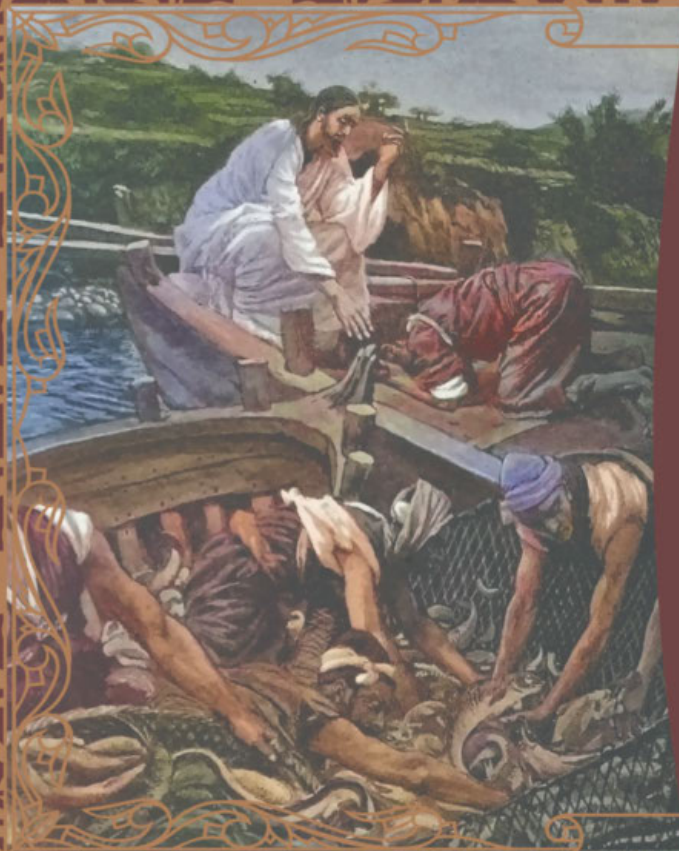


February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



5TH SUNDAY IN
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St. Columban Parish

506 First St. S | Yelm, WA 98597

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.

(Except First Fridays)

Eucharistic Adoration First Fridays 6:30 p.m.

Confessions Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick By request

Rosary Prayer Group Monday 7 p.m.

Spanish prayer group Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Hall

Sacramental Preparation Contact the office

The church may be open for prayer during office hours upon request.

St. Peter Mission

149 Keithahn St S | Tenino, WA 98589

Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.

First Friday Mass 9:00 a.m.

Confessions Sunday 7:30-7:45 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick By request

Parish Office at St. Columban

parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m.– 2p.m.

Friday by appointment

Sacramental Emergencies

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Help line 360-458-1904

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For your Prayer and Meditation

Reflect on the Sunday Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Sunday Readings *Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-1*

First Reading Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

Isaiah eagerly accepted God's call to serve once his sin was removed. What helps you be open to serve others?

Psalm In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

Second Reading Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

St. Paul reminds the Corinthians of the Gospel message he proclaimed to them about Jesus's death and resurrection appearances. What do you think makes preaching successful?

Gospel Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

In Jesus' call of the first disciples, we see Peter's obedience and humility. How might you put these virtues into practice this week?

Communion Antiphon Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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Mass Intentions

Parishioners may schedule a Mass intention on our website or by calling the office. Sunday Masses are offered *Pro Populo*



Feb. 11— Rita Maus, RIP

Feb. 12— Lorraine & Lafe Handley

Feb. 13 —

Feb. 14—

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Masses for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

Prayer Intentions

Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands all of our homebound brothers and sisters and those who have asked for our prayers

For The Sick and Homebound

Robert Fisher, Joe Judge, Pam Henslee, Mary Taylor, Maria Espino, Mort Kimball, Adrian Morales, Judy Cusick, Clay McBride, Theresa Gonzales, Deborah Little, Michelle Haligan.

For The Deceased

All the souls in purgatory, especially Eva Mankowski, Marcella Thornton, and all those who have no one to pray for them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

For our young people, that they may eagerly seek and generously respond to their vocations from God.

For peace in the world, for God's protection on those in danger, the defeat and true repentance of unjust aggressors, and mercy for those who have died by violence.

