

St. Stephen Respect Life Ministry April 24, 2018, Meeting Minutes and News



"Mother of Life"

RLM May Dates <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>

- 04/25 7:00 PM Rosary for Louise
- 04/26 11:00 AM Louise's Funeral Mass
- 04/28 8:30 AM Mass at St. Stephens
9:30 -11:00 AM Nation-wide 3rd Annual Defund Planned Parenthood Rally (www.protestpp.com)
- 05/02 7:30 - 5:30 PM 1st Wednesday Renton Cedar River Clinics Sidewalk Prayer Vigils (1-hr each)
8:45 AM Mass at St. Anthony and Process to Sidewalk Prayer Vigil
11:00 AM Fr. Ed White leads prayers (when his schedule permits)
- 05/04 7:00 - 8:00 PM 1st Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (Respect Life & Legislative Advocacy)
8:00 PM 1st Friday Movie & Munchies (continuing April's Divine Mercy DVD)
- 05/05 8:30 AM Mass at St. Stephens
9:30 - 11:00 AM 1st Saturday Kent Truth and Prayer witnessing
4:30 PM Begin Rosaries 30 minutes before most Sunday (and vigil) Masses throughout May
- 05/14 7:30 - 9:00 PM Legislative Advocacy meets in Conference Room (June FFF 2018 preparation)
- 05/22 7:30 - 9:00 PM RLM meets (after 6:30 PM Mass)

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

Attending

Rudy (St. John); Rowena, Mary K., Kathleen T., Craig, Bernie, Mary S.

Opening

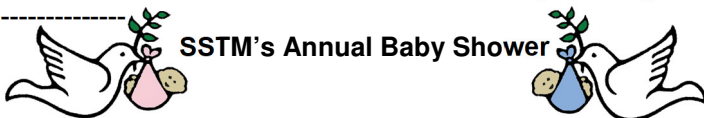
We opened our meeting with a Prayer for the Victory of Life and Freedom in NIFLA (<https://nifla.org/>) Supreme Court Case www.priestsforlife.org/novenas/novena.aspx?id=150.

Louise

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our past leader and relentless avid sidewalk prayer warrior, Louise, and for the family she leaves behind. Louise passed at noon on Sunday, April 22nd. May she rest in peace.



In addition to a spiritual bouquet of Masses for Louise, we want to donate something to our parish in Louise's memory. A generous donor has offered a near-life-size outdoor pro-life statue. Discussion will continue at our May meeting.




SSTM's Annual Baby Shower

Kathleen is chairing the committee for the baby shower benefitting needy women and families. Donations and baby items will be collected in the SSTM narthex beginning June 1st, three weeks before the **June 16-17** weekend, **Father's Day** weekend.

Kathleen is collecting empty tissue boxes to decorated as donations receptacles for those donating money rather than baby items. Parishioners will be invited to help decorate the boxes in the hall after Sunday morning Masses May 27th.

Cupcakes will be served after Saturday vigil and Sunday Masses to **thank parishioners for participating in the shower. Respect Life will host Coffee and Donuts June 17th**, with shower donation promotion, of course.

April 28th, Nation-wide 3rd  Anniversary Rally

Planned Parenthood killed 321,384 babies last year while raking in \$500,000,000.00 taxpayer dollars



As in prior years, www.protestpp.com/locations lists us as sponsors of the rally where we prayerfully stand in witness to Truth with a **Defund Planned Parenthood Day** Saturday, **April 28th**, at Kent Valley Planned Parenthood. Aware Planned Parenthood is on a campaign to increase their lucrative and grizzly business in all 50 states, we invited all area prolife friends to join us.



We prepared **handouts** that include those **available for download from <https://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>** as well as info sheets from the Pro-Life Action League's site

(www.protestpp.com) and pink prayer cards with prayers by Fr. Pavone for closing and defunding Planned Parenthood.

