

# Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Life, Pray for us!



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

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

## September Dates to Note

09/01	54-day Rosary Novena for our country continues <a href="http://www.novenaforournation.com/">www.novenaforournation.com/</a>
09/02	6:00 – 7:00 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (with Knights of Columbus) 9:00–10:00 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (RLC, Gabriel Proj, Legis. Advocacy)
09/03	9:30–11:00 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Kent Truth & Prayer witnessing, Kent Planned Parenthood
09/07	7:30 – 5:30 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday Renton Cedar River Clinics Sidewalk Prayer Vigils (1-hr each)
09/12	7:15 – 9:00 PM September Legislative Advocacy meets in Conference Room (after 6:30 Mass)
09/24-25	Respect Life Committee Festival of Involvement Info in hall after Sat. evening & Sun. Masses
09/27	7:15 – 9:00 PM September RLC meets in Copy Room (after 6:30 PM Mass)

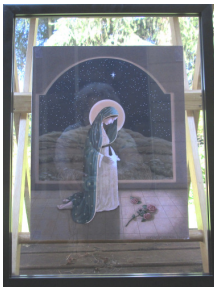
### Attending

Mary S., Rudy B. (St. John), Gina B., Lisa E., Linda L. (St. John), Sarah S. (St. Anthony), Kathleen T., and Bernie W.

### Opening

We opened our meeting with the Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Life Prayer.

### Our “Mother of Life” Framed Picture



We will ask Father to bless our newly framed double-sided picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe showing our new 11 x 14 “Mother of Life” print on one side and the traditional Lady of Guadalupe on the opposite. It will accompany us during sidewalk prayer vigils.

### 4US 2106

The 2016 4US flagship event was held **August 12-13**. Our promotion and fundraising began at SSTM the last weekend of July and will soon end with the **Knights of Columbus August 28<sup>th</sup> 4US Fundraising French Toast Breakfast**. To date, members of our team have donated more than \$3,700.00.

A narthex display included a donation jar and handouts instructing donors how to make their gifts eligible for the **Knights of Columbus Matching Funds Program**.

<https://app.4us.org/Fundraising/View/11760> is our team’s site with instructions for making donations to our team either online or by check. Donations are gratefully accepted year round. We will remind SSTM bulletin readers of this near the end of 2016.

### SSTM September “Festival of Involvement”



SSTM August bulletins have noted the upcoming ministry fair named Festival of Involvement. A parish Directory of Ministries will invite parishioners to visit info tables after Mass the second, third, and fourth weekends of September. A different group of ministries will be featured each of the three weekends.

**Respect Life Committee** will participate **Sept. 24-25**. We discussed what to submit for inclusion in the Directory of Ministries and what to include on our Sept. 24-25 table. Things to be offered include:

- “**Mother of Life**” prayer cards
- **Spiritual Adoption (SA) prayer cards**
- **Fetal model packets** with SA cards
- **RLC e-mail list sign-up sheet**
- **11x14 “Mother of Life” print orders\***
- **October’s schedule** of pro-life activities



Kathleen will ask Father to introduce the Spiritual Adoption program to all during Mass before the prayer cards and fetal models are offered to all at our table.

\* “Mother of Life” artist, Nellie, said we may take orders for the 11”x14” prints and she will donate 20% of the \$28.00 per print (shipping and handling included) back to our Committee. We will mail one check for the whole order and the order will be sent to one address.

Nellie has given us permission to make “Mother of Life” prayer cards that include her poem:

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## Word Made Flesh<sup>©</sup>

Oh Jesus, Lord of the Unborn  
In flesh, God's only Son  
Three weeks time, Your Sacred Heart  
Beats now for every one

By seven weeks, Your precious blood  
Through tiny vessels flow  
Floating in Your mother's womb  
Need only time to grow

Twelve weeks go by, three inches long  
Your arms stretch to the side  
Perhaps anticipating  
the nails of our pride

And at five months, Your ears do hear  
Your mother's soft, sweet voice  
Too soon, you'll hear a multitude  
Demanding their "free choice"

Seven months, Your eyes are open  
Before you, the Great Plan  
Nine months and you are ready

## Word Made Flesh ~ Our God Made Man

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### October Homilies at SSTM

Many Catholics need reminding that Catholic moral Teaching insists that the highest priority be given to Life, that Truth demands recognizing that marriage (possible only between one man and one woman) is essential to maintaining a civilized society, and that religious freedom must be preserved, etc. We are asking our SSTM clergy to speak to these teachings in their homilies during at least three of the five weekends of October, pro-life month.

Father Ed has agreed to address Life Issues and their proper priority in Catholic voters' decision-making. Father Yu will also be asked to incorporate the topic in his homilies during October.

Summaries of USCCB directives to Catholic citizens regarding their responsibilities are downloadable from <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/The-Challenge-of-Forming-Consciences-for-Faithful-Citizenship-Part-1.pdf> and <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/The-Challenge-of-Forming-Consciences-for-Faithful-Citizenship-Part-2.pdf>

Sarah notes the concise single-sheet **Priests for Life 2016 Party Platform Comparison Sheet** is available at <http://www.priestsforlife.org/candidates/2016-platform-comparison-web.pdf>

## SSTM RLC Online

Please expect thought-provoking posts to [www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife](http://www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife) as well as reminders of our next-day events. (Note: No need to "sign in" to Facebook in order to view these posts!)

<http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life> offers downloadable meeting minutes and resources of interest to sidewalk prayer warriors and more.

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

## Miscellaneous

- Bernie suggests we ask Father to introduce our most active members during October Masses, to let all know we welcome questions about our ministry.
- Christina is talking with the Pro-Life Action League [www.prolifeaction.org](http://www.prolifeaction.org) about one of the Scheidlers, the founding family, giving a **Sidewalk Training** presentation in Renton this fall.
- See [www.humancoalition.org/](http://www.humancoalition.org/) to learn about this successful comprehensive and innovative Christian pro-life organization.
- Thomas will make a new **double-sided 72"x30" banner** that will include the "Mother of Life" image, as soon as we send him the "camera-ready" design.
- There is a recently-placed monument at **Fr. Solanus Casey's** grave in Seattle's Calvary Cemetery. The Venerable Fr. Solanus Casey will soon be honored with the title of Blessed. (Louise has asked for prayers for her healing through the intercession of Fr. Solanus Casey, to whom her mother had great devotion.)
- 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 concept 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.
- Thank you to Gina for bringing really good snacks!

## Closing

We said the prayer for beatification of Fr. Solanus <http://solanuscasy.org/prayer-leaflets/English> asking for healing for our dear Louise.



Next meeting 7:15 (after 6:30 PM Mass), Tuesday, Sept. 27th, in the Copy Room

