

## St. Stephen Respect Life Committee December 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., Lisa E., Rowena H., Linda L. (St. John),  
Bernie W. and Mary S.

### Opening

Mary opened our meeting with a spontaneous prayer asking for guidance and for protection against evil.

### Truth and Prayer at Kent Planned Parenthood



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

More than a dozen stood in the rain in prayerful witness on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

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 10<sup>th</sup> Coffee and Donuts

We will sponsor Coffee and Donuts January 10<sup>th</sup>. At Father Ed's suggestion, lots of pro-life visuals and literature will be in the social hall. Posters and flyers will promote the January 18<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Vigil with Adoration and the January 19<sup>th</sup> Mass and March for Life in Olympia.

Mary K. and Mary S. and Lisa E. will decorate, serve, and help clean up. Bernie will bring doughnuts, juices, and creamer. Rowena will manage donations. **Many hands make cleanup quick and pleasant. Please come and help!**

### January 18<sup>th</sup>, Candlelight Vigil and Adoration



Beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>, a narthex poster will promote the Candlelight Vigil: Remembering the Unborn,

Eucharistic procession, and overnight Eucharistic Adoration.

A January 10<sup>th</sup> bulletin insert will promote the events and invite Eucharistic Adorers to sign up for one hour each, throughout the night, on the large board in the narthex near the chapel doors.

On the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Bernie, Kirk, and Phil will place the crosses and ensure candles are ready for the Eucharistic procession that will follow 6:30pm Mass.

We missed the deadline for promoting our unique vigil in the NW Catholic Magazine. But the editor offered to share our 2015 photos in their social media.

<http://ststephenslife.com/events> lists the event as well.

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

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

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

SSTM Legislative Advocacy members are helping to arrange appointments for 2016 ACCW bus passengers to meet with their legislators while in Olympia on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Some Vietnamese Martyrs parishioners will join Marie Parker Coach passengers in these meetings.

SSTM Legislative Advocacy is providing a set of printed pro-life "Talking Points" to guide constituents during the meetings. These Talking Points will be made available to all in order to encourage everyone 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. In 2016 we will give our legislators (silk) red roses, a beautiful symbol for life.



The next SSTM Legislative Advocacy meeting is Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome.

## Kent 40 Days for Life February 10 – March 20



Will YOU pray for  
ONE HOUR  
each week of Lent at  
**Planned Parenthood**  
to help  
**SAVE A LIFE?**

Thank you to Linda L for leading the international 40 Days for Life campaign at Planned Parenthood, 10056 SE 240th, Suite A, Kent 98031.

Response to the national Defund Planned Parenthood days and Life Chains in Kent indicate many area Christians will welcome an invitation to join the Kent [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) prayer effort.

We will choose one day for each of the five or six weeks at our January meeting to commit St. Stephen parishioners to stand vigil, for each of the 8 hours the facility is open, until closing on that day. Signs and banners will go to the site with the first shift of the day and remain on site through the last hour of that day. St. John will, likewise, choose a day and commit. Our Protestant friends will be asked to choose a day too.

Should a participant be unable to fulfill a commitment on a given date, a substitute will be enlisted to be sure every hour of facility operation for the day will be covered. The Kent facility's hours vary with days of the week, as is noted on its website.

Our experience of participation in Renton 40 Days for Life and our resources allow us to support and collaborate with St. John in this important endeavor.

Mary K. and Linda L. are investigating possible "kick-off" events. Details will be known by our January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting (just 2 weeks before Ash Wednesday).

Our first week monthly prayer vigils at Cedar River Clinics abortion facility in Renton will continue as usual. The first week of March is the only first week prayer warriors will stand vigils in Renton and in Kent.

### First Friday Adorations and Movie Night

Monthly **Pro-Life holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration** from 9-10pm (or with Knights of Columbus from 6-7pm) will take place **First Friday, January**

1<sup>st</sup>. Knock on the chapel side door to enter the building. Our **next Pizza Night** will be at 7pm on First Friday, **February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Helen Heidenreich will speak to us about the Women's Accessible Medical Services, P.S. (**WAMS**), a new clinic, to open soon in the U-District. See [wamsclinic.com](http://wamsclinic.com).



**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 in 2016.

### Miscellaneous

- We will resume **study of "Theology of the Body"** next meeting. In November 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.
- We voted to contribute \$200 to **Students for Life** to help Lisa Atkins continue evangelizing high school and college students in the Pacific Northwest with the pro-life message of Truth.
- Thomas K. 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.
- The **First Wednesday processions** described at <https://sites.google.com/site/respectlifecommittee/> have been suspended due to lack of interest.
- Next month Father Ed and Debbie B. will let us know how we might support **SSTM Youth's** pro-life studies.
- **Who is willing and able to update and maintain** <https://www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife?>
- Our **SSTM Respect Life Committee** sites: <http://ststephensrespectlife.blogspot.com/> <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life> <https://sites.google.com/site/respectlifecommittee>
- Thank you, Lisa, for bringing scrumptious cookies!



Next meeting 7:15 (after 6:30 PM Mass), Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, in the Copy Room

