

PARISH LIFE

MARDI GRAS SUNDAY

Mardi Gras Sunday is Sunday, February 19 after the 9:30 a.m. service. Come join the Parish to celebrate and do fun activities, education and enjoy King Cake.

MARDI GRAS, OR FAT TUESDAY

This year, Fat Tuesday falls on February 21st. Most of us are familiar with the Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans, but the practice has deep religious overtones. It is observed as the time just before the beginning of the solemn season of Lent. In early Christian lives, Fat Tuesday was kept as the day when all meat, eggs, and "fat" were consumed before the practice and observance of the Lenten fast. We've come to know this day as the time for the annual Pancake Supper offered by our teens. We must remember that early Christians were faced with meager food sources in the ancient world. Food supplies were growing low, and the next harvest was a long way off. There may have been a practical reason in this observance as well as a religious significance. People of faith have marked this Tuesday as a time to change their habits and practices, to celebrate one more time before the season of less. But they also looked forward to the Easter celebration and an even greater day of feasting 40 days off.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Twice a year we collect goodies to send to our college kids. This year we have to make up 20 boxes. We need donations of packaged cookies, candies (no chocolate please ... it often melts in transit); packaged soups, coffee, tea, packaged crackers, gum, and other items that you believe the kids might enjoy. Please drop them off in the Parish Hall by February 19th. The EYC will pack the items during the 30 Hour Famine. Parents, make sure we have your college student's correct address.



MARCH 10TH BEER TASTING EVENT

Grace Church will hold its 3rd Annual Beer Tasting Event on Saturday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. The event will feature local breweries and tickets cost \$15 per person and \$10 per child for childcare. Volunteers are needed to help with the event, please call: Dave Bergstralh at 484-802-0852 or speak to the Parish Office. Proceeds from the Beer tasting fund parish programs such as education, outreach and other needs.



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