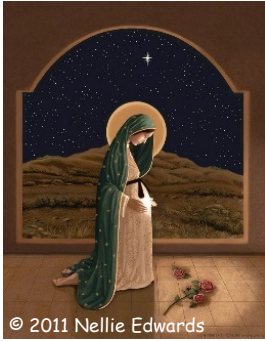


St. Stephen Respect Life Ministry May 23, 2017, Meeting Minutes and News



RLM June Dates

- 05/27-28 MoL print order + (CCW) "Baby showers" w/cake after all Sunday (& vigil) Masses**
- 06/02 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)
- 06/03 9:30 - 11:00 AM 1st Saturday Truth and Prayer witnessing
- 06/07 7:30 - 5:30 PM 1st Wednesday Renton Cedar River Clinics Sidewalk Prayer Vigils (1-hr each)
- 06/12 7:15 - 9:00 PM Legislative Advocacy meets in Conference Room (after 6:30 Mass)
- 06/24 Begin 9-day Fortnight for Freedom Novena for Religious Freedom
- 06/26 7:15 PM Patriotic Rosary (after 6:30 PM Mass)
- 06/27 7:15 - 9:00 PM RLM meets in Copy Room (after 6:30 PM Mass)
- 06/30 8:30 AM Mass followed by Holy Hour*/Adoration for Religious Freedom
- 07/02 Day 9 of Fortnight for Freedom Novena for Religious Freedom
- *Pending priest availability for the Holy Hour*

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

Attending

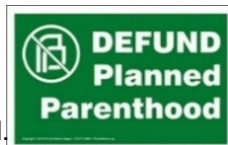
Mary K., Laura and Mike, Gina, Lisa, Nancy, Bob P., Kathleen, Craig, and Mary S. (St. Stephen); Sarah (St. Anthony), and Rudy (St. John)

Opening

Our meeting opened with the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, for healing in our world and that the upcoming Pope Francis and President Trump's meeting be fruitful.

NOTE: To enable each of us to respect decisions made during meetings, our secretary's hand-written notes will be copied at meeting's end. Each meeting attendee is encouraged to take one of these copies to use as reference until minutes are posted and made available for download (on the left at <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life>).

We participated in the April 29th national event to Defund Planned Parenthood by sponsoring the event held near the Kent Planned Parenthood.



We numbered 45 strong from 15 different churches/parishes (13 Catholic). See photos on the left of screen at <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life>

Comments from passers-by were mostly favorable. We saw no opposing signs nor did we have competition for sidewalk space.

Our new prayer cards were distributed to the Kent event participants. Each bright pink card lists uncommonly known facts and includes our website, email address, and a prayer for the card's purpose by Priest for Life Fr. Frank Pavone.



Spiritual Adoptions



The Spiritual Adoptions promotion begun last fall concludes with a **CCW drive to "shower" Pregnancy Aid with baby items collected at St. Stephen's**. Respect Life Ministry will buy the **cake** and help RLM's Spiritual Adoption Team, Lisa, Gina, and Kathleen, serve it **with coffee in the narthex after Masses May 27-28**.

One or two decorated sheet cakes will be served after each of the four Sunday Masses (including Saturday Vigil Mass). Light snacks will also be served after Saturday Vigil Mass.

RLM's Spiritual Adoption Team and all who want to help will decorate and setup displays in the narthex 2 - 4, May 27th.

A Pregnancy Aid wish list is included on the SSTM's May 21st bulletin insert inviting all to come and bring donations.

At all 4 Masses, Kathleen will make pulpit announcements, recognizing individuals from the collaborating ministries sponsoring the event in her invitation to all to come to the "shower" in the narthex after Mass. Wearing our ministry shirts as we serve, will give individual ministries recognition.

Correct answers to easy game questions will earn rewards of inexpensive pro-life item prizes, such as the HLA "Life Begins" comic books (preview at <https://www.humanlife.org/product/life-begins/>).

CCW has a bassinette to collect baby items and specially marked "Dollars and Dimes for Diapers" containers for monetary donations to Pregnancy Aid of Kent.

A Pregnancy Aid table will offer resource information.

RLM will display fetal model sets and also takes pre-paid **orders** for Nellie Edwards **11" x 14" Mother of Life prints**.

Gina is keeping the schedule of volunteers serving, etc. Kathleen will order the cakes and Mary K will deliver them.

Legislative Update

A Legislative Advocacy bulletin insert will describe special prayer opportunities at SSTM June 24 - July 2, during the annual Fortnight for Freedom, June 21 - July 4.

President Trump signed executive orders that support Life and others that reverse some deadly Obama orders.

Washington Legislature has begun its second special session with this being a year they submit a budget.

