

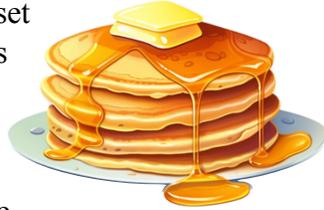
February 2026

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Each year members of Christian faiths come together to celebrate a joyous event that prepares us for a very different and focused season that follows, Lent. This special event is commonly known by monikers such as Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Tuesday, Mardi Gras (i.e., “Fat Tuesday”), and Carnival.

So, with a focus on preparing for Lent and the changes in our lives that it brings, mark your calendars as the Men’s Group will be hosting the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **February 17 from 5-7pm** in the Parish Hall. Come join fellow All Saints’ folks for pancakes, sausage, applesauce, and other yummy goodies!

Donations at the door to offset the cost of food and supplies will be welcomed, but not required. Volunteers are needed to assist the Men’s Group - please sign up in the narthex.



Ash Wednesday, February 18

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Lent, the 40 days leading to Easter, begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on Feb. 18. We will kneel before the altar, have ashes placed on our foreheads, and hear this powerful refrain.

There are three opportunities to worship with us this Ash Wednesday: 12 pm (contemplative), 4:30pm (family-friendly), and 7pm (music & choir).

Holy Eucharist and the imposition of ashes will be offered at all 3 services. We hope you can make time to join us at one of these.

Rector’s Corner

*“The time has come,” the walrus said,
“To speak of many things:
Of shoes, and ships, and sealing wax
Of cabbages and kings.”*

- Lewis Carroll, “The Walrus and the Carpenter”

This year makes 15 Annual Meetings we’ve shared - almost 16 years of ministry, and I have been encouraged by and grateful for every one of them. That was even true during the weirdness of the Covid pandemic (although that was certainly a time I would not willingly repeat!). So it is bittersweet for me to say that a new time has come: as I announced at the Annual Meeting, I will be retiring at the end of the summer. My last Sunday as your rector will be August 30.

There is much about this change that I am looking forward to with anticipation: the opportunity to spend time more easily with children and grandchildren; to travel a bit; to engage more intentionally with my garden and my sewing machine; maybe to sing with the Mastersingers more often than I can manage now.

But I will also miss all that we currently are together. Even on the hardest days, it has been one of the great privileges of my life to lead and serve this community; to learn and pray and laugh and cry with you as your priest. It has been good and holy and life-giving in so many ways! And that will change - indeed, it needs to change, so that you can build a relationship with your next priest that is also good and holy and life-giving.

Which, of course, is my hope and prayer for you. All Saints’ is such a solid, thriving, joyful congregation, and I am purely looking forward to seeing the Holy Spirit has in store for you next!

This means you will have work to do. Your vestry will be in close contact with Bishop Gretchen and the diocesan Transition Officer, Susan Clevely, who will guide the process of searching for and calling your next rector.

I will say that, although you will no longer see us at All Saints' come September, Bruce and I are not planning to leave the Tri-Cities; we will still be your neighbors. If you spot us at the grocery store or the library, please say hello! And in a few years, when your new rector has settled in, I hope to be the same sort of supportive and encouraging colleague that Jan Griffin has been for me all these years.

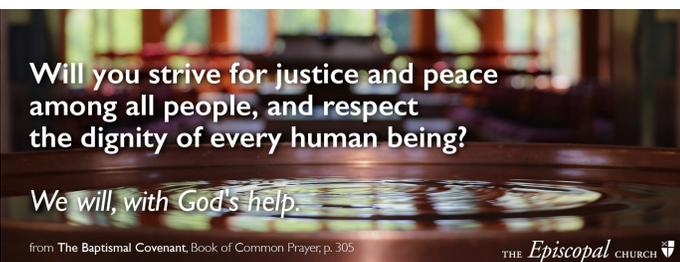
So... over the next several months we will make time for prayers and conversations as we say goodbye and godspeed to one another. And in the meantime, we continue to have good work to do; so in joy let us continue to be about it, in Jesus' name.

God's peace,
Jane+

Adult Formation

On February 15 Formation is a combined Godly Play lesson for all ages: "The Mystery of Easter," followed by burning last year's palms for Ash Wednesday. Please bring in any palms you have been saving at home.

For the remaining Sundays in February, we'll continue to focus on one of the questions in our Baptismal Covenant: "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" When we say "I will, with God's help," we are committing ourselves to seek God's justice in our own lives and in our world. But what does that mean, exactly?



We'll continue to spend time "Seeking God's Justice Together" (SGJ in the following schedule) by exploring the teachings of scripture to learn more fully about biblical justice and wholeness.

