

MARDI GRAS COMES TO ST. JOE'S ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

We're less than a month away from a new, simpler parish gathering that is replacing the Winter Picnic. The following article prepared by Marilyn Thomas provides a great description of what to expect on Saturday, February 10th, the weekend before the beginning of Lent. While this will still be a parish fundraiser, the main purpose is to bring us together to enjoy some time together.

So plan now to join in the fun and, if you'd like to do more to help out, just give me a call or e-mail me at rkyfes@posjhomewood.org and I'll forward your contact information to the committee.

We're having a party February 10 and all are invited!

Swing to the Dixieland beat, have a cup of gumbo, enter a raffle and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners, friends and neighbors at the St. Joseph Parish version of a New Orleans "Fat Tuesday" party.

Our Saturday potluck Mardi Gras celebration is from 6 to 9 p.m. and open to all ages. Gather in the festively decorated Fr. Sayers Hall for some 'down South' excitement.

In keeping with the potluck theme, a special request is for guests to bring a dish to share. Homemade items that reflect your special talents or heritage will be great conversation starters! Pots of gumbo will be available for a donation.

Our Knights of Columbus will be serving beer and wine for the thirsty. Your free-will offering will help cover the bar bill.

All attendees will get tickets for gift raffles: a \$1,000 Amtrak gift certificate (take the train down to New Orleans!), a family oil portrait (a lasting family treasure), and Fr. Bob's dinner at the rectory (a real treat!).

Or you could win a cash prize. Mardi Gras party night is when you could learn that you're a winner in the St. Joseph Raffle. We've added more prizes this year so you'll have more chances to win. The top prize is \$1,500. We're also offering \$500, \$400, two \$200 and two \$100 prizes.

Raffle tickets go on sale after all masses starting the weekend of Jan. 6-7, and will be available at the rectory. Tickets are \$10 each, or eight for \$50 and 15 for \$100.

Fr. Bob

