Celebrate Mardi Gras In Atchison

(KAIR)--'Fat Tuesday' is the day to wrap up the Mardi Gras season before the more solemn season of Lent begins in the Catholic Church.

It's a day of food, drink and celebration. And you can celebrate the wrap up of Atchison's Mardi Gras season this Sunday afternoon from 11:00 - 1:30 p.m. at St. Benedict School Commons.

Anita Buhman-Wiggs, an organizer for the fundraising event, explains the main draw is the traditional food.

"We are serving a traditional Mardi Gras meal of jambalaya," Buhman-Wiggs said. "This year we're trying a new recipe called maque chouex, a traditional Cajun recipe."

Buhman-Wiggs also said more mainstream food will be offered for non-adventurous pallets as well as pizza for the kids.

In addition to the meal, games, crafts and face painting will keep the kids entertained. And a live and silent auction will be held to raise money for the St. Benedict Catholic School.

Buhman-Wiggs points out the highlights of the silent auction.

"There's a treat yourself package which would include a message, beauty products and dinner for two at a local restaurant," she said. "That's something you can bid on in the live auction."

During the live auction, you will have the chance to bid on baskets put together by individual classrooms in the school.

Meal tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids ages four to 10. Ages three and under are free. Again, all proceeds go to St. Benedict Catholic School.

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