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Father's Day History

Though **Father's Day** wasn't made a national holiday until 1972, the efforts of one woman in Washington sparked a movement to celebrate dads long before then.

Sonora Dodd and Father's Day

The first known Father's Day service occurred in Fairmont, West Virginia, on July 5, 1908, thanks to the efforts of Grace Golden Clayton. The service was to honor all fathers, especially those hundreds who were killed during a devastating mine explosion in Monongah (just a few miles from Fairmont) the previous year. However, the observance did not become an annual event, and it was not promoted—very few outside the local area knew about it.



In 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, also was inspired to create a holiday honoring fathers. William Jackson Smart, her father, was a farmer and Civil War veteran that raised Sonora and her five younger brothers by himself after his wife, Ellen, died giving birth to their youngest child in 1898. While attending a Mother's Day church service in 1909, Sonora, then 27, came up with the idea.

Within a few months, Sonora had convinced the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA to set aside a Sunday in June to celebrate fathers. She proposed June 5, her father's birthday, but the ministers chose the third Sunday in June so that they would have more time after Mother's Day (the second Sunday in May) to prepare their sermons. So it was that on June 19, 1910, Sonora delivered presents to handicapped fathers, boys from the YMCA decorated their lapels with fresh-cut roses (red for living fathers, white for the deceased), and the city's ministers devoted their homilies to fatherhood.

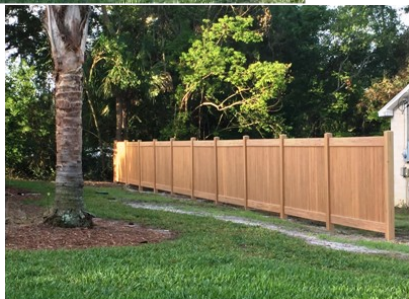
A National Holiday

The widely publicized events in Spokane struck a chord that reached all the way to Washington, D.C., and Sonora's celebration started its path to becoming a national holiday.

- In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson and his family personally observed the day.
- Eight years later, President Calvin Coolidge signed a resolution in favor of Father's Day "to establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations."
- In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed an executive order that the holiday be celebrated on the third Sunday in June.
- Under President Richard Nixon, in 1972, Congress passed an act officially making Father's Day a national holiday.

(<https://www.almanac.com/content/history-fathers-day>)

Trees were taken down along side of the rectory and a new privacy fence was put up.



YMS of R Men's Group

YMS of R meetings are cancelled until further notice.



St. Paul Choir

Choir practice has been cancelled until further notice..



Parish Projects

In the last two months we have had special projects that were needed inside the social hall, the men's bathroom and outside projects, a new privacy fence and sod on the side of the rectory (picture are above) and new flower beds in front of the church. The men's bathroom had a mold problem and all the walls were torn down and the area was professionally cleaned. Then new dry wall was put up and new tile on the walls and sink area. Also new faucets were installed. There Pictures below.





Father Mark's bible study class has been cancelled until further notice.

Golf League



Our church golf league has been cancelled until further notice.



Birthdays

- 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
- 18th Jacquelyn Preiss
- 20th Dick Nowak
- 22nd Leo Ianaro
- 26th George Clark
- 27th Jenny Robinson
Faith Vautier
- 29th Paula Suarez



Anniversaries

- 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.

Spaghetti Dinners



Our Friday Night Spaghetti Dinners are now cancelled until further notice.



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