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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: A Flippin' Good Time!

An evening of parish fellowship, delicious pancakes and bacon, yummy King Cupcakes and of course the ever-popular pancake flipping contest – it was an event that anyone would be sorry to miss! Hosted by our wonderful volunteers of Share & Care, approximately 95 parishioners attended the supper and festivities. The meal was so tasty that many who attended came back for seconds, and even thirds: choices included both plain and blueberry pancakes; crisp delicious bacon; an array of fruity toppings for the pancakes including cherry, blueberry, apples, and applesauce; syrups, butter, whipped cream; and coffee and a variety of juices. The pancake flipping contest was divided into three categories by age: in the Group 1 contest, for ages 7 and under, Lexi Centeno won first place with 37 flips, Mark Centeno won second place with 32 flips and McKenzie Bogley won third place with 15 flips. In the Group 2 contest for ages 8 to 13, Stephie Janey won first place with 125 flips, Ashlyn Schrieber won second place with 121 flips, and Chloe Barber won third place with 120 flips. In the Group 3 contest for ages 14 and over, Wesley Peters won first place with 180 flips, Megan Bogley won second place with 179 flips, and Allen Barber won 3rd place with 160 flips. King Cupcakes made by Valerie Potter were set out for all to enjoy; it is a long-held Mardi Gras custom to have a small plastic baby, representing the baby Jesus, hidden inside the cakes for a lucky winner to find. There were five babies hidden in our King Cupcakes, but only three were found, by Millie Hurlbut, Stephie Janey and McKenzie Daffan. Each winner received a \$5 IHOP gift card! At the banquet tables, children enjoyed Mardi Gras themed coloring pages, fun bead necklaces, and jester hats to be decorated and worn. The cooks in the kitchen, as well as those who set up and decorated, really outdid themselves in making this event a success.

The custom of Christians eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent begins, dates back to the 16th century. It is a way to “feast” before the solemn and penitential season of Lent. Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a perfect way to celebrate this occasion together, as a parish family. Look to the right for some pictures taken of the event; more photos can be found on our parish website, www.ascensionbowie.com.