- Feb 1: Annual Meeting; no formation
- Feb 8: SGJ 5: Numbers 27:1-11
Challenging unfair rules and customs
- Feb 15: Combined Godly Play
Mystery of Easter/Burning palms
- Feb 22: SGJ 6: 2 Samuel 12:1-15
Calling leaders to account
- Mar 1: SGJ 7: Esther 2-8
Using power to protect the powerless

Grab your cup of coffee or tea and join us each Sunday morning at 9:15!

Children and Youth Ministries – February 2026

Godly Play in February. Godly Play usually meets in the classroom on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. We hear a story, wonder together, work with materials in the room, feast and pray together. Godly Play is for children age 4 through 5th graders. Come join us!

- Feb. 1 – Parable of the Mustard Seed
- Feb. 8 – Parable of the Great Pearl
- Feb. 15 – Mystery of Easter (in the multi-purpose room)
- Feb. 22 – Pretzel Sunday (see below)

Youth Class. The youth class usually meets in the loft on Sunday mornings from 9 to 10 AM. Anyone in 6th-12th grades is welcome to join us. The schedule for February:

- Feb. 1 – Acts of the Apostles
- Feb. 8 – Act of the Apostles
- Feb. 15 – Mystery of Easter (in the multi-purpose room)
- Feb. 22 – Pretzel Sunday (see below)

Winter Cross, February 13-15, 2026, will be back at Lazy F Retreat Center in Ellensburg! There is still time to register! The link is on the home page at www.spokanediocese.org. This retreat weekend is a fun Camp Cross-like experience in the wintertime for youth in middle and high school from around the diocese. There will be large and small group time, arts and crafts, tubing in the snow (if there is snow!), ice skating, prayer stations, a camp fire and s'mores. Cost is \$150 per camper (All Saints' has scholarship money if you need it). Please contact Theresa if you want to carpool.

Burning Palms, February 15. On this Sunday before Lent begins, we invite all ages to join us for the Godly Play story of the Mystery of Easter, to be followed by burning last year's palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. You can bring your dried out palms from last year's Palm Sunday and burn them to be used for the ashes. Meet in the multi-purpose room at 9:10 AM and bring your coat! All ages are invited to participate. You can also pick up your Lent at Home bags on this Sunday.



Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 17. Come enjoy pancakes and sausage and festivities on this Tuesday before Lent begins (Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras). Dinner available between 5 and 7 PM. Everyone is invited to make butterflies that will be used at Easter. You can also pick up your Lent at Home bag this night—a variety of resources for all ages.

Family Ash Wednesday service, 4:30 PM, Feb. 18. This family-friendly service for Ash Wednesday includes the imposition of ashes. Open to all ages.

Pretzels, February 22. On this first Sunday in Lent, the Godly Play and Youth classes will be making pretzels for us to eat at Coffee Hour! Meet in the parish hall at 9:00 AM.

The story goes that in the Middle Ages, a couple of monks made bread during Lent without lard, butter, eggs or milk—all of which come from animals and were forbidden, along with meat, during Lent. (This is also why we eat pancakes on the night before Lent begins, to use up the butter and eggs and milk.) The bread was shaped as “little arms praying” to remind us to pray more during Lent, and the traditional shape which has three holes reminds us of the Trinity.



Here at All Saints' the Sunday school classes continue the tradition of Pretzels for Lent; making them one Sunday during class time and sharing them during coffee hour.

We do need dough and adult participation with this activity, so please sign up on the sheet in the narthex; recipes are available there, too.

Youth Group, February 22, 5 to 7 PM. This month our youth group (6th-12th graders) will be meeting off site for some fun at Let's Glow Mini Golf in Kennewick. We will be ordering pizza for dinner, and meet in their party room at 5 PM. Two rounds of glow-in-the-dark, indoor mini golf is included for each attendee. Please let Theresa know if you will be attending.

Save the Date: VBS is July 13-17, 2026! Our theme for next summer's Vacation Bible School at All Saints' is “**Living Water.**” Our stories will include Creation, Jesus Stills a Storm, and the Woman at the Well. Art and science will involve water, and we will have a dedicated time to play in the water at the end of each day.

VBS will be held 9 AM to noon, Monday through Friday, and is open to campers age 4 through 6th graders (just finished 5th grade). If you are a youth in 7th–12th grade (or an adult!) and would like to help at VBS this summer, please contact Theresa at school@allsaintsrichland.org. Save the dates and invite your friends!

Valentine's Theater

All are cordially invited to a candlelit evening of chocolate, champagne, and theater on **Valentine's Day, February 14, at 7pm** in the parish hall!



