



St. Stephen Respect Life Ministry November 28, 2017, Meeting Minutes and News

RLM December Dates

12/01	7:00 - 8:00 PM 1 st Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (RLC, Gabriel Proj, Legis. Advocacy) 8:00 PM 1st Friday Movie and Munchies (cancelled for December only)
12/02	8:30 AM SSTM Mass (before witnessing at Kent Planned Parenthood) 9:30 -11:00 AM 1 st Saturday Kent Truth and Prayer witnessing
12/06	7:30 - 5:30 PM 1 st Wednesday Renton Cedar River Clinics Sidewalk Prayer Vigils (1-hr each) 8:45 AM Mass at St. Anthony and Process to Sidewalk Prayer Vigil
12/12	6:30 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Mass and Rosary followed by refreshments in narthex
12/19	7:30 - 9:00 PM RLM meets after 6:30 PM Mass (3rd Tues. in Dec. only , avoiding holiday date)
[tbd]	Dec. or Jan. Sunday Masses (Sat.vigil too) NaPro speakers, rescheduled after Oct. cancellation



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

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

Attending

Rudy (St. John); Kathleen, 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

"**Second Account of Creation: The Subjective Definition of Man**" is the title of St. John Paul II's homily given September 19, 1979. It is the second of St. John Paul II's compilation of 129 homilies known as "Theology of the Body." Next meeting we will look at "Tree of Knowledge."

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

Sidewalk Prayer Vigils

Five of the **10** who **prayed November 1st at Renton Cedar River Clinics** were SSTM parishioners. Four of the **five** standing to pray and give witness to truth at **Kent Planned Parenthood November 4th** were SSTM parishioners.

As usual we will pray a Rosary **1st Wednesday, Dec. 6th**, **as we process from St. Anthony church to Cedar River Clinics after St. Anthony's 8:45 am Mass.** Processions begin outside the vestibule about 9:45 am.

Notes on our Pro-Life Events Calendar



We will honor **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, our patroness, on her feast day, Tuesday, **December 12th. Following 6:30pm Mass.** We will present roses and baby picture "bouquets" during a pro-life Rosary to begin the scheduled Eucharistic Adoration.

Finger-food snacks and coffee will be served in the narthex after the Rosary. A Dec. 10th bulletin insert and pulpit announcement will invite parish participation.

The **NaPro speakers** scheduled to speak at Sunday Masses **Oct. 28-29** had to cancel. Father Ed is rescheduling these speakers for either December or January.

Kathleen has a **Lady of Guadalupe movie** she suggested we watch after Eucharistic Adoration on the First Friday of **January, the 5th, to help promote parish participation in the January 21-22 pro-life prayer and advocacy events.** We discussed maybe inviting the whole parish, serving Mexican munchies, and displaying promotional posters, etc. "Courageous" is a DVD from SSTM's library that we want to watch February 2nd.

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/>

The calendars of pro-life events currently posted on our website must soon be updated to include the first quarter of 2018. We will plan details of Kent Lent for Life 2018 at our next meeting, as Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th.

January 21-22, 2018

Our website, emails, flyers, bulletin notices, and more will invite area church member participation in the annual January events known as the **Washington State March for Life.**



We ask Father to encourage all, with words from the pulpit to Sunday Mass congregations in December or early January, to **pray, rally, and advocate for Life.** At St. Stephen's, prayer begins with the **Candlelight Vigil: Remembering Unborn Babies** that will follow 5:30pm Sunday Mass on **Jan. 21st.** All in our area are invited.

We bought battery-powered LEDs for the bases of the pink and blue crosses that mark the procession route. On Sunday afternoon three volunteers will help Bernie set up 58 crosses. We will ask St. Stephen Teens to distribute song sheets and candles as the procession begins. And we will ask Bill to photograph the procession and vigil. Adoration continues until midnight, resuming its usual schedule Monday morning, and continuing into the night.

www.CatholicEventFinder.com and our FaceBook page will link to www.ststephenslife.com/ that **will offer downloadable information** pages, including schedules for pre-arranged group meetings with legislators, "talking points" for use during visits with legislators, schedules for 5 buses that offer transportation for 11 parishes, and more.

St. Stephen and St. John the Baptist, Covington. Bus transportation information will be available soon.



Miscellaneous

- 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. Please check out this website today! Success with this effort will, happily, necessitate a major change the focus of our ministry's activities.
- **Reminder:** 4US accepts donations throughout the year. Each donation associated with "St. Stephen the Martyr" is eligible for the Knights of Columbus Matching Funds Program. You may donate to St. Stephen the Martyr's Team: a) online at <https://www.classy.org/team/124629/> (anonymity is an option); OR b) by check written Payable to "4US" and Memo line showing "St. Stephen the Martyr," and mailed to 4US Donation Processing, P.O. Box 98138, Lakewood, WA 98496.
- **Smile.Amazon.com** will contribute 0.5% of purchase prices of eligible items to a charity you choose from their list of many. This list includes some favorite pro-life charities, including WAMS (Women's Accessible Medical Services, PS), 4US, Created Equal, and more!



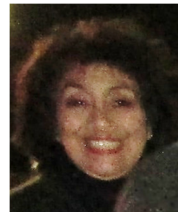
Our Respect Life Ministry has been donating mementos for visiting groups to leave with their legislators. Suggestions for mementos to leave after 2018 visits are:

- Precious Feet pins (with descriptive cards) atop pink/blue-frosted cupcakes or cookies;
- Pink & blue cookies with Precious Feet pins (with descriptive cards);
- Prolife-packaged bubble gum--see <http://www.hh76.org/default.aspx?GroupID=1020>;
- Prolife-packaged mints--see <http://www.hh76.org/default.aspx?GroupID=1022>;
- Mugs with pro-life messages—see <http://hh76.org/default.aspx?GroupID=173>.

Most St. Stephen's parishioners reside in 4 legislative districts. 3 (legislators/district) x 4 (districts) = 12 mementos. We have a few dozen Precious Feet pins (with descriptive cards) on our storage shelf. Mugs would cost more than \$100.00 but might make a longer-lasting impression.

Promotion of the Mass, March, & Meet for Life began with a large poster in the Hall during our September Coffee and Donuts. Promotion will continue at SSTM into January with as many details as possible, as they become available. We can ask other parish groups to set promotional information (such as simple "table tents") on individual tables during their Coffee and Donuts, beginning as early as next Sunday. SSTM hosts December Terrific Tuesday meals. These offer opportunity to promote to members of the two Protestant churches co-sponsoring the meals with SSTM.

Operation (and costs) of the **5 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. However, the management of the bus contract financing for funding each bus is now the responsibility of the individual parishes served by that bus. We voted to donate the \$176.00 balance remaining on the Marie Parker Coach contracted for 2018. This bus serves



Gina and Sophie (Gina's 4-pound Mexican-born Toy French Poodle) returned to Pueblo, Mexico, to reside with Gina's elderly mother. We will miss Gina as we stay in touch via email.

Reminder:



When holding signs on the sidewalk, drivers are likely to read your message when all signs are identical.

- Please email ststephenchooseslife@yahoo.com if you have suggestions for improving the format of our website <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>.
- **Louise** reports feeling a bit better. She appreciates our prayers. Please continue!
- **Thank you, Kathleen, for delicious meeting cake!**



Next meeting December 19th, 7:15 PM (after 6:30 PM Mass) in the Copy Room
NOTE: Meeting date changed from the 26th. (Nobody wanted to meet December 26.)

