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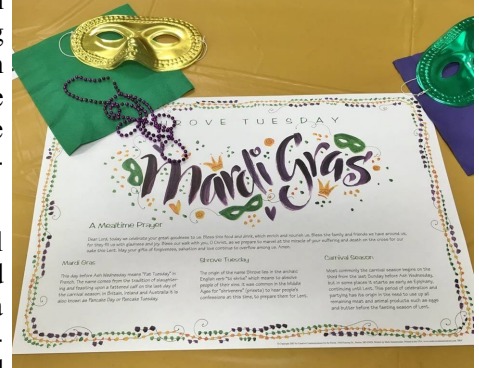
ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

FIAT NEWSLETTER

# Celebrate Mardi Gras!

Dear Friend of Annunciation Parish & School,

Our annual Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Celebration is Tuesday, March 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. in church with Shrove Tuesday Evening Prayer and the Burning of Palm. It is from the burning of the blessed palm which we received last year on Palm Sunday that we get the ashes which are blessed and distributed on Ash Wednesday.



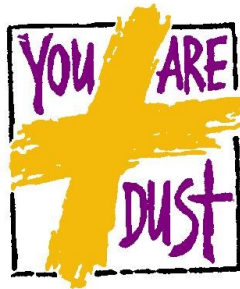
Evening Prayer is followed by our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras Celebration in our cafeteria and gym. Join us for all you can eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce, beverages, and Mardi Gras desserts. This family-friendly celebration also includes crafts such as making Mardi Gras crowns.

Admission for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras Celebration is \$5.00 per person. There is no charge for children 2 and under, and there is a \$15.00 per family maximum. All are welcome! You can pay at the door. Learn more about Carnival, Shrove Tuesday, and Mardi Gras, [here](#).

Sincerely,

Dr. Sandi Chakeres,  
Director of Faith Formation

## Ash Wednesday



Wednesday, March 6 is Ash Wednesday. Mass with the distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Annunciation school students and faculty will participate in our 8:15 a.m. Mass. Lent is a penitential season in our Church, and ashes have long been associated with doing penance. On Ash Wednesday the [ashes from last year's palm branches](#) are blessed and placed on our forehead in the sign of a cross. These ashes, a sacramental, are a visible sign for us to turn away from sin and follow Christ.

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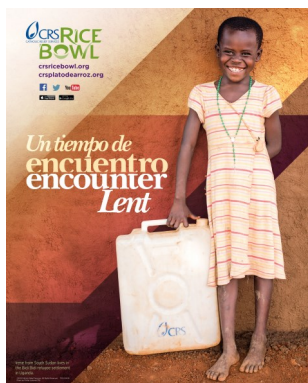
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### Special points of interest:

- *Make a commitment this Lent to learn more about the Mass. Join us here for [three evenings in Lent](#).*
- *Spring cleaning? Box up your used clothing, household items, etc., that are in good shape and [donate them to St. Vincent de Paul on March 23 & 24](#).*
- *Follow us on [Facebook](#) to get all our latest news and see all our latest photos!*

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# CRS Rice Bowl 2019



Our parish-wide and school-wide Annunciation Outreach Project for the Season of Lent will once again be our participation in [CRS Rice Bowl](#).

“More than 40 years ago, Catholics in the United States wanted to respond to famine in Africa. Could people who were hungry and starving be helped through Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving? The answer was yes — and the help came in the form of a small cardboard box, marking the beginning of ‘Operation Rice Bowl’ in 1975 in parishes in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Today, CRS Rice Bowl is a tradition for millions of Catholics in the U.S., who employ the Lenten pillars of praying, fasting and almsgiving to change the lives of others while enriching their own. CRS Rice Bowl is available in paper, web and through a [mobile app](#) in both English and Spanish. In 1976, Operation Rice Bowl was adopted by the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) as a national program. In 1977, they voted to make Operation Rice Bowl the official program of [Catholic Relief Services](#).” (From CRS Rice Bowl)

This year, CRS Rice Bowl will be using collected funds to support projects in the following areas: [Guatemala](#), [Uganda](#), [Sri Lanka](#), [Sierra Leone](#), [Gaza](#), and locally (25 percent of gifts remain in each U.S. diocese where they are given to hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in those communities.)