Join us for excerpts from "Love Letters," a Pulitzer Prize-nominated play by A.R. Gurney, performed by our very own accomplished thespians Julie Wiley and Randy Milligan. The evening will also feature an assortment of other entertainment and light refreshments.

The event is free to attend, but all donations received will benefit the Outreach Committee and the good work they do. Come single or bring a friend!

Help with Stations of the Cross!

Our parish is fortunate to own a unique set of the Stations of the Cross, created in a wide variety of media by artists in our own congregation. In preparation for Lent, these will be hung after the second service on **Sunday, February 15**.

The Altar Guild could use a few volunteers to help hang these works of art and the lamps which illuminate them. If you are interested in helping (and would enjoy the opportunity to get a close look at these works of art,) please contact Ann Barry at 509-366-0604 or barryann579@gmail.com.

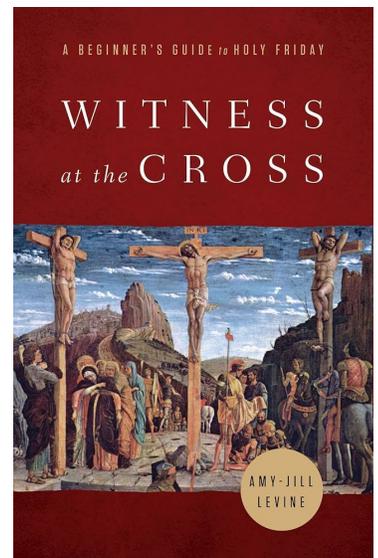


Lent at Home Bags

Lent at Home bags contain a variety of material to help you observe a holy Lent at Home, for all ages. Filled with devotional material, Lent Madness information, a Lenten calendar, coloring pages, and some quieting prayer practices, the bags will be ready **February 15**. Pick one up when you come to church, or contact the office and one will be delivered to your door.

Monday Bible Study

Have you ever wondered what it might have been like to actually witness Jesus' crucifixion? The Monday Bible study group will be considering exactly that using the book *Witness at the Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine. She subtitles her book "A Beginner's Guide for Holy Friday."



Specific perspectives are: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; Mary Magdalene and the other women from Galilee; the two men, usually identified as thieves, crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. A motley group of Jews and Romans, friends and strangers, the powerful and the powerless, the hopeful and the despairing.

We will start reading the book on Ash Wednesday, and discussions will start on **February 23**. Please join us in the library, Mondays at 1pm.

Outreach Focus for February: World Relief

For February Outreach, we are collecting shelf-stable food to support local immigrant families facing food insecurity. Immigrant families are living in fear

across the U.S. People are being punished for seeking safety and support, many of whom have fled war, persecution, and violence.

World Relief is a global Christian humanitarian organization which welcomes, integrates, and advocates for displaced immigrants in our community. World Relief partners with local churches and communities to build a world where families thrive and communities flourish.

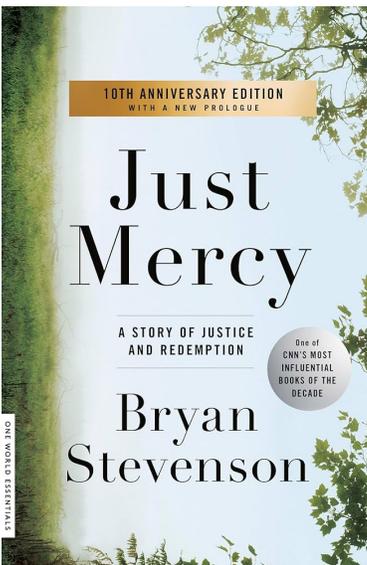
We are looking for shelf-stable food donations of the following items:

- *Protein foods (tuna or other shelf-stable meats, beans/lentils, peanut butter or other nut butters)*
- *canned vegetables and fruits*
- *pasta and pasta sauces, soups*
- *shelf-stable milk, rice, cereal, and oatmeal*
- *packaged meals & sides*
- *cooking staples like cooking oil, flour, sugar*

Bring non-perishable food donations (unopened and unexpired) to the box in the narthex through the month of February. Your support in providing food and hope to families in crisis is appreciated!

All Saints' Book Group

Our next book to read is *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, by Bryan Stevenson. This 2014 memoir details Stevenson's work defending people wrongly convicted and marginalized. He focuses on the case of Walter McMillian, a Black man sentenced to death for a murder he didn't commit, exposing systemic injustice, racial bias, and the need for compassion in our legal system.