27 from some 9 different churches participated in our rally. Some publicity we'd not sought remains available online at www.kentreporter.com/news/kent-police-arrest-man-for-assault-during-planned-parenthood-clinic-protest/. The reporter apparently followed the link from the nation-wide event site, <http://protestpp.com/locations/>, to our website, <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>, where the photo showing some of our rally participants had been posted after the rally. (Apparently posting a photo allows others to use it when credit is given, as is the case with this article we discovered online by accident.)

Ironically, the "Love No Matter What" sign, pictured in the foreground above, was the sign the angry young man whacked with his umbrella, splitting the sign and launching its handle into the street.

The Kent Police recommend one in the sidewalk group be ready to take a video of any suspicious or criminal activity.

Narthex Display Options

We want to make use of a **large sturdy 4-legged wooden easel** with two panels that measure 4' x 6'. We will experiment with display configurations, beginning with an enlarged quarter-year pro-life event calendar.

We are considering using a battery-powered LED picture light to affix to poster easels in our narthex displays.

Costco currently has a wireless security monitoring system that could be used to show events in progress downstairs in the narthex by using its small Go-Pro-like camera with the monitor in the narthex, and vice versa. The Costco price of approximately \$300 includes camera.

Unfinished Projects and Volunteer Opportunities

"**Theology of the Body**" study will continue when Mary K acquires a study book that has been highly recommended to her. The difficulties inherent in the document's translation temporarily halted our study.

Mary K is talking with Betty about adding our **information and resource brochures for helping needy pregnant mothers and families** to the information that volunteer receptionists and staff should have available in the office.

This summer Kathleen will investigate designing and ordering **umbrellas with a pro-life message** for holding on the sidewalk. Messages and design ideas are welcome!

Active membership can be more than participation in events! It's time to engage more of our members in behind-the-scenes preparations that make our events possible.




Please consider volunteering to chair an upcoming event or any other job you want to do! Tasks "open":

We want to get the version of Stations of the Cross at www.holyangels.org.uk/Mary%27s%20Way%20of%20the%20Cross.pdf to use during special services.

The "Bus leader" for the Marie Parker Coach to the January 2019 March for Life in Olympia is open. Duties include taking passenger reservations and promoting participation.

NOTE: Chairing an event does not mean doing everything alone! Experienced help with the necessary individual tasks is available for the asking, as is on-the-job training.

Miscellaneous

- **Movie and Munchies May 4th** movie is the rest of the **Divine Mercy-related DVD** that was too long for April.
- We will watch an **Our Lady of Guadalupe DVD** during a First Friday Movie Night within the next few months.
-  We sold ten **11" x 14" "Mother of Life" prints** during the April 21-22 weekend. Nellie Edwards, the picture artist, offers the same beautiful picture and more for sale from her website www.paintedfaith.net/
- As primary election season approaches, we suggest voters ask each prospective and current legislator if he/she is accepting support from Planned Parenthood.
- SSTM will encourage prayer for laws ensuring our religious liberty during the annual Fortnight for Freedom campaign from June 23rd through July 1st.
- Pregnancy center Angelorum's annual fundraiser is May 19th. Click on EVENTS at <http://angelorum.org/>
- Find current **calendars of pro-life events**, one for SSTM parishioners and neighboring parishes, and another for our Protestant prayer partners (omitting Mass, Adoration, etc.), and flyers detailing events listed on the calendars available for download from <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/> (at left)
- **Students for Life** continues making progress in actively furthering the cause for Life. In April, Respect Life Ministry donated \$300.00 via Northwest representative Katie Lodjic to this courageous organization.  <http://studentsforlife.org/>
-  Thank you to Jane for honoring our Blessed Mother by arranging for the **Rosary 30 minutes before each Sunday (and vigil) Mass** throughout May. **Openings remain** for Volunteers to lead a Rosary. Please help **fill the signup sheet** schedule on the narthex Welcome Table!
- Those wanting timely text message reminders of our Respect Life events must check the Respect Life option when signing up for SSTM Flocknotes.
- We have maintained sidewalk presence during first week vigils and witnessing but more will be welcome!
- Thank you to Bernie for bringing Easter candy snacks.

Closing

We closed with an **Our Father**.



Next meeting May 22nd, 7:15 PM (after 6:30 PM Mass) in the Copy Room

