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# When God Created Fathers

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When the good Lord was creating fathers, He started with a tall frame. And a female angel nearby said, "What kind of father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping."

And God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child size, who would children have to look up to?"

And when God made a father's hands, they were large and sinewy.

And the angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do you know what you're doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on pony tails or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats."

God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets at the end of a day...yet small enough to cup a child's face."

Then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders.

The angel nearly had a heart attack. "Boy, this is the end of the week, all right," she clucked. "Do you realize you just made a father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him without the kid falling between his legs?"

God smiled and said, "A mother needs a lap. A father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet



anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?"

And God smiled a said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to "ride a horse to Banbury Cross" or scare off mice at the summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked throughout the night, giving the father few words, but a firm authoritative voice; eyes that see everything, but remain calm and tolerant.

Finally, almost as an afterthought, He added tears. The He turned to the angel and said, "Now are you satisfied that he can love as much as a mother?"

And the angel shutteth up!

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## Intenational Food Fair - Good Stewards

### Who's Who on Page Three

1. Helen Binkowski
2. Vivian Strache, Paul Wolfe
3. Pam and Theresa Colomaio
4. Bonnie Matalace
5. Nancy Remchuk
6. Shirley Sheils
7. Barbara Ezzo
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14. Dick Pruner
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17. Jack Lyle, Mildred Miller
18. Jo Slovak, Rosemary States, Mary McConnell
19. Mark Fiordo
20. Marge Eichensehr
21. Freida Fiordo
22. Brittany Hauryski, Judy Hunter, Justin Harris
23. Liam Wall, Martha and Stan Wraight, Lael Truth

Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a DADDY! Happy Father's day to all the Daddy's in the World!!



# Good Stewards of the International Food Festival

Well over one hundred parishioners shared their time and talent to benefit the ministries of our parish at this year's International Food Festival and Trash and Treasure Sale. Many of these "Good Stewards" are pictured below. How many can you identify? *Answers - Page 4.*

