

St. Paul Parish Newsletter



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History of Father's Day in the US

Modern version of Father's Day celebration originated in United States of America and thereafter the tradition spread in countries around the world. The world owes thanks to Ms Sonora Louise Smart Dodd a loving daughter from Spokane, Washington as it is because of her struggle that Father's Day saw the light of the day.

The idea of Father's Day celebration originated in Sonora's mind when she per chance listened to Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Fairly mature at the age 27, Sonora pondered if there is a day to honor mother then why not for father? Sonora felt strongly for fathers because of the affection she received from her own father Mr. William Jackson Smart, a Civil War veteran. Sonora's mother died while childbirth when she was just 16. Mr. Smart raised the newborn and five other children with love and care.



Inspired by Ms Anna Jarvis's struggle to promote Mother's Day, Ms Dodd began a

rigorous campaign to celebrate Father's Day in the United States. The Spokane Ministerial Association and the local Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) supported Sonora's cause. As a result Spokane celebrated its first Father's Day on June 19, 1920. Though there was initial hesitation, the idea gained gradual popularity all over the United States and Father's Day came to be celebrated in cities across the country.

Looking at the heightened popularity of Father's Day in the United States, President Woodrow Wilson approved of this idea in 1916. President Calvin Coolidge too supported the idea of a national Father's Day in 1924 to, "establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligation". After a protracted struggle of over four decades, President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day in 1966. Then in 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June. Sonora Louise Smart Dodd was honored for her contribution at the World's Fair in Spokane in 1974.



Sonora died in 1978 at the age of 96. Besides doing the noble job of giving father's their due recognition, Sonora gained appreciation for her artwork and her writing for children's book on the Native Americans of Spokane. To mark her significant contribution towards society, a monument was constructed at the YMCA in Spokane.

Taken from the website of: www.fathersdaycelabration.com





Dancing Through the Decade with Danny & Johnny!



A great night of fun and fellowship was had by those that attended the YMS of R Dinner Dance held on May 11th. It was a night to remember! There was great food and entertainment. A big thank you to all those that helped out in any way for this event! Another dinner dance is in the process of being planned for the fall. We'll keep you updated.

YMS of R Men's Group

The next YMS of R meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20th at 11:30pm in the social hall. A lunch will follow the meeting. All men of the



parish are encouraged to attend. If your are new to the parish, this is a good opportunity for you to meet some of the men of our parish.

St. Paul Choir

We have a fantastic, spirited choir here at St. Paul's, under the direction of Charley Stoykovich. Anyone interested in joining the choir can meet here at the church on Tuesdays at 4:00pm for practice.



Ladies Adoration Society

Prayer Blankets

A big thank you to the Ladies that take the time to knit or crochet these beautiful blankets. Blessed by Deacon Angelo, these blankets are given to individuals experiencing difficult times. A sign of healing, peace, joy and spiritual support for those receiving it, for they are not alone in their struggle.

If any of you have need for a blanket you can contact me at 233-9961 or doricanfield@gmail.com

In his service, Dori Canfield, ANS President



The Yarn's Journey

By: Tish Hoar

As the yarn's journey starts, It becomes a prayer that comes from the blanket maker's heart, The yarn becomes a journey of silent prayer, Through it's twists and knots, the prayer is still there, The quiet clicking or the swish of the yarn, Tells you the prayer is still going on, The Blanket maker adds on another skein, The prayer is anew and doesn't wane, As time goes by and the blanket maker's mind sometimes wanders, The yarn goes on and prayerfully ponders, A prayer is said and the stitching subsides, The yarn comes to an end and is knotted and tied, It begins a new journey and given with prayer, It's Hope, Faith and Love the recipient wears, But in the silent echoes you can prayerfully hear, The prayers, the quiet clicking, and the swish of the yarn, The yarn never ceases and its silent prayers are still going on...





Father Mark's bible study class meets every Thursday morning at 10:00am here at St. Paul's social hall. This ongoing class is for everyone interested in finding out more about their faith. Father Mark brings us many pearls of Scripture each week and whether you are a first time bible reader or an astute learned scriptural connoisseur, there's something special in the Word of God for everyone. You are encouraged to bring a friend.



Golf League



Our church golf league meets each Tuesday of every month at 8:30am at Spruce Creek Del Webb in Summerfield. Golfers are paired into groups of 4 players in scramble format. If any men or women are interested in joining our fun league, please contact Susan Hilt at 352-307-2129. Bring your friends. All are welcome. Sign up sheets will be posted in the social hall.



Birthdays

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- 1st Olga Stuck
- 3rd Dori Canfield
- 4th Richard Gurzynski
- 6th Donna Servidio
- 8th Diane Clair
- 9th Mara Polisoto
- 12th Mary Jane Madore Arlene Mungavin
- 17th Jana Cetner Brennan Ken Hoffmann
- 20th Dick Nowak
- 22nd Leo Ianaro
- 26th George Clark
- 27th Jenny Robinson Faith Vautier
- 29th Paula Suarez

Backpack Program



Our mainstay charitable program provides local homeless school children with personal care/hygiene items all year round. Please drop off items anytime on the rectory porch or at church on Sundays in the bins at the back of the church.



- 4th Rick & Marie Aneiro
- 5th Jeffrey & Dian Gerstner
- 22nd James & Kim McClearn
- 27th John & Claudia Leszewski
- 29th Bill & Paula Derkowski
- **30th** Fred & Lucy Dowling Stan & Ellen Kustorn

* Members: if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please inform Debbie Niznik.

2019 Parish Committee

Your Parish Committee for the year 2019 are as follows:

Chairman: Terry Stuck

Vice-Chairman: Terry Grimes

> **Treasurer:** Bob Canfield

Financial Secretary: Debbie Niznik

Recording Secretary: Susan Hilt

Board of Directors: Lydia Kowalski Cane John Rykaczewski Charley Stoykovich



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Spaghetti Dinners



Come and bring your friends to our weekly all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinners on Fridays from 4:00-7:00pm. Dinners include salad, roll & butter, and your

choice of a free beverage - either coffee, iced tea, or lemonade. Adults are just \$6.00 and Children 12yrs and younger are FREE. There are also homemade desserts from our Ladies ANS Society for only \$1.00 each. If you are bringing a large group, please contact Bob Canfield at 352-454-8673. Please let him know how many are in your party and what time you will arrive, and he will reserve your table(s) for you.

Special Offering Envelopes

The month of June is designated for the Clergy Pension Fund. Parish members can donate to this fund by using your Clergy Pension Fund envelope. Also, if you are not a member and would like to donate to this fund, please use a Love Offering envelope that are in the church pews and mark it "Clergy Pension Fund'.

Words for Thought

It is God's will that we believe that we see Him Continually, though it seems to us that the sight be only partial; and through this belief He makes us always to gain more grace, for God wishes to be seen, and He wishes to be sought, and He wishes to be expected, and He wishes to be trusted. Julian of Norwich

Stuffed Animals



Starting June 1st thru November 24th, we will again begin collecting slightly used or new stuffed toys and animals.

We will be distributing them to to Valda Niznik's school, Beverly Shores

Elementary, Tacachale Center, Salvation Army, Hospice and the Sheriff's Department.

There will be a tub inside of the church for you to drop off the stuffed toys or animals.



Name Badges

We have name badges for all the members here at St. Paul Parish. They are magnetic badges, not pins, so they will be easier to wear. We encourage you to wear your name badge each week to church, so everyone will know each other! We also encourage you to wear them at any of our church functions. If you have joined the church in the last month, your name badges are on order.

