

Winding Down June

As we come to the month of June life takes on new meaning. We've completed our school year, whether it's grade school, college or university it's fait accompli. Done, over, finished with a great sigh of relief.

As we close these doors many new ones will open. Our lives are changing. How are we going to cope? Let's not get too concerned just yet, enjoy this last month before the summer vacations begin.

There are parties to enjoy, festivals and a month chock full of celebrations ahead.

Star of the Sea's Annual Strawberry Social is June the 11th. A time to enjoy hotdogs, hamburgers, sausages, Strawberries & Ice Cream. Bring a lawn chair and relax with your fellow parishioners. Music is always plentiful as we wile away the evening.

The C. W. L. Spring Dinner is always a big hit with its members, who enjoy the last get-together of the season.

June 16th is Father's Day. A time to honour the men who have nurtured us through life. Everyone of us have at some point had mixed feelings as to what a great impact this man of many talents has had on our lives. When we were very young he was the apple of our eye. The giant who we look up to, rushing to greet him every night. Dad can do anything, slay the dragons, wipe our tears and make the boogiemán disappear. What a guy - he knows everything.

Ha - life intervenes. We start to question this giant. Someone along the way will start to put doubt in your mind. Your Dad doesn't know how to skate board, ride a scooter. What! Off come the blinders. Your Dad is real, he's like everyone else's Dad. But he's yours! You find the inner love and appreciation that this one of a kind Dad deserves. Give him time. He'll show you things that you'll need to know in life.

There are baseball games - he might teach you how to hit and run. Soccer, he'll be there to cheer you on as you race for that ball to score. Hockey and skating that's a tough one. Sometimes it's not how many times you fall but the times he was there to pick you up so you could try again.

Dads are there to watch you stumble as you learn how to walk in heels. Your first date. He worried through all these trials that life would somehow lead to a better path. His support was never wavering. Give Dad a chance. He'll be there for you to walk you down the aisle to support you as you begin a new life.

He'll be there for all your firsts. Someday let's hope the time will come when you present him with his first grandchild. What a moment. A father becoming a grandfather - is anything more special?

God Bless all the men of our parish. May they enjoy Father's Day!

*My view from this side of the pulpit
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