

St. Stephen Respect Life Ministry Minutes and News—Tuesday, December 18, 2018



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

Jan 2	7:30 - 5:30 PM	1st Wednesday Renton Cedar River Clinics Prayer Vigils (1-hour each) 11:00 - noon St. Stephen parishioners pray <i>NOTE: St. John parishioners begin about 10 AM every Wednesday--all are welcome!</i>
Jan 4	7:00 - 8:00 PM	Pro-Life Adoration (with Legislative Advocacy)
	8:00-10:00 PM	Movie & Munchies (Conference Room)
Jan 5	8:30 AM	Mass at St. Stephen
	9:30 – 11:00 AM	1st Saturday Kent Truth and Prayer at Kent Planned Parenthood
Jan 6		Coffee & Donuts after Sunday morning Masses (promoting March for Life in Olympia)
Jan 14	7:30 - 9:00 PM	Legislative Advocacy meeting in Conference Room. All are welcome!
Jan 21	6:30 PM	Mass followed by Candlelight Procession , then Eucharistic Adoration
Jan 22	7:30 AM (SSTM)	Board Marie Parker Coach to Mass, March, Meet for Life in Olympia
Jan 24	7:30 PM	RLM meets on Thursday (avoiding March for Life Olympia day). All are welcome!
Jan 26	8:30 –12:00 PM	Mass followed by Open to Life Conference

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

Attending

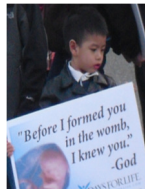
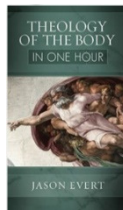
Mary K, Rudy (St. John), Rowena, Kathleen, Craig, Bernie, Mary S.

Opening

We opened our meeting praying an Our Father.

Theology of the Body Study

We read from our Jason Evert book, *Theology of the Body, In One Hour*. We read and discussed “Piety,” pages 56-59. Next we’ll begin reading Chapter 3, “Christ Appeals to the Resurrection.”



Prayerful Presence on the Sidewalk

Six stood in Kent on first Saturday and six prayed in Renton on first Wednesday.

St. John parishioners pray in Renton from 10 until 11 each Wednesday and others come to pray at the site 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.

50 “**How to Pray the Rosary**” brochures have been ordered, but we will design and print and laminate more as time permits. 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=zy3gfxXTVXM&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.

December 16th added \$205.02 to our coffers.



Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast, December 12

We celebrated the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Wednesday, December 12th.** Many presented baby photos during the special pro-life **Rosary following 7:00pm Mass.**

Next year we must remember to bring a table of baby photos closer to the Lady of Guadalupe image and before the Rosary begins, invite all to pray the Rosary while adding the baby photos to the vases prepared to hold them.

The Hospitality Ministry organized and held a reception featuring potluck

Mexican snack foods and more that followed the Rosary in the narthex.

Screening the movie “UNPROTECTED”

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 30% discounts to a variety of books and DVDs available from the Ignatius Press website until April 30th, 2019.

Ten of us Respect Life Ministry members and friends watched the excellent movie following the 7pm Mass on First Friday, December 7th, the vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.


Father Ed will choose the dates for parish screenings of the movie, probably February 1 and 2. All parishioners and friends will be invited and DVDs will be for sale for \$20.00 each. Ignatius Press product flyers with discount offers will be distributed to all attendees.

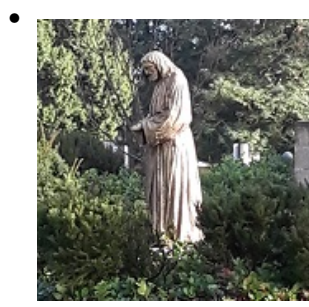
Additional info at www.unprotectedmovie.com/

Miscellaneous

- St. Stephen’s is hosting a pro-life **“Open to Life Conference,” Saturday morning, 9:30-12:00 January 26th.** SSTM Apologetics and Respect Life will help with hosting duties during the event and set up a RLM table to invite participation in our ministry and upcoming events, including Catholic Advocacy Day, February 7th. See conference details and online registration at <https://ststephenslife.com/open-to-life-conference>
- **Next meeting is Thursday, January 24th,** because the usual 4th Tuesday is January 22nd, the March for Life Olympia date.
- **Volunteer Opportunities abound**—any duty you’d like, with experienced help available upon request. Please e-mail ststephenchooseslife@yahoo.com today!
- See <https://ststephenslife.com/march-for-life/> promoting the **January 22, 2019, March for Life in Olympia.** We are providing cards for Marie Parker Coach passengers to leave as reminders of our visits with legislators. Bill produced a 60-second **video** from some of the 2018 March for Life in Olympia photos we sent to him. The video will be shown to promote the March during Masses the weekend of January 5-6.



- Family Policy Institute of Washington (www.fpiw.org) recently announced friend of Life, Mark Miloscia.
- We have applied to the national  **40 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 fear the poor participation of recent years may disqualify us for acceptance by the national organization.
- Father Ed reminds us to be unconcerned for small numbers of participants when doing the Lord’s work.
- 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.



The **statue of Christ**, given to us by the DeGoede Family, is on our St. Stephen campus, outside the window behind the chapel altar. Once the statue is permanently placed, we’ll ask Father to bless the statue and for a little ceremony dedicating it 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 asking Our Lady of Guadalupe to lead and guide us and a Hail Mary for the sick baby whose family requested prayers during this evening’s Mass.



Next meeting **Thursday, January 24th, 7:30 PM (after 6:30 PM Mass) in the Copy Room**