Monthly Intentions of the Pope: *For families in crisis.* Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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St. Columban Finance & Pastoral Council *Please be patient as this council is being restructured. Members will be posted once they have been officially appointed by our Pastor.*

St. Peter Advisory Commission Sherry Bachmann (Chairperson), Marilyn Ritter, Bernie Schwarz, Bob Bacon, Diane Weston

Welcome to our Parish Family

St. Columban Parish proclaims the Roman Catholic faith to the communities of McKenna, Nisqually, Rainier, Roy, Tenino, and Yelm in southeast Thurston and southwest Pierce counties. Our community has grown since its origins at the former St. Margaret Mary Church in McKenna, and our current church in Yelm is named for the Irish-born 6th century missionary to Europe St. Columbanus of Bobbio. We have also been present in Tenino since 1891 through St. Peter Mission, named for the apostle and first pope.

Since July 2024, Sacred Heart Parish in Lacey, St. Columban Parish, and St. Peter Mission formed into Parish Family 40 under our pastor, Very Rev. Bryan Ochs.

A Word from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

A few weeks ago, I went to California to visit some classmates from seminary who are now priests. While there, I decided to spend a day at the seminary itself, since I hadn't been to visit in quite some time and the few professors I had who remain are getting a bit older. I wanted to make sure I had the opportunity to spend some time and to thank them for all of their hard work.



Let me give you one little point of context. I was pretty miserable while in seminary and was very critical of the way things were done. I heard about things that were going on in other seminaries and was a bit jealous. I thought they were spending their time and resources in a much better way.

Fast forward to today and I still have some of those criticisms, but, by and large, most of the things I complained about seem very small in retrospect. I have to look back and acknowledge that some things I was most critical of are things that actually have helped me. Other things just aren't as big of a deal as I thought they were.

As I walked around campus there was a certain sadness that I squandered some opportunities by being negative and overly critical. As I admired some of the beautiful buildings on campus I found it such a pity that I didn't take more time to enjoy these things while I was a student there on campus for almost six years. I lacked gratitude for all the work that went into the formation.

Even though I wouldn't do things the way that the seminary administration did, I can honestly say that I'm happy in ministry and have a relatively healthy and

happy life. It isn't quite the ideal I had envisioned while in seminary, but I've accepted the realities of priestly life and my own strengths and weaknesses, and have embraced it all for what it is, and I really can't complain.

In addition to this, I've learned that God teaches me more in the less than ideal than he does in the ideal situations. That might be because of my personality, but I also think that there is a universalness to this and I think we need to remember this because believing that God is at work in imperfect situations brings a lot of peace with it.

As far as work and school goes, certainly nothing is ideal. Having served a Catholic School in the past, there was an awful lot of complaints leveled against faculty and staff when things weren't perfect. When things were less than ideal, criticism came, and that saddens me because God still teaches us in those moments of imperfection.

Of course, parish life doesn't always live up to the ideal either. Even though churches, bishops, priests and other staff and volunteers are sometimes less than the ideal, God still works through it all, and we learn a lot of great lessons if we take time to reflect.

As I left campus during my visit, I took a moment to thank God for the experiences I had, good and bad, and I thanked him for all the ways that he taught me even in the midst of imperfection. It brought me some peace, and I think it can bring some to you as well. Whether it is work, school, Church or even home, thank God for the ways that he broke through the imperfection and formed you as his child.

Have a blessed day,

Fr. Bryan

Dialogue for Justice: Catholic Advocacy to Reduce Poverty

"Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing..."

(Lk 5:5), Simon says. Fishing is a waiting game. Whether it is with a net or hooks, sometimes a person gets "skunked". There is nothing to take home. This is a story that mirrors life's challenges. A college graduate has a degree in hand and cannot find a job in their chosen field. A student studies diligently to pass a test only to find the paper marked with an unexpectedly low grade. A family moves across the country because a job requires being relocated only to find home prices beyond their budget. Getting "skunked" in life offers a person the opportunity to grow...to accept life has its

ups and downs. The disciples will be surprised at the harvest when they accept the Lord's suggestion to cast into the deep. Fishing had never been so good! It will be a good day selling in the market! There are people in our community who find it difficult to survive. They have to "fish" for nearly everything. Their minimum wage paycheck does not begin to cover the necessities... food, clothing, and shelter. St. John Paul II criticized capitalism and Marxism for reducing a worker as a mere "economic man [woman]" in his/her work (*Laborem Exercens*, 1981). His key themes touched upon concern for the poor, unemployment's evil, sinful social structures, and a just family wage. May we remain faithful to the Good Word of Jesus whose concern for the poor knew no bounds.

