

PREPARES

Pregnancy & Parenting Support

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June 2019

Happy Father's Day!

*"The family is the heart of the culture of life."
- Pope Francis*

A PREPARES Response.....

St. Pius X Community Baby Shower



PREPARES volunteers and Members of the Respect Life Committee of St. Pius X

On May 19th, [St. Pius X \(Mountlake Terrace\)](#) held a Community Baby Shower for

eleven moms and their closest family members to celebrate the gift of life. It was a joyful event with everyone sharing wonderful food and participating in games. Each mom received well wishes and gift bags with baby items as well as information resources.

A very special thank you to all of the volunteers involved in making this wonderful event possible!

Join PREPARES at Cornerstone Catholic Conference

Coming Together FOR LIFE & JUSTICE



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PREPARES is looking forward to presenting a workshop at this year's Cornerstone conference entitled: "Building Parish Partnerships to Serve Life and Justice." If you haven't already made your plans to attend Cornerstone, please go to [Washington State Catholic Conference website](#) to learn more about the conference and how register.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Share your Parish's Activities on Groopit

While Groopit is a great way to post needs that might be filled by our online community, it is also a great place to share what your parish is doing in support of families in need. Post a quick photo of items you have collected or blankets and hats that have been lovingly hand made. We want this to be your community to share with one another.



Not a member of our online community yet? You can access the flyer on how to join [here](#). Then download the app "letsgroopit"

from the iOS App Store or Android App Store or you can use the web version at www.letsgroopit.com\PREPARES. Be sure to set your browser to allow notifications. Follow these instructions: <https://bit.ly/2MP71RV>.

This Month's Helpful Handout: Early Literacy

Children raised in homes that promote literacy grow up to be better readers and do better in school. As you spend time with your family, you can encourage and engage in activities that provide literacy skill building opportunities for young children. It will also help to increase literacy skills in other members of the family, and provide fun activities for parents and kids to do together that create wonderful memories of family time, all while being educational. Learning to love to read begins at an early age, so let's help parents to understand the importance so they can encourage, engage, and support literacy in their home.

To learn more about tips to share with parents about how to encourage reading, please click [here](#) to access the link to the Helpful Handout: **Early Literacy**.

A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,

Show your blessings upon all fathers.
Grant them the wisdom to guide their children
along right paths.
Grant them the strength to forgive
when their children stray from those paths.
Grant them the perseverance as they provide
for the needs of their families.
May your love shelter them in times of need,
and expand their capacity for
forgiveness, kindness and compassion.
You, who are Father of us all, hold all fathers
in your warm and generous heart.

Amen



Source: www.WeBelieveandShare.com

Upcoming Events

- Pentecost - **June 9th**
- Father's Day - **June 16th**
- Mary Queen of Peace Baby Shower - **June 15th & 16th**
- Nativity of John the Baptist - **June 24th**

Blessings,

Donna, Erin, Carol, Teresa, Lisa, Mary Pauline and Guillermina

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Please consider joining us in walking the journey with families in your own parish community. For more information please visit our website at www.preparesforlife.org. If you know of others who might be interested in volunteering and or learning more about PREPARES, please forward them this message or have them contact us directly.

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