

PREPARES

Pregnancy & Parenting Support

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*Children are a heritage from the Lord.
- Psalm 127:3*

A PREPARES Response.....

Play with Love - Last Classroom Day of the School Year



Irma Alvarez and her son, Joel Martinez

June 12th was the last classroom day of the year for the Play with Love group at [St. Madeleine Sophie \(Bellevue\)](#). Eleven moms and thirteen children participated in the program that had begun at the beginning of the school year last

September. In recognition of it being the last classroom day, the children all received Certificates of Recognition. There were smiles on everybody's faces as they enjoyed singing songs and having cake to celebrate. The facilitators, Maricela Rodriguez and Erendira Fierro, were also recognized for their dedication to this wonderful program that brings moms and their children together for learning activities and to build community.

The group is now in their summer program which includes visits to parks and other activities. They will conclude on August 14th when they visit Woodland Park Zoo. We can't wait to see the photos!

Parish Spotlight - Mary Queen of Peace Baby Shower



A big shout out to [Mary Queen of Peace \(Sammamish\)](#) who held a Baby Shower the weekend of June 15th and 16th. Thank you so much to the generous parishioners who donated all of the adorable newborn clothes, blankets, diapers and wipes. These are so needed by the new moms that we support.

A special thank you to Gerri Dusenack, Parish Coordinator, and to all those who helped organize this special event. We totally love you, too!

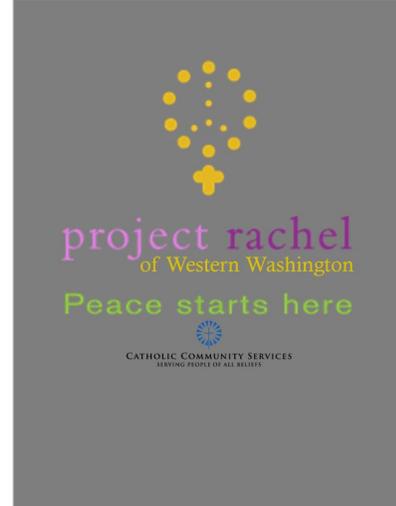
Project Rachel is now on Facebook

We'd like to invite our PREPARES supporters to check out the brand new Facebook page for

Project Rachel, a partner program with PREPARES at Catholic Community Services. Since 1993, Project Rachel has been providing hope and healing after abortion in Western Washington.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Aleah Patulat at (206) 920-6413.

<https://www.facebook.com/projectrachelww>



This Month's Helpful Handout: Summer Fun - Water Safety

As summer approaches, many families with small children spend more time outdoors and in water for vacation and fun. Playdates at the beach or park or trips to the pool often occur. It is important when planning events around water that you take the time to review basic water safety as this may prevent a fun time from becoming a tragic day. This month's Helpful Handout provides important tips to keep children safe while enjoying the water.

To learn more about how to keep kids safe around the water, please click [here](#) to access the link to the Helpful Handout: **Summer Fun - Water Safety.**

PREPARES Volunteer Prayer

O Lord, bless these children
who are a heritage of your love
each one a beloved child of God
a miracle of creation
who deserves a chance
to grow strong and healthy
secure in the knowledge they are loved
whether born in poverty or prosperity

O Lord, bless the mothers
and bless the fathers
guide and protect them
be a source of strength
as they seek to create a nurturing environment
fill their hearts with joy
as their children grow and flourish
bind them together with your sustaining love

O Lord, lend your wisdom to those of us
who walk with these young families



give us a compassionate spirit
as we accompany them
in the first five years of a precious new life
as they begin their journey
with love and support

Amen

Source: Donna Cheesebrough

Upcoming Events

- PREPARES Training at St. John the Baptist - **July 18th & 20th**
- St. Mary Magdalene Feast Day - **July 22nd**
- Transfiguration of the Lord - **August 6th**
- Play with Love End of the Year Celebration at the Zoo - **August 14th**
- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - **August 15th**
- [Cornerstone Conference](#) - October **19th & 20th**

Blessings,

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

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