Peace, Deacon Terry, ofs

Announcements

Position available in our Parish Family

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lacey, Washington is seeking an administrator who will oversee the day-to-day administrative operations of the Church. They function as a Chief of Staff of all parish administrative staff. This is a full-time in-person role with benefits. They will oversee all the administrative functions of the parish, including finance, maintenance and facilities (including technology), and Human Resources and serve as key person for the Partners in the Gospel initiative. This person not only ensures the quality of all work done by parish administrative staff but works to maintain a healthy and safe work environment for all. For information, please contact azelle@3hearts.org.

Giving Statements are being sent. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date in Pushpay (if you give online) or by contacting the Parish office.

You have the power to save lives The American Red Cross will host a blood drive this Thursday, Feb. 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Pre-register for an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter our code "KnightsYelm".

Thank you for helping us support PREPARES

During the month of January, plastic baby bottles were available in the narthex for you to take home and collect loose change to help support expectant mothers and families with young children through the PREPARES program. **Please return baby bottles if have not done so already.**

Check your emails! We send registered parishioners an emailed version of the bulletin every week with more up-to-date information than this printed edition due to early deadlines by the bulletin publisher. If you're not

registered, please stop by the Parish Office so or you may also register online at saintcolumbanyelm.org.

Financial Stewardship

Collection reports will return in next week's print bulletin.

Faith Formation

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

864 "Christ, sent by the Father, is the source of the Church's whole apostolate"; thus the fruitfulness of apostolate for ordained ministers as well as for lay people clearly depends on their vital union with Christ. [AA 4; cf. *Jn 15:5*] In keeping with their vocations, the demands of the times and the various gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostolate assumes the most varied forms. But charity, drawn from the Eucharist above all, is always "as it were, the soul of the whole apostolate." [AA 3] AA- *Apostolicam actositatem*, Paul VI

Next Sunday Faith Formation Classes

Feb. 9; **NO CLASS Feb. 16 (President's Day weekend)**

Children & Adults, contact: Mrs. Makinster

Elementary & Adult Faith Formation,
gaby@saintcolumbanyelm.org 360-458-3031 x2 *habla Español*

Youth Ministry, contact: Mr. Lucero

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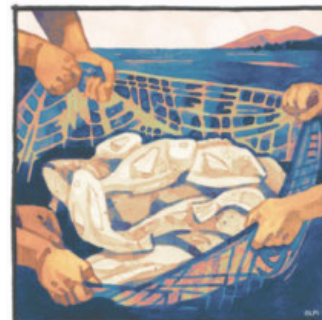
Parents, check your emails! *We will communicate with you directly over email regarding YM events.*

Are you interested in having your Middle School aged youth attend a Catholic Summer camp or High School aged youth attend a Summer Catholic youth conference? Come to next Sunday's Coffee & Donuts Fundraiser after Mass in the Hall for a briefing on Camp Solanus, Steubenville NW, and Ignite NW.

Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Please pray for our candidates and catechumen as they prepare to join the Church this Easter.

Bible Study Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Winter Clothes Closet.



Parish Ministries & Events

Weekly Calendar

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY February 10 *St. Scholastica, Virgin*
Rosary Prayer Group 7:00p.m. Church

TUESDAY February 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*
Daily Mass 9:00a.m. Church
Winter Clothes Closet 6:00-8:00 p.m. Small Hall
Spanish Prayer Group 6:30p.m. Church
Youth FRFC Class 6:00 p.m. RE Bldg.
OCIA Class 6:30 p.m. RE Bldg.

WEDNESDAY February 12
Daily Mass 9:00a.m. Church
Bible Study 10:00a.m. St. Peter
Winter Clothes Closet 6:00-8:00 p.m. Small Hall

THURSDAY February 13
Daily Mass 9:00a.m. Church
Altar Society Weekly Cleaning 9:30a.m. Church
Blood Drive 11 a.m.—4 p.m. Hall
Winter Clothes Closet 6:00-8:00 p.m. Small Hall
Choir Practice 6:00p.m. Church
Bible Study 6:30p.m. Small Hall

FRIDAY February 14 *Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop*
Daily Mass 9:00 a.m. Church

SATURDAY February 15
Confession 3:30 p.m. Church
Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00p.m. Church

SUNDAY February 16 **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Confession 7:30-7:45 a.m. St. Peter
Sunday Mass 8:00a.m. *Int.: Pro Populo* St. Peter

No Religious Ed or Confirmation Classes

Sunday Mass 10:30a.m. *Int.: Pro Populo* Church

Coffee & Donuts Fundraiser 11:45a.m. Parish Hall
Hosted by our Youth Ministry for Ignite NW and other youth events.

