



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

5/01 10:30 – noon St. Stephen **1st Wednesday Kent Valley Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigil**
NOTE: St. John parishioners begin about 10 AM every Wednesday--all are welcome!

5/03 7:00– 8:00 PM **1st Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration** (with SSTM Legislative Advocacy)
 8:00–10:00 PM **1st Friday Movie & Munchies** in Conference Room (not this May)

5/04 8:30 AM Mass at St. Stephen
 9:30–11:00 AM **1st Saturday Kent Witness to Truth at Planned Parenthood**
 4:30 Pro-Life **Rosary 30 minutes before most May Sunday** (and vigil) **Masses**

5/13 7:30–9:00 PM (Pro-Life) **Legislative Advocacy meets in Conference Room after 6:30 PM Mass**

5/28 7:30–9:00 PM Respect Life Ministry meets in Copy Room (after 6:30 PM Mass)

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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, Linda (St. John), Rita (St. John), and Mary S.

Opening

We opened our meeting with a prayer for Life, Marriage, Family and Freedom.

Our Presence at Kent Valley Planned Parenthood



Thanks to maximum outreaches of Mary K and Jane, our **Kent 40 Days for Life** prayer campaign drew some **85** participants **from a dozen** area churches to stand in Christian prayer on the sidewalk across from Planned Parenthood’s 102nd SE entrance during Lent.



The FaceBook site set up for Kent 40 Days for Life will remain active. See **many photos** of the vigils, including the Jericho March and closing event photos, at <https://www.facebook.com/40-Days-For-Life-Kent-WA-592269187905023>

At 5:30pm on **Good Friday**, 6 churches were represented by 12 who prayed the Stations of the Cross during the national **Way of the Cross**. Our event was listed with others at Pro-life Action’s site <https://prolifeaction.org/event/wotc2019/>



Many 40 Days for Life participants expressed interest in continuing the prayer vigils at Kent Planned Parenthood. In order to focus prayer on Kent Planned Parenthood, **we decided to suspend monthly vigils at Renton Cedar River (abortion) Clinics.** We’ve changed our website to direct sidewalk prayer warriors who want to pray at the Cedar River (abortion) Clinics to contact St. Paul Pro-Life Committee (<https://www.stpaulparish.com/77>) or St. Anthony Parish (<https://www.st-anthony.cc/>) for information regarding their vigil schedules.

May 1st, we will be the first of our monthly **1st Wednesday Kent Valley Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigils.** **St. Stephen parishioners will begin at 10:30** and pray until about noon. A few St. John parishioners plan to be there **every Wednesday**, arriving approximately **10 a.m.**, after 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. John. The Guadalupanos, a larger group of St. John parishioners, is likely to choose a different hour to come and pray regularly. And a group of Protestant friends plan to pray there earlier in the week.

Learning other groups establish regular vigil hours will enable us to post schedules. This will allow those with instable schedules to know when they may drop in to join a vigil. Luke 10:1 encourages praying in pairs, rather than standing alone on the sidewalk across from Planned Parenthood’s entrance on 104th S.E.

Our **1st Saturday Kent Witness to Truth at Planned Parenthood** continues. As we have always done, we stand near the Planned Parenthood sign on S.E. 240th to give witness to Truth--that all human life is sacred from conception.



While on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood, we must always pray and give witness to Truth with loving kindness. As shown in the movie, “Unplanned,” it is the loving sidewalk prayer warriors that attract people to come talk with us.

Post Kent 40 Days for Life 2019 Goals:

- **Increase the number of prayer warriors for Life**

Monsignor Reilly, founder and leader of Helpers of God's Precious Infants, suggests asking nursing home patients and others unable to go to the sidewalk to pray, to commit to specific vigil hours when they will pray for conversions at the abortion mills, for our mission, and for us.

- **Make packets for sidewalk prayer warriors**

At our May meeting, we'll decide what to include in packets to use year-round. Possibilities are:

- Blessed Rosaries with how-to-pray-it instructions;
- Pregnancy Resource Brochures;
- Abortion Pill Reversing Info;
- "Why Not Like Planned Parenthood?" brochures;
- Prayer cards;
- Other informational brochures (which ones?);
- Precious Feet pins (on fetal development cards);
- Fetal models (with fetal development cards)?
- Blessed salt or holy water;
- What else?

- **Learn how to talk with PP clients and passers-by**

We have invited Julie to help. Julie is a friend and area sidewalk counseling leader for Sidewalk Advocates for Life (<https://sidewalkadvocates.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/SidewalkAdvocatesForLife>).

- **Reduce Planned Parenthood teen clientele**

We have requested a meeting with SSTM Youth Minister, Debbie, and a new assistant named Beth, for the ultimate purpose of forming a



Students for Life (SfL) chapter at SSTM. SfL Northwest representative Katie Lodjic is eager to bring this about. See <http://studentsforlife.org/>

With proposed legislation very likely to make what's known as "**Comprehensive Sexual Education**" mandatory in public schools throughout Washington state, it is imperative parents learn what this dangerous curriculum entails (www.stopcse.org) and how to "opt out" of it for their children, and a good replacement curriculum--required by the school when "opting out." (<http://teen-aid.com/the-alternative-project/> offers a Christian replacement curriculum.)

Healing the Culture <https://www.healingtheculture.com/> has developed a comprehensive Catholic curriculum that is being used successfully in an increasing number of schools across the country.

Theology of the Body Evangelization Team (TOBET) has a website offering great children's books and more. See <https://tobet.org>.



Next meeting is Tuesday, May 28th, 7:30 PM (after 6:30 PM Mass) in the Copy Room.



Miscellaneous

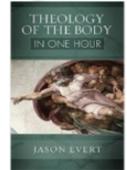
- **OPPORTUNITY: 6:30pm Tuesday, April 30**, the movie "**Sexual Revolution: 50 Years since Humanae Vitae**" will be shown by Holy Family Respect Life Committee in the **Holy Family Kirkland Social Hall**. Hot dogs, chips and salsa, water and juice will be provided. All are welcome! ("Gosnell" will be shown there on May 28th.)

NOTE: This is the film we considered showing at SSTM, before we chose "Unprotected" instead.

- Did you know hundreds attend church services at Planned Parenthood facilities in Washington State? See <http://www.tilproject.com/CAPP>.
- We will request **Coffee n Donut** dates for **September 29th** to promote events of Pro-Life Month, October, **and December 8th**, to promote the January March for Life in Olympia and also honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe on her December 12th feast day. We will consider talking with St. John parishioners regarding their big annual Lady of Guadalupe Feast celebration.
- Watch ststephenslife.com/legislative-advocacy for status of pending and passed 2019 legislation our Washington state legislators have given us that will not only revoke our precious God-given rights and our liberty but use our tax money to fund it.

- **Farewell to Craig and Vera** as they relocate, with thanks for active participation in our endeavors, for introducing us to the Vitae Foundation <https://vitaefoundation.org/>, and for leading St. Stephen's Legislative Advocacy that kept us informed of pro-life, pro-family legislation and more!

- Next month we will resume study of our Jason Evert book, **Theology of the Body, In One Hour**, beginning on Page 63, at the subtitle, "Celibacy for the Kingdom."



- Thanks to Sean our RLM FaceBook site, <https://www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife> is looking great!

- Find a **calendar of pro-life events** for the upcoming month at <https://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>.

- 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**. NOTE: Flocknotes is not restricted to SSTM parishioners. Anyone may sign up!



Closing

We closed with the St. Michael Prayer.