

St. Stephen Respect Life Committee February 23, 2016, Meeting Minutes and News

St. Stephen Respect Life Committee met at 7:15 PM in St. Stephen's Copy Room.



Attending

Mary K., Rudy B. (St. John), Linda L. (St. John), Bernie W. and Mary S.

Opening

We opened our meeting with the Prayer for Beatification of Venerable Solanus Casey <http://solanuscasy.org/prayer-leaflets/English> with healing for Louise, Barbara, Sarah, Bob, Bernie's sister, and for all of our ill pro-life prayer warriors.

February 7th Coffee and Donuts



We sponsored Coffee and Donuts February 7th. At Father Ed's suggestion, lots of pro-life visuals and literature were in the social hall. Posters and flyers promoted Kent 40 Days for Life.



Because Lisa Atkins and (other) **Students for Life of America** <http://studentsforlife.org/> continue successfully evangelizing teens and young adults in our area with the message of Life, we donated \$511.00, proceeds from our February 7th Coffee and Donuts to Students for Life.

Kent 40 Days for Life February 10 – March 20



Thank you to Linda for leading the international 40 Days for Life campaign www.40daysforlife.com/kent at Planned Parenthood, 10056 SE 240th, Kent 98031.

Thanks to Thomas Koch (www.footprintexhibits.com), **John Leslie** (<http://tacoma40days.com/>), and **Larry Frampton** for providing plenty of beautiful waterproof signs to use at Kent 40 Days for Life prayer vigils!

We continue soliciting sign-ups in SSTM's narthex from St. Stephen parishioners to commit to stand vigils of one hour each on Wednesdays of Lent. Our goal is to know someone will pray there during each of the hours the facility is open, between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm (Kent Planned Parenthood's Wednesday hours). Holes remain in the schedule for remaining Wednesdays.

St. Stephen parishioners unable to commit to praying on site on a Wednesday may sign up for any day they choose by contacting Linda at 253.217.8216 or LindaLuke99@hotmail.com or by signing up online at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084aadac2ea3ff2-40days.



First Saturday Kent Truth and Prayer witnessing from 9:30 – 11:00 AM is deferring to Kent 40 Days for Life prayer vigils on March 5th, the first Saturday of March. We will use only 40 Days for Life signs at Kent Planned Parenthood on March 5th.

Jericho Walk

(Joshua 6:1-27)

**Thursday March 17 – Wednesday March 23
10:30 AM**

**Surround the Kent Planned Parenthood block with
Christian Prayer**

**March 17 – March 22: once around each day
March 23: 7 times around**

**240th S.E. (James) and S.E. 102nd
10:30 AM each day**

The Jericho Walk on March 23rd will close Kent 40 Days for Life. We have invited many area friends to join the Walk. The Kent police want to know how many to expect, so we ask all who will participate to sign up. Participants may sign up in SSTM's narthex or online www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084aadac2ea3ff2-40days ("Jericho Walk 10:30" is the last sign-up time

on March 17 – 23). Or contact Linda at 253.217.8216 or LindaLuke99@hotmail.com. **All are welcome!**

NOTE 1: The Bellevue Prayer Vigil for Life runs concurrently with 40 Days for Life. See their fabulous and comprehensive site prayervigil4life@gmail.com.

NOTE 2: Renton Cedar River Clinics abortion facility monthly **first Wednesday prayer vigils will continue on March 2nd**, in addition to our Kent commitment.

Deacon Carl reminds us to be vigilant while praying on site at abortion facilities. See Bishop Olmsted's caution <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/bishop-satan-is-especially-active-around-abortion-facilities-so-be-vigilant>

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, March 4th**. Knock on the chapel side door to enter the building after narthex doors have been locked.

Instead of our usual pizza/potluck, we will arrive at the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry to purchase our fish dinners before their 6:30 closing time and then enjoy them in the Conference Room before we attend 7:00pm Stations of the Cross.

On February 5th, Helen Heidenreich came to tell us about the **Women's Accessible Medical Services, P.S. (WAMS)**, a new full-service women's medical clinic, opening in the U-District. See wamsclinic.com.

Once the clinic has opened, we will include it in our sidewalk handout of resources for pregnant women.

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 have an ample supply of beautiful Spiritual Adoption prayer cards and the **Spiritual Adoption Program** materials described at www.spiritualadoption.org. We will discuss promotion and choose an appropriate date for encouraging spiritual adoptions at SSTM. The ACCW Central Deanery's annual baby shower on

Saturday, May 21st, may be an appropriate date to begin promotion to our parish.



SSTM Legislative Advocacy met February 8th. The group was successful in motivating ACCW-Central Deanery bus passengers to meet with their legislators while in Olympia for the 2016 March for Life. The group is developing a model for motivating all January 2017 March for Life rally participants to meet with their legislators while in Olympia. **Next meeting is March 14th. All are welcome.**

- Thomas K. is looking into making **umbrellas** and/or a **new double-sided 72" x 30" banner** that features text suitable for use at both Planned Parenthood and Cedar River Clinics. We must let him know exactly what we want printed on these.
- If the price is reasonable, we will order 25 color Heritage House pro-life tee shirts with



- **If you are willing and able to update and maintain** <https://www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife>, please email ststephenchooseslife@yahoo.com.
- Our **SSTM Respect Life Committee sites:** <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life> <http://ststephensrespectlife.blogspot.com/> <https://sites.google.com/site/respectlifecommittee>

Closing

We closed the meeting with Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer During Elections in the United States and the Americas www.witnesstolife.org/?p=980.



Next meeting 7:15 (after 6:30 PM Mass), Tuesday, March 22nd, in the Copy Room