After Mass Breakfast & Coffee Hospitality

Join us after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall

Feb 9—Altar Society & Daughter of Mary

Feb 16—Youth Ministry

Feb 23—Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Upcoming Events

Thurs., Feb. 13. — Blood Drive

Wed., March 5 — Ash Wednesday, start of Lent

Mass St. Peter 9:00a.m.

Mass St. Columban 7:00p.m.

Sat., March 8 — Irish Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Altar Society

A team of talented parishioners beautifully maintain and clean the Church every Thursday after Daily Mass.



Daughters of Mary

Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Join us for our next meeting **February 25th** at 6 p.m. in the Hall. All women of the parish are invited and bring your favorite snack to share!



Liturgical Ministries

parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Altar Servers, Choir, Greeters/Ushers, Readers
Please check your emails and respond to confirm that you will be serving on your scheduled date. This helps us find substitutes should you be unavailable.



Knights of Columbus

The Council and Assembly meet monthly third Wednesdays of every month at 6p.m. in the hall, with Vespers beginning at 5:30 p.m. **Next Council & Assembly meetings: Wednesday, Feb. 19.**



St. Peter Circle

Meets second Tuesdays every other month at St. Peter Tenino. Next scheduled meetings: **Mar. 11, and May 13 at 9:30 a.m.**



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Meets monthly, on the third Thursday of the month in the parish hall at 7 p.m. **Next meeting is Feb. 20.**



Winter Clothes Closet

Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 6-8p.m. Free to all in need, no questions asked.

Donations are through the parish office or by using the bin in the narthex. Please do not leave donations outside the doors of the office or hall.



Keep in mind donations should be of good, re-usable quality; something you would wear. Items such as boots, gloves, hats, scarves, coats, blankets, etc. are needed; rather than summer apparel such as swimsuits, shorts, & flipflops which are not particularly useful for keeping warm during the winter months.

Sunday Features

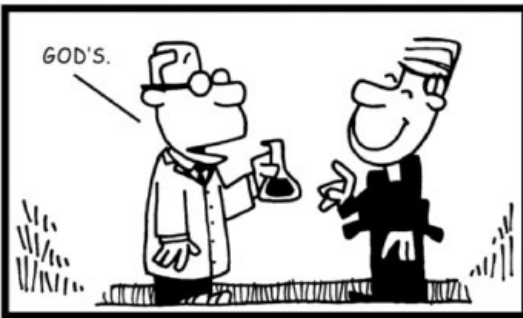
“What do you get when your cross Sherlock Holmes and a Marian apparition?”



“The mysteries of the Rosary!”

FUN FACT! During the month of February, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Many years ago, in a small town in France, Mary appeared to a young girl named Bernadette and declared herself to be the “Immaculate Conception.”

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Father Flood © LPi



Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question: Would optional celibacy help the priest shortage?

Answer: This is a hotly debated topic. There are good arguments on both sides, and there is no clear answer that emerges. However, the shortage of clergy in denominations that do allow marriage would seem to indicate that optional celibacy is not the quick answer that some might think. No one solution is perfect. Each one has its flaws and problems that are not easily solved. While optional celibacy would open ordination to some great men who are married, it also brings the problems of family, financial support, marital problems, and issues — good and bad — of childrearing. So it would not seem that optional celibacy is a realistic solution to the shortage of clergy.

With all of the varied challenges and problems facing the Church, it is easy to forget that the Holy Spirit leads us. Openness, dialogue, and education are second to our prayers and petitions to the Holy Spirit to make clear the path the Church should follow. A response that is rooted in a culture of political correctness is almost certainly doomed; a response that is rooted in prayer and in God cannot fail..

