



St. Stephen Respect Life Committee May 31, 2016, Meeting Minutes and News

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

June Dates to Note

- 06/01 7:30 – 5:30 PM 1st Wednesday Renton Cedar River Clinics Sidewalk Prayer Vigils (1-hour each)
- 06/03 6:00 – 7:00 PM 1st Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (with Knights of Columbus)
- 9:00–10:00 PM 1st Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (RLC, Gabriel Proj, Legis. Advocacy)
- 06/04 9:30–11:00 AM 1st Saturday Kent Truth & Prayer witnessing, Kent Planned Parenthood
- 06/28 7:15 – 9:00 PM May RLC meeting, Copy Room (after 6:30 PM Mass)

Attending

Mary S., Rudy B. (St. John), Lisa E., Kathleen T., and Bernie W.

Opening

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

Spiritual Adoptions

As Archbishop Sartain recommends for the Seattle Archdiocese, Lisa has talked with the St. Charles Borromeo Spiritual Adoption team (info at <http://spiritualadoption.stcharles.org>) about beginning a **Spiritual Adoption Program** at SSTM.



THIS MUST STOP!
Jesus Weeping
(holy card size)

Thanks to Lisa, who will lead our Spiritual Adoptions campaign, we have an ample supply of beautiful prayer cards and other Spiritual Adoption Program materials described at www.spiritualadoption.org.

To engage the maximum number of SSTM parishioners, the full 9-month long version of the program will begin in September and conclude with the annual parish-wide baby shower held in May.

A May celebration in the narthex will draw more participants than the ACCW-sponsored women's luncheon and baby shower to benefit Pregnancy Aid of Kent held in previous years.

September 2016 – May 2017 coincides with the school year, with opportunity for human fetal development lessons in SSTM Religious Education instruction, from pre-school through Teens. We will make use of narthex posters and the narthex video screen, bulletin notices and bulletin inserts. The color versions of the bulletin inserts will be available for download from <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life>. And these will be suitable for printing on cardstock to assemble into a fetal development booklet, with the fully-developed baby insert completing the set in May 2017.

Such a Spiritual Adoptions program will become even more relevant when the relatively new Catholic Community Services (CCS) Pregnancy and Parenting Support ministry known as PrePareS (<http://www.preparesforlife.org/>) comes to SSTM.

Bishops of the three Washington diocese explain what PrePareS is in a video available at <http://www.preparesforlife.org/>.

First Friday Adoration Hours 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, June 3rd**. Knock on the chapel side door to enter the building after narthex doors have been locked.

We will not meet for First Friday pizza in June. We will discuss July's pizza night at our June meeting.

SSTM Legislative Advocacy is planning Fortnight for Freedom June 21 – July 4.

"Religious freedom is not only that of private thought or worship. It is the liberty to live, both privately and publicly, according to the ethical principles resulting from found truth."

~Pope Francis
June 20, 2014

Watch SSTM's bulletin for important current information and events planned for the weeks leading up to July 4.

Legislative Advocacy continues planning to help other parishes use its proven model for motivating more January 2017 March for Life rally participants to visit their legislators before or after attending the rally.



New 72" x 30" Double-Sided Banner

We will ask generous Thomas, owner of Footprint Exhibits (www.footprintexhibits.com), to make a new banner that will be easier to transport and to handle on the sidewalks than our large 10' x 4' "Unplanned" banner.

We will use an image of a string of babies with the text "Moms: We're here for you! 1-877-NOT-ALONE" (This is Care Net's national number. They appreciate us using it on our signs.) If we can use the above "15 Babies" image without violating copyright law, it will be the image on our new banner. Both sides will be the same.

Thomas is also looking into making **umbrellas** that feature text suitable for use at both Planned Parenthood and Cedar River Clinics.

SSTM RLC Online

BIG THANKS to Gabe for putting some life into our [www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife!](https://www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife) We are using it to post reminders of our next-day events and more.

<http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life> is the place to watch for meeting minutes and other downloadable resources, including items of interest to sidewalk prayer warriors, such as:

- Area resource brochure
- Be-Attitudes for the Sidewalk
- Q&A information
- Start/Ending Prayers for Protection

Our other **SSTM Respect Life Committee sites are:**
<http://ststephensrespectlife.blogspot.com/>
<https://sites.google.com/site/respectlifecommittee>

October Speaker at SSTM

One of our generous members is offering to make a \$1,000.00 donation toward bringing Father Frank Pavone or Dr. Alveda King (another of the speakers offered by Priests for Life

<http://www.priestsforlife.org/>) to speak to SSTM weekend Mass congregations in October 2016.

Kathleen is investigating the availability of these speakers. She suggests we consider Brian Foster, of Human Coalition <https://www.humancoalition.org/> as an alternative should Fr. Pavone or Dr. King be unavailable to come in October 2016.

Human Coalition offers a **downloadable pro-life prayer network app**. See details at <http://prolifeapp.com/>.

Miscellaneous

- **BIG THANKS to Jane** for organizing the **Rosaries** that were prayed before or after each Mass at SSTM to honor our Blessed Mother during the month of May!
- We will resume **study of "Theology of the Body"** next meeting. We have 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 donate \$200.00 to **Angelorum's 15th annual Auction of the Angels**. Angelorum <https://angelorum.org/wp/> is a local pro-life Christian charity staffed by Catholics. The **June 11th** auction benefits Angelorum's ministry, Next Step Pregnancy Services www.nextstepnw.com/. Approximately \$1,700 remains in our account.
- **WAMS Clinic** <http://wamsclinic.com/> has moved into their facility located a half mile from the UW campus. A bus ride from SU and SPU makes it convenient to all three universities' main campuses.



Our **Saturday Kent Truth and Prayer** witnessing from **9:30 – 11:00 AM** continues the first Saturday of each month. See details at <http://ststephensrespectlife.blogspot.com/>. Nine have stood with us on each of the first Saturdays of May and of June. It is a high-traffic area where many passers-by notice our pro-life message.

Closing

The meeting closed with our **Prayer for Beatification of Venerable Solanus Casey**, asking for healing for Louise and for all of our sick members. See <http://solanuscasy.org/prayer-leaflets/English>.



Next meeting 7:15 (after 6:30 PM Mass), Tuesday, June 28th, in the Copy Room

