

St. Stephen Respect Life Ministry Minutes and News—Tuesday, November 27, 2018

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

12/01 8:30 AM Mass at St. Stephen
 9:30 - 11:00 AM **1st Saturday Kent Truth and Prayer** witnessing at Kent Planned Parenthood
 12/05 7:30 - 5:30 PM **1st Wednesday Renton Cedar River Clinics Sidewalk Prayer Vigils** (1-hr ea)
 11:00 - noon St. Stephen parishioners pray
 NOTE: St. John parishioners begin about 10 AM **every Wednesday**--all are welcome!
12/07 8:20 PM Special Screening of the **Movie**, "Unprotected," & **Munchies** (Conference Room)
10:00 - 11:00 PM Pro-Life Adoration (with Legislative Advocacy)
 12/10 7:30 - 9:00 PM **Legislative Advocacy** meeting in Conference Room (after 6:30 PM Mass).
 12/12 7:00 PM Mass precedes special Rosary honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe
 12/16 Coffee & Donuts after Sunday morning Masses (promoting March for Life in Olympia)
12/18 7:30– 9:00 PM RLM meeting in the Work Room (after 6:30 PM Mass). All are welcome!



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

Attending

Mary K, Rudy (St. John), Craig, Bernie, Mary S.

Opening

We opened our meeting with the prayer for Life, Marriage, Family and Freedom (<http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>).

Theology of the Body Study

We read from our Jason Evert book, *Theology of the Body, In One Hour*. We read "Life According to the Spirit," pages 54-56. Next we'll read "Piety," concluding Chapter 2.



Prayerful Presence on the Sidewalk

Seven from three parishes stood in prayer in **Kent on first Saturday**, even though some of our usual were attending the men's retreat in progress. Prayer partners numbered seven in **Renton on first Wednesday**.



Sarah prays at Renton Cedar River Clinics most Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 7:30 – 10:30. St. John parishioners pray from 10 until 11 each Wednesday and others come to pray every Friday.

At Father Ed's suggestion, **we will invite everyone passing by to pray with us**. Passers-by will be offered rosaries (NOT a bag with a rosary inside). A blessed rosary will be presented and then a "How to Pray the Rosary" brochure will be offered. Should the passer-by decline the rosary, we have bright pink prayer cards with Fr. Pavone's prayer for closing (or defunding) Planned Parenthood.

The "**How to Pray the Rosary**" brochures we'd purchased will be returned as they are unacceptable, NOT laminated, as described. As our time permits, we will search for something appropriate and durable enough for our rainy weather. A custom design is a possibility. We are grateful to **St. Stephen's Rosary Makers** who have already supplied plenty of rosaries that Father has blessed.

We are grateful to St. Louise Parish's Gospel of Life Ministry for producing a well-documented **new brochure**

entitled, "Why Would Anyone Not Like Planned

Parenthood?" to share with as many as possible. We will have these available to share with passers-by in Kent. They are available under **DOWNLOADABLE DOCUMENTS** at <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/> (left side).

Ever wonder whether praying on the sidewalk is worth your "discomfort"? Watch this brief video and then think again...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zy3gtxXTVXM&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR33-OVG21GwLkTf3P0HSpDAT3yBy1-d8lfKPZH3Ask1U4noASiVUCA6EzG>

Coffee and Donuts

- **December 16th and January 6th, promoting March for Life in Olympia Tuesday, January 22nd**, encouraging:



- 1) participation and
- 2) signups for bus reservations; and
- 3) visiting legislators while in Olympia.

- We've requested March 3rd and April 7th, promoting sidewalk Lenten prayer vigil events.

Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast, December 12



We will celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Wednesday, December 12th, at 7:00pm Mass**.

Mary K will bring roses to present along with baby photos during the special pro-life **Rosary following 7:00pm Mass**.

We'll ask a volunteer to photograph the special Rosary, where we assemble bouquets of roses and baby photos in vases at the foot of Our Lady's image.

The Hospitality Ministry is planning a reception featuring potluck Mexican snack foods to follow the Rosary in the narthex. Everyone is welcome to bring a Mexican dish and to help serve and help with cleanup.

December 7th, 1st Friday “UNPROTECTED” Movie

We purchased an Ignatius Press “Screening Package” of the new movie “UNPROTECTED: A Pope, the Pill, and the Perils of Sexual Chaos” for St. Stephen Parish.