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From the Archdiocese

For a complete list of events happening around the Archdiocese of Seattle visit archseattle.org/eventslist

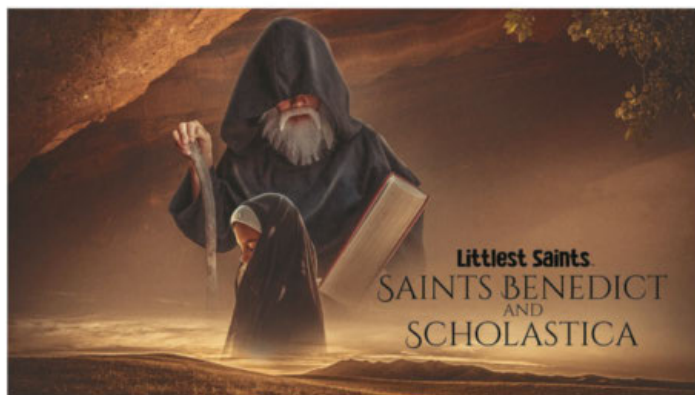
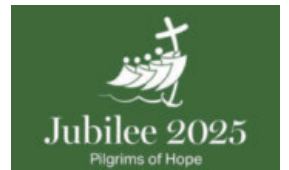


Celebrating a Legacy of Faith

The Archdiocese of Seattle is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year from January to May. We will mark this anniversary with special Masses and with a Season of Service. Learn more at archseattle.org/175

Jubilee 2025

Pope Francis is calling on all the faithful to become Pilgrims of Hope. During the Jubilee year, millions of pilgrims are expected to travel to Rome to walk through the Holy Doors and participate in Jubilee events. Learn how to participate locally at archseattle.org/Jubilee2025



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Other Events & Announcements

In our Parish Family

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Sacred Heart Parish 57th Annual Crab Feed

Friday, February 28, 2025, 6pm Hallen Hall, Adults 18 and over \$40.00, Ages 13-17 \$25.00, Age 12 and under free. Tickets are all you can enjoy crab, with beer & vino included with meal. No ticket sales at the door, presale only. Contact John Huff for tickets: (360) 584-2323 or jn13_1_16@hotmail.com.

Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Fat Tuesday Pasta Feed, Youth Talent Show & Fundraiser Auction

Tuesday, March 3 2025, 6pm Hallen Hall. Tickets on sale at both parish offices.

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Saturday: 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: Mon-Sat 9 a.m.

Reconciliation: Sat. 3:00-4:45 p.m., or by appt.

Eucharistic Adoration: Thu after Mass until Sat at 4:30 p.m. in St. Frances of Rome Chapel

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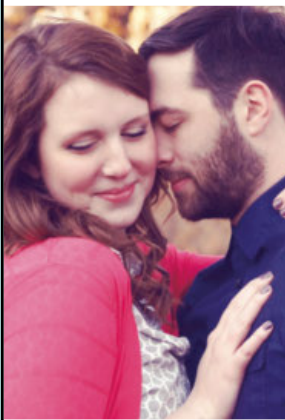
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Assist

- ♥ Sponsor a parish Needs Drive to distribute food and household items.
- ♥ Create a Clothing Closet for infants and young children.
- ♥ Establish a Traveling Crib for newborn essentials.
- ♥ Provide age-appropriate 'PREPARES Bags' for infants and toddlers.

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Pray

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- 🧡 Pañales y Ropa
- 🧡 Grupos de Apoyo
- 🧡 Asiento para el Carro y Juguetes
- 🧡 Clases de Crianza
- 🧡 Fiesta de Bienvenida al Bebé
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¡Cambia una vida! Apoya al Equipo y a los Voluntarios del Ministerio de PREPARES que caminan con las familias necesitadas – desde el embarazo hasta los cinco años – en su jornada de crianza. Haz una donación hoy en preparesforlife.org/support o usa el código abajo.

Sea un Voluntario

Conviértase en un Voluntario entrenado, en un Acompañante, o sea miembro de un Grupo de Apoyo de PREPARES en su parroquia local católica dando presencia emocional y asistencia tangible a las familias necesitadas.

Ayude

- 🧡 Patrocine una campaña parroquial para recaudar y distribuir alimentos y artículos para el hogar.
- 🧡 Organice un armario de ropa para bebés y niños pequeños.
- 🧡 Establezca una cuna de viaje para lo esencial del recién nacido.
- 🧡 Proporcione 'Bolsas de PREPARES' apropiadas a la edad para bebés y niños pequeños

Organice

Sea la luz que ayude a organizar un Ministerio de PREPARES en su parroquia. Escanee el código “Saber mas” para más información.

Ore

Pídale a Dios la gracia y bendición para las familias vulnerables que han escogido el precioso regalo de la vida.

PREPARES AL NIVEL ESTATAL 2024

———— 22,193 ————

Encuentros Familiares

———— 197 ————

Parroquias Participantes

———— 1,144 ————

Voluntarios Entrenados
& Acompañantes

———— 12 ————

Miembros del Equipo
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———— 37 o 39 ————

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