

## St. Stephen Respect Life Committee November 22, 2015, Meeting Minutes and News

St. Stephen Respect Life Committee met at 7:30 PM in St. Stephen's Copy Room.



### Attending

Mary K., Rudy B. (St. John), Jeff B., Lisa E., Thomas K., Linda L. (St. John), Bernie W. and Mary S, with a surprise visit from Fr. Ed.

### Opening

We opened our meeting with the St. Michael Prayer.

### Theology of the Body Group Study

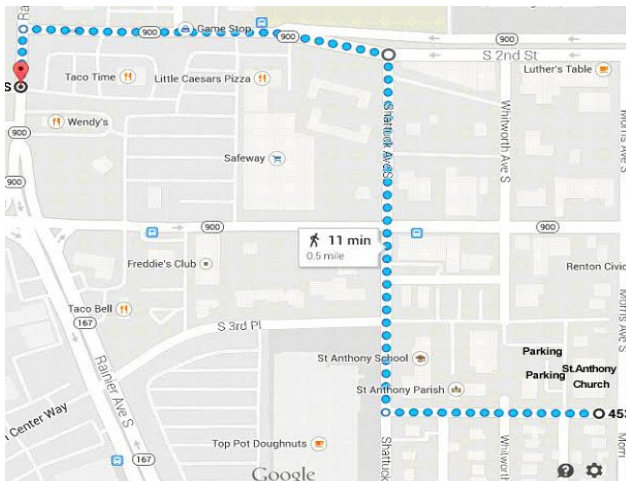
We read "The Pope's Thesis," the first section describing St. John Paul II's revolutionary notion of using the visible mystery of man and woman's sexuality as a sign analogous to the invisible mystery hidden in God. See

<http://www.sjcursillo.org/theology%20of%20the%20body.pdf> for a downloadable version of the work.

### Monthly First Wednesday Processions

St. Anthony pastor, Fr. Jack Schrum, encourages **First Wednesday processions following 7:50am Mass at St. Anthony church** to Cedar River Clinics abortion facility on Rainier Avenue South.

We assemble after Mass (approximately 8:30am) in the church vestibule and follow the 0.45 mile route shown below, to Shattuck, to S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., to Rainier Ave. After an hour of prayer we return in procession to St. Anthony church at approximately 10am.



See more details by scrolling down to the [First Wednesday Processions](#) heading at <https://sites.google.com/site/respectlifecommittee/>

### Truth and Prayer at Kent Planned Parenthood



**First Saturday Truth and Prayer** continues **9 – 11am** at the **Kent Planned Parenthood**.

Eleven stood in the rain in prayerful witness on November 7<sup>th</sup>. All area churches and individuals are invited to participate at this very visible site.

The flyer for monthly First Saturday Truth and Prayer witnessing may be downloaded from either <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/> or <http://ststephensrespectlife.blogspot.com/>.

### January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, March for Life Olympia

The downloadable flyers with eight scheduled stops and other details of the four (4) Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women—Central Deanery (ACCW-CD) bus routes to the January 19<sup>th</sup> Mass for Life in Lacey with March for Life in Olympia will be posted to <http://StStephensLife.com/Respect-Life/>.

Our friends at <http://FootPrintExhibits.com> are making a banner and signs for Vietnamese Martyrs parishioners to display at the March.

We are working with SSTM Legislative Advocacy members to arrange appointments for 2016 ACCW bus passengers to meet with their legislators while in Olympia on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to meeting some Vietnamese Martyrs parishioners in Olympia who will join Marie Parker Coach passengers to visit legislators.

SSTM Legislative Advocacy will provide essential direction and a set of printed pro-life "Talking Points" to guide constituents during the meetings. **These Talking Points will be made available to all who want them (not only to bus passengers). We encourage all who attend the March to urge their legislators to enact laws that respect human life, true marriage and religious freedom.**

In 2015 we left legislators we visited with fetal models and printed copies of our pro-life Talking Points. In 2016 we plan to leave our legislators with



copies of our pro-life Talking Points and pro-life tee shirts. The shirt will feature a pre-born baby graphic with a brief pro-life truth, such as, "Life is precious."

Jeff will bring a sample tee shirt with the new design to our December meeting.

The next SSTM Legislative Advocacy meeting is Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome.

### First Friday Adoration and Movie Night

Our monthly Pro-Life holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration will take place on First Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. However, there will be **NO Movie and Pizza Night until First Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**.

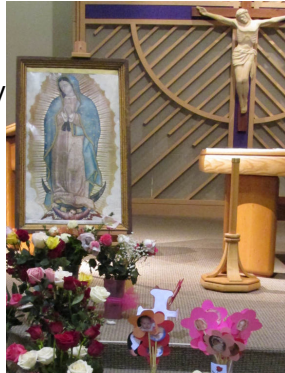
Helen Heidenreich, advancement director (for fundraising and marketing needs), will come to SSTM at **7pm Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**, to speak about Women's Accessible Medical Services, P.S. (WAMS), a new clinic, to open soon in the U-District. See [wamsclinic.com](http://wamsclinic.com). Helen asks for prayers and for "Likes" at

<https://www.facebook.com/wamsclinic/?pnref=lhc>

**NOTE:** Remember to come to **December 4<sup>th</sup> First Friday Adoration** from **6-7pm** (with Knights of Columbus) or from **9-10pm** (with pro-life groups).

### OLG Celebration Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

After **8:30 AM Mass on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**, we will pray a pro-life Rosary. As in recent years, we will honor our patroness by forming bouquets of roses and pictures of babies in vases placed before the Lady of Guadalupe picture. **Neighboring parishes are invited to join us.**



**THIS MUST STOP!**  
**Jesus Weeping**  
(holy card size)

### Spiritual Adoptions

Father Ed asks we promote Spiritual Adoptions at SSTM. [www.spiritualadoption.org](http://www.spiritualadoption.org) offers suggestions and prayer cards with Bishop Fulton Sheen's prayer to be said daily for 9 consecutive months. The prayer asks the Holy Family to intercede to spare the life of one unborn child in danger of abortion.

We will plan to do this early in 2016.

### Miscellaneous

- Thank you to Father Ed for dropping in!



- We plan to invite many to our January 18<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Vigil with Eucharistic procession and overnight Adoration in support of the March for Life in Olympia.
- Thomas is looking into making umbrellas as an alternative to a new double-sided 72" x 30" banner that features text suitable for use at both Planned Parenthood and Cedar River Clinics.
- Our next Coffee and Donuts dates are January 10<sup>th</sup> and February 7<sup>th</sup>, to promote the January 18<sup>th</sup> vigil, 19<sup>th</sup> March for Life in Olympia, and 40 Days for Life.
- We are considering joining the national **40 Days for Life** ([40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com)) for the 2016 Lenten prayer campaigns in both Renton and in Kent. Responses to the national Defund Planned Parenthood days and Life Chains in Kent indicate many area Christians will welcome an invitation to join a national 40 Days for Life prayer campaign.
- In December Father Ed and Debbie B. will let us know how we might support SSTM Youth pro-life studies.
- Approximately \$2,650 remains in our custodial account, after we donated \$200 to the ACCW buses going to the 2016 March for Life in Olympia.
- **Who is willing and able to update and maintain** <https://www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife?>
- Our **SSTM Respect Life Committee sites:**  
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### Closing

We closed our meeting with St. John Paul II's Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Life prayer.



Next meeting 7:15 (after 6:30 PM Mass), Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the Copy Room

