



Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday before Lent. In the past, it was called “Fat Tuesday”. Since Ash Wednesday, the day after Shrove Tuesday is the first day of lent, it is a fasting day. To prepare for lent, parishioners would traditionally use their lard, and all the fattening sugars and what not on Tuesday since they begin a fast on Ash Wednesday. Most churches celebrate this day before Ash Wednesday traditionally with pancake feeds, or pancake breakfasts to go.

With our church, our Shrove Tuesday tradition began in 1978 when Tommy and Fran McLarty moved to Parsons after Tommy received a job with Dan Zimmerman at the ammo plant. In 1979, Tommy came to Father Lindemann asking what the church did for Shrove Tuesday. After a brief discussion of Tommy’s past church’s pancake dinners, Father Lindemann knew Tommy was the man for the job. He remained in charge of the dinner for over 30 years. After that, Don Daily took the dinner over for a year before relocating to Arkansas. After that, he asked Verlyn Bolinger Jr. to step into place, and he has headed it up ever since. Over the years, we’ve had various members on our “pancake flipping committee” to include Jupe Allen, Tom Tanner, Scott McLoughlin, Jim Nichols, and Charlie Middleton (Flipper Emeritus)

This year we will be doing something a little different. Instead of our traditional pancake dinner, we’re going to try something new. While we’re still going to have the sausage, we’re going to do some sort of pancake casserole that should travel better for those to-go orders. Please call the church phone and leave a message with your order, or email at stjohnsparsons@gmail.com by February 14th.