It is important to sign the **petition** to put **Initiative #1552** (<https://justwantprivacy.org/>) onto ballots. **Only if 330,000 signatures are gathered by July 1st, will Washington voters be allowed to vote whether to overturn or accept the rule** made late in 2015, mandating that "both public and private entities allow individuals to

access sex-segregated facilities—including restrooms, locker rooms, and ‘facilities where undressing in the presence of others occurs’—according to their preferred gender expression or identity.” In other words, **public and private entities must allow men claiming to identify as women to use facilities designated for women, and vice versa for women claiming to identify as men.**

Many area Protestants are offering opportunity to sign 1-1552 petitions in their churches. Our Legislative Advocacy group is investigating whether the Washington State Catholic Conference (www.thewssc.org) will address the dangerous rule made by the unelected “LGBT” agenda-promoting officials, and if the Bishops will permit St. Stephens to offer opportunity to sign the petition.

----- Websites to Note and Check Out

- Please watch our **SSTM Respect Life Ministry sites** for current information, downloadable meeting minutes, resources for sidewalk prayer warriors, and more:
<http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life>
www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife
<https://sites.google.com/site/respectlifecommittee> and
<http://ststephensrespectlife.blogspot.com/>
- <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life>
- **The Breast Cancer Prevention Institute** offers resources describing the **proven correlation between breast cancer and abortion and hormones**, including those found in most contraceptives (drugs and devices).
www.bcpinstitute.org/
 - <https://hushfilm.myshopify.com/>
 - www.hushfilm.com is a must see!
- **A must read**, marriage and family, social order is under assault: www.lifesitenews.com/news/we-are-witnessing-today-st-john-paul-iis-prophesy-of-an-anti-church-cathol
- After years of anticipation and preparation, **Wellness for Washington Women Clinic** www.3wmedical.org is operating and held an open house May 20th.
- See <http://www.abbyjohnson.org> and click on the link to “and THEN there were NONE” at lower right of screen to learn about the ministry providing a means for abortion workers to safely transition out of the abortion industry into a life of freedom without fear of exploitation.
- <http://GetYourCare.org> lists “reproductive health care” facilities in your area offering all services but abortion.
- Students for Life of America www.studentsforlife.org addresses issues currently threatening Life. See how they support a pregnant 4.0 student whose Christian school, denied her request to “walk” with her graduating class only because she is pregnant.

----- Miscellaneous

- Sunday (includes Saturday vigil) pre-Mass Rosaries continue through the end of May. Thank you, Jane!

- We counted 11 praying at Renton Cedar River Clinics May 3rd, the first Wednesday of May. May 6th, five of us stood during first Saturday witnessing to truth at Kent PP.
- One of our new members, Brian H., offered to buy 100 copies of Catholic Answers author Trent Horn’s pro-life book to distribute to people questioning why we pray on the sidewalk outside abortion mills.
- **Welcome news:** As Rudy and his prayer partner, St. Monica parishioner Bob, prayed the Rosary at the Renton Cedar River Clinics on Friday, a young man introduced himself as a member of the City View Church, the church on the street directly up the hill and visible from the sidewalk where we pray. The three then prayed together. The newcomer has talked with his pastor about organizing a group to pray for abortions to cease at the facility seen through the front windows of their church.
- St. Louis Archbishop Robert Carlson has declared the Archdiocese of St. Louis will not comply with a St. Louis ordinance, enacted in February, that makes women who are actively considering abortions a “protected class” under civil-rights law. The Archdiocese is suing the city over the “abortion anti-discrimination” ordinance (that prevents an employer from refusing to hire a woman because she expressed her plan to abort or a school from hiring a teacher who supported abortion).
- **First Friday Movie & Food nights** will resume in 2017 (maybe in July) so we can preview pro-life videos, etc. First on our list is “Hush” from the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute (website and movie noted above).
- The large Planned Parenthood in mid-town St. Louis is the only abortion facility remaining in the entire state of Missouri. (In contrast, 6,244 surgical abortions were performed in multiple facilities in King County in 2015.)
- We are investigating ordering more Respect Life T-shirts
- Mary K proposes we produce a set of prayer cards for our ministry, similar to our 2016 “Mother of Life” cards. The new card will have a prayer that reflects our mission. What do we want this, our own prayer, to be?
- We will make more **handout packets for our sidewalk prayer warriors**. Kathleen suggests we get a space accessible to all at SSTM (in the narthex?) where participants may pick up handouts for sidewalk use.
- 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 to the invisible mystery hidden in God. A downloadable version is available at www.sjcursillo.org/theology%20of%20the%20body.pdf
- Thank you, Gina and Kathleen, for our meeting snacks.
- **Louise** appreciates our prayers. Please continue!

----- Closing

Gina led us in a novena prayer to Our Lady of Fatima.



Next meeting July 25th, 7:15 PM (after 6:30 PM Mass) in the Copy Room

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