CRS Rice Bowl is a very interactive process, linking home, parish, and school in reaching out to those in our world living in poverty and hunger. Annunciation parishioners will receive their Rice Bowls and Lenten Calendar Guides inserted in our Parish Bulletin on Sunday, March 3. Annunciation school students will receive their Rice Bowls and Lenten Calendar Guides on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Rice Bowl donations from school students will be blessed at Mass on April 17. Rice Bowl donations from parishioners will be blessed at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on April 18.

Make the most of all the wonderful interactive [CRS Rice Bowl resources](#), including video and background information on the featured countries, recipes from each country, world poverty information, and much more! [And join us in our Annunciation cafeteria after our 11:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, March 31 for our 5th annual CRS Rice Bowl Lenten Luncheon, hosted by our Annunciation Salt & Light Ministry!](#) All are welcome!

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sunday, March 3: 4th Grade Feast Day (Saint Katharine Drexel)
- ◆ Monday, March 4: No School.; Faculty Faith Formation In-Service 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Decorate for Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Celebration at 1:00 p.m.; Gym closed all day
- ◆ Tuesday, March 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: [Shrove Tuesday Evening Prayer, Burning of Palm, Pancake Supper, and Mardi Gras Celebration](#)
- ◆ Wednesday, March 6: [Ash Wednesday Masses](#)
- ◆ Thursday, March 7, 9:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer/Stations of the Cross
- ◆ Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 p.m.: [Holy Hour](#)
- ◆ Thursday, March 14, 7:00 p.m.: Confirmation Family Preparation and First Communion Family Preparation
- ◆ Thursdays, March 14, 28, and April 11, 7:00 p.m.: [“The Mass: What We Do & Why We Do It”](#)

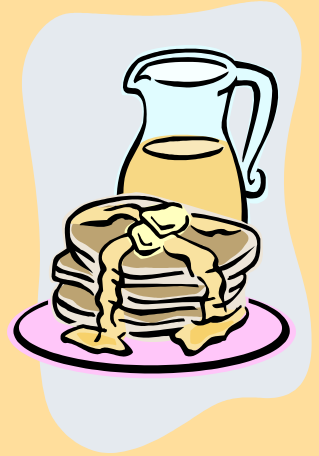
***It’s Happening at  
Annunciation!***

## Shrove Tuesday: Pancake Day

What is [Shrove Tuesday](#)? Why eat pancakes on this day? The word “shrove” comes from a word that means “to have your sins forgiven.” In older times, people would celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation on Shrove Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday), and also ask forgiveness from one another. For their penance, they would keep the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In these times, fasting laws were much stricter than they are now. No oil, fat, meat, dairy products, etc., were eaten at all during Lent. To use up these supplies you had at home, you made pancakes to eat before Lent began. Through the centuries, Christians all around the globe have celebrated the day before Ash Wednesday as Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day! This day is also called *Mardi Gras*, French for *Fat Tuesday*, because it is the last chance to eat up all the forbidden foods of Lent! Even the ingredients in pancakes have a spiritual significance: eggs symbolize creation; flour is the staff of life; salt represents wholesomeness; and, milk symbolizes purity.



# **Annunciation Parish Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Mardi Gras Celebration**



**Tuesday, March 5, 2019  
6:00-8:00 p.m.**



- ◆ **Gather in church for 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Burning of Palm.**
- ◆ **Evening Prayer will be followed by an all-you-can-eat Pancake Supper and Dessert**
- ◆ **Family-friendly Mardi Gras activities. Mardi Gras masks, Mardi Gras beads, and more!**
- ◆ **All-inclusive ticket price is \$5 each. No charge for children two years and younger. Maximum of \$15 per family!**

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## **March 6, 2019**



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