

## St. Stephen Respect Life Ministry October 24, 2017, Meeting Minutes and News



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"Mother of Life"

### RLM October Dates

NOTE: Rosary 30 minutes before Sunday Mass (vigil too!), continues through Sun. evening, 10/29  
10/28 8:30 AM Mass and Saturday Kent Truth and Prayer witnessing  
10/29 ~~NaPro speaker at Sunday Masses (Sat. vigil too!)~~

### RLM November Dates

11/01 7:30 - 5:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Renton Cedar River Clinics Sidewalk Prayer Vigils (1-hr each)  
8:45 AM Mass at St. Anthony and Process to Sidewalk Prayer Vigil  
11/03 7:00 - 8:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (RLC, Gabriel Proj, Legis. Advocacy)  
8:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Movie "Courageous" & Munchies (Conference Room)  
11/04 9:30 - 11:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Kent Truth and Prayer witnessing  
11/28 7:30 - 9:00 PM RLM meets in Copy Room (after 6:30 PM Mass)

<http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>

St. Stephen Respect Life Ministry met at 7:30 PM in St. Stephens Copy Room

### Attending

Rudy (St. John); Gina, Craig, Bernie, Mary S. (St. Stephen)

### Opening

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

### "Theology of the Body" Study

The "**Unity & Indissolubility of Marriage**" is the title of St. John Paul II's homily given September 5, 1979. It is the first of St. John Paul II's compilation of homilies known as "Theology of the Body." Direct quotations from Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Mark tell us Christ reiterated what Genesis 2:24 tells us; namely, the Christian family life is central to society, with the male/husband and female/wife becoming "one flesh" when joined in marriage, a permanent union incapable of being dissolved by Man.

The downloadable version of St. John Paul II's entire "Theology of the Body," available at [www.sjcursillo.org/theology%20of%20the%20body.pdf](http://www.sjcursillo.org/theology%20of%20the%20body.pdf), is an awkward English translation. We will find a different translation to make study easier at subsequent meetings.

### Life Chain and Sidewalk Prayer Vigils



Seven of the eleven Catholics standing in the October 1<sup>st</sup> Kent Life Chain were SSTM parishioners. Thanks to Pastor Nix and members of his church, **two dozen** of us took part in **Life Chain** near **Kent Valley Planned Parenthood**.

Four stood with Sarah to make only **five** in the October 1<sup>st</sup> **Renton Life Chain**.

Three of the **5** who **prayed October 4<sup>th</sup> at Renton Cedar River Clinics** were SSTM parishioners. Two of the **six** standing to pray and give witness to truth at **Kent Planned Parenthood October 7<sup>th</sup>** were SSTM parishioners.

In September we resumed leading **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday processions from St. Anthony church to Cedar River Clinics after St. Anthony's 8:45 am Mass**. We will pray a Rosary as we process to the vigil site, passing Renton High School along the way, beginning about 9:45 am Wednesday, Nov. 1.

### Notes on the Events Calendar (above)

We continue honoring our Blessed Mother, Mary, with a **Rosary 30 minutes before each SSTM October Sunday Mass, through Sunday evening, October 29<sup>th</sup>**. A signup sheet is in the narthex. Father asks two lead each Rosary.



Because October is Pro-Life month, we will attend **SSTM 8:30 AM Mass, Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**, before a special **9:30 - 11:00 o'clock prayerful witness to Truth at Kent Valley Planned Parenthood**.

The **NaPro speakers** scheduled for next weekend, **Oct. 28-29**, had to cancel. We expect them to reschedule soon.

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we'll watch "**Courageous**," a DVD from SSTM's library after **7:00 - 8:00 pm Adoration** in the chapel. All are welcome to bring a snack and join us in the Conference Room after 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration.

**Current calendars of events**, one for SSTM parishioners and neighboring parishes, and another for our Protestant prayer partners (omitting Mass, Adoration, etc.), flyers detailing events listed on the calendars, a 2017 resource brochure, and more are available for downloading from our website <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>

### Expanding

**King County** abortion facilities **reported 6, 244 babies** were **surgically aborted in 2015**. We strive to increase our prayers from the sidewalk to end abortion.

**Thank you, Jane**, for writing beautiful letters and hand-delivering them, along with our pro-life event flyers to several area Protestant churches.

Some years ago Michaelene Fredenburg founded [abortionchangesyou.com](http://abortionchangesyou.com) to help families who've suffered abortions to deal with their grief. Michaelene has begun a new ministry called "Life Perspectives," for parents grieving the loss of miscarried and stillborn babies. The new website <http://www.lifepectives.com/> offers hope and healing to men, women, family members and friends who are impacted by the death, natural or by "choice," of an unborn infant.

We discussed the importance we promote respect for the lives of all babies, acknowledging the humanity of unborn babies, including those lost to miscarriage (spontaneous abortion) as well as those lost to deliberate abortion.

**Miscellaneous**



We were given the "It's MY body!" 3' x 6' vinyl banner pictured above, produced by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform. It offers a response to the sign, "It's YOUR body!" that we have seen displayed in the front window of the Cedar River Clinics in Renton.

- See <https://www.personhoodproclamation.com/> to learn about a possible route to legal protection for the life of every person in America, born and unborn.
- We appreciate the hard work of the kind volunteer who recently manicured our **rose garden** (just outside the window behind the chapel altar).
- Please email [ststephenchooseslife@yahoo.com](mailto:ststephenchooseslife@yahoo.com) if you have suggestions for improving the format of our website <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>.



Please support the only Fall 40 Days for Life team in



Next meeting November 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 PM (after 6:30 PM Mass) in the Copy Room



our area with prayer and fasting as they stand in prayer at the **Tacoma Cedar River Clinics** abortion facility through **November 5<sup>th</sup>**. Details at [www.tacoma40days.com](http://www.tacoma40days.com) or phone 253-536-5433.

- **Created Equal (createdequal.org)** has been visiting college campuses with their JumboTron images of actual abortions. Students have complained because these images are "very disturbing."



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([www.studentsforlife.org](http://www.studentsforlife.org)) Katie Lodjic was happy to see Gina at her Cornerstone Conference presentation last weekend.

- Two of our members have contacted the editor of **Northwest Catholic Magazine (NWCatholic.org)** requesting a December article promote the January 22, 2018, March for Life in Olympia as an opportunity to advocate for Life by visiting their legislators.

- Operation (and costs) of buses for the January 22, 2018, March for Life in Olympia will be unaffected by the recently announced suspension of ACCW activity in the Seattle Archdiocese. Details of changes required to manage bus contract financing will be announced in November.



- Gina will soon return to Pueblo, Mexico, to reside with her elderly mother. We will miss Gina but will stay in touch via email.

**Reminder:**



When holding signs on the sidewalk, choose signs with messages easy to read by passing traffic. Where traffic passes quickly, drivers are likely to see your message when all held signs are identical.

- **Louise** recently reports feeling stronger! She appreciates our prayers. Please continue!
- **Thank you, Bernie and Gina, for meeting cookies!**