at St. Monica's before the people who get the announcements on the weekend. Our eNews hits your inbox every Thursday at 5 PM EST, so you'll never miss an event, update, or special announcement. Sign up now at: www.stmonicasnaples.org/eNews

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October 12 - 18, 2025

10/12 Ruth Leigh

10/14 Muriel Burkett

10/13 Ned & Sara Meekins

10/12 Nancy Moritz

10/16 Ryan Smith-Landwehr

10/13 Dan & Kathi Rabideau

PASTORAL

If you or a loved one are facing a hospital stay or health care concern, please reach out to Deacon Ken at 610.608.0704

PRAYERS

If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, a friend, or family member, please visit our website.