The package includes a Blu-ray DVD with a site license (renewable for a fee) to show the Blu-ray DVD to an audience at St. Stephens an unlimited number of times for a 90-day period beginning December 7th, 2018. The DVD runs 81 minutes. Our purchase price of \$214.50 includes 10 DVDs of the movie to sell (\$19.95 each is suggested) at the “screenings” along with Ignatius Press product flyers to be distributed to audiences. The flyers offer a discount for items available from the Ignatius Press website.

The movie will be shown in the Conference Room for our Respect Life Ministry members and friends at 8:20pm, following the 7pm Mass on Friday, December 7th, the vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

As usual, all are welcome to come to our monthly “Movie and Munchie Night,” where we provide popcorn for all. All who wish to do so are welcome to bring snacks to share.

Father Ed will choose the date(s) for parish screenings of the movie, probably a February date. **At those screening(s), all parishioners and friends will be invited and DVDs will be for sale** (\$20.00 each). Ignatius Press product flyers with discount offers will be distributed to attendees.

After considering two new movies addressing fulfillment of the prophesies of “Humanae Vitae,” one of our team who’d watched both made our decision easy by commenting:

“Unprotected” is more compelling. It made me want to run the DVD over to my daughter and son-in-law right now, to share with them the dangers that my 5-year old granddaughter and her younger brother will be facing soon. The movie shows the wisdom of God, St. Pope John Paul II’s “Theology of the Body,” and “Humanae Vitae” that can change our messed-up society.

Additional info at www.unprotectedmovie.com/

Miscellaneous

- **10-11pm 1st Friday Adoration, December 7th**, time change is due to time of the feast day vigil Mass.
- **Next meeting is Tuesday, December 18th**, because nobody wants to meet on Christmas Day.
- **Volunteer Opportunities abound**—any duty you’d like, with experienced help available upon request. E-mail ststephenchooseslife@yahoo.com today!
- Our **promotion of the January 22, 2019, March for Life in Olympia** is in the serious planning stages. Bill will help us produce a brief **video** from the 2018 March for Life in



Next meeting Tuesday, December 18th, 7:30 PM (after 6:30 PM Mass) in the Work Room



Olympia photos we’ve sent to him. **December 16th** is our target date for a **bulletin insert showing the bus schedule** and posting the video on the St. Stephen’s March for Life website

<https://ststephenslife.com/march-for-life/> We’ll ask Father the video be shown to promote the March during Masses that weekend.

- Father Ed reminds us to be unconcerned for small number of participants when doing the Lord’s work.
- We are applying to the national  **Days for Life** organization **for Lent 2019 vigils at Kent Planned Parenthood**, now advertising abortion along with their list of other previously advertised services. We are concerned the poor participation of recent years may disqualify us for acceptance by the national organization.
- We’re looking into obtaining prayer booklets with the very moving prayers of the Stations of the Cross. These are entitled, “**Mary’s Way of the Cross**,” to be used at Good Friday sidewalk prayer vigils and other appropriate occasions.
- As our schedule permits, we will look invite a member of the newly formed activist group involved with revising the **sex education curriculum content in area public schools** to come talk to us at a time when Debbie Bloomquist can come. We are very concerned for the perverted content of public school sex education classes. Anyone interested in the group’s meeting dates may email ststephenchooseslife@yahoo.com for information.
- Bernie is talking with staff about moving the outdoor **statue of Christ**, given to us by the DeGoede Family, to a temporary site on St. Stephens campus in December. We will ask Father to bless the statue when it comes to the SSTM campus. Once it’s permanently placed, we’ll ask for a little ceremony as the statue is dedicated to Louise’s memory.
- We will compose a prayer that asks Our Lady of Guadalupe to provide growth in our pro-life ministries that includes younger and capable active members.
- **Something to ponder:** Might we want to sponsor a Saturday Night Social (after 5pm Mass) sometime in the future? It’s social time for 5pm Saturday Mass attendees, Saturday night’s version of Coffee and Donuts.
- Find **calendars of pro-life events** for upcoming months at <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/> under **DOWNLOADABLE DOCUMENTS** (screen left).
- Those wanting **text message or brief email reminders** of our Respect Life events must **check Respect Life** in the list of options when signing up for **SSTM Flocknotes**.

Closing

We closed with the **St. Michael Prayer**.