Stevenson founded the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in Alabama (visit eji.org for all the work they do). He argues that true justice requires mercy and that a society is judged by how it treats its most vulnerable. This book was adapted into a 2019 film starring Michael B. Jordan as Stevenson and Jamie Foxx as McMillian.

We will meet to discuss this book on **Thursday, February 26**, beginning with a potluck dinner in the parish hall at 6pm. If the weather turns icy, we will switch to a Zoom discussion. Anyone is welcome to join in! Contact Theresa at school@allsaintsrichland.org if you would like to be added to the book group email list.



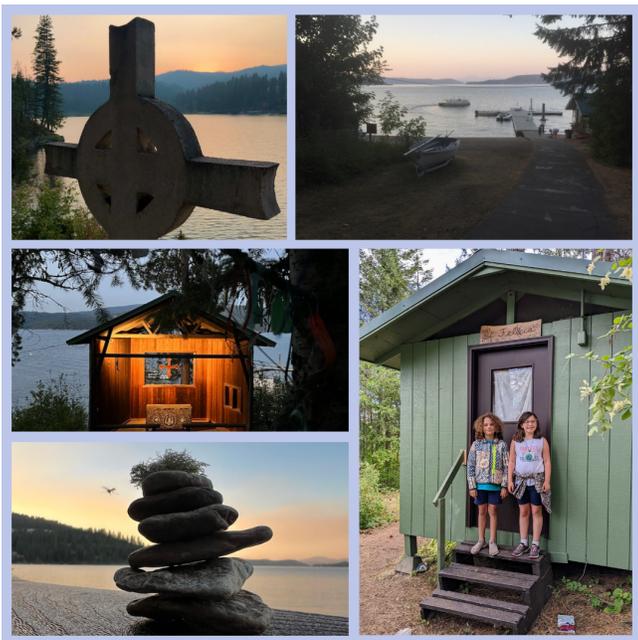
Saints and Sinners

Our next scheduled Saints and Sinners potluck is **Friday, February 27** at All Saints'. Please note the change from a previous announcement - the date was moved to avoid conflicting with the upcoming Vestry Retreat. We will start with beverages at 6 and dinner at 7pm.

Please bring your own table service, a dish to share, and a \$5.00 donation if you would like wine. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex the Sunday before or you can call or text Linda Munson at 509-521-8981. Tom and Shannon Smith and Al and Jan Wells will be our hosts.

Traditionally couples bring either a main dish or two of the following: starter, salad, side dish, or dessert. Singles, please bring one of these.

This is not a closed group, we always welcome newcomers and old timers who have gotten out of the habit.



Camp Cross 2026

Dates have been released for this summer's camps! There are a few new sessions this year. You can find out more about each session under the Camps and Groups tab at campcross.org.

Labor of Love 1: May 15-20

Youth Ministry Leaders: May 22-24

Labor of Love 2: June 5-10

Faith Formation Retreat: June 19-23

Leaders in Training (LIT): June 29-July 2

Days at the Lake: July 2-5

Mini Camp: July 6-9

High School Camp: July 12-17

Intermediate Camp: July 20-24

Arts and Music Camp: July 27 - 31

Mid-High Camp: August 3-8

Clergy Camp: August 10-13

Queer Camp: August 28-31

Labor Day Family Camp: September 4-7

We want everyone to be able to enjoy all that our diocesan camp has to offer. Any student attending Camp Cross for the first time is eligible for a full

scholarship from All Saints' First Timer Fund. Returning campers can apply for a full or partial scholarship from the Robison Fund. Contact Theresa Grate in the church office for more information.

We Give Thanks...

- to the many parishioners who donated items or money for the Blessing Bags, and to the Outreach Committee who provided two Ben-Franklin bus tickets for each bag! We packed 70 bags with all the things you sent in! Bags are ready to be picked up and kept in your car for you to give out. Pick one up in the narthex or the education wing.
- to our outgoing Vestry members for giving their time and talents to the leadership of All Saints': Elizabeth Arnold, Layna Kinsman, Linda Munson, and Katy O'Callaghan.
- to Marjie Mack for her help folding, stuffing, and sorting the Giving Statements.
- to Rev. Jane, for over 15 years of faithful service to this parish; for her care, compassion, leadership, sacrifice, and so much more.

We praise and thank you, God of the journey, for calling this priest and this community together in shared ministry.

We entrust the future into your loving care, knowing that you are always the faithful traveller and companion on the way.

As our sister Jane enters a season of transition, shelter and protect her from all anxiety, grant her courage to meet the days ahead, and grace to let go into new life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

- Adapted from "Praying Our Farewells,"
The Daily Office SSF (1992)

