



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

8/02 7:00– 8:00 PM 1st Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (Respect Life & Legislative Advocacy groups)
8:00–10:00 PM 1st Friday Movie & Munchies in Conference Room

8/03 8:30 AM Mass at St. Stephen
9:30–11:00 AM 1st Saturday Kent Witness to Truth

8/07 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!

8/12 7:30–9:00 PM (Pro-Life) Legislative Advocacy, Room 128 w/Sharon Hanek (www.researchmom.org)

8/15 Assumption, start 54-Rosary Novena (<https://rosarycoasttocoast.com/novena-for-our-nation-2019/>)

8/27 7:30-9:00 PM Respect life Ministry meets in the office Copy Room (after 6:30PM Mass)

* *NOTE: Underline indicates a "live" link in the calendar at <https://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>*

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

Attending

St. Stephen parishioners: Mary K, Gina, Rowena, Lisa R, and Mary S.; and new Washington resident, Teresa.

Opening

The meeting opened with the Prayer for Life, Family, Marriage, and Freedom, downloadable from our website at <https://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>

Introductions

We welcomed Teresa, a newcomer to our state, with brief self-introductions and a small blessed St. Teresa of Calcutta medal.

We talked about who we are as a ministry that includes parishioners of neighboring parishes.

In addition to standing on the sidewalk near Planned Parenthood to pray and be there for babies and their mothers, we strive to promote a prolife culture within our parish. Currently we are concerned for making parents aware of the multi-faceted attacks targeting children by the increasingly pervasive culture of death.

We encourage parishioners of our neighboring parishes to make their pastors aware they are interested in pro-life activism.

Praying at Kent Valley Planned Parenthood

Mary K explained that we give witness to Life on 1st Saturdays, standing on S.E. 240th facing the street, to call attention to the life-threatening Planned Parenthood facility. When we stand in prayer for all inside (or going/coming to/from) Planned Parenthood, we stand on the 102nd St. sidewalk, facing Planned Parenthood's front entrance. Excepting for special events (40 Days for Life, etc.), we hold signs that offer help to pregnant mothers while the facility is open for business.



We offer items in **packets for distribution by sidewalk prayer warriors** as they pray near Kent

Planned Parenthood. We offer packets for mothers and fathers going or coming from Planned Parenthood and anyone passing by who asks, "What are you doing?"

We looked at all three kinds of packets to examine their contents and determine if all essentials were included.

We have "**Life Begins**" comic books for children who pass our sidewalk prayer teams with their parents.

<https://www.humanlife.org/product/life-begins/> offers a description of these booklets for children.



Some pray on the sidewalk each week at these times:

- **Mondays 10-11**, Maria, Betty, Gail
- **Wednesdays 10-11**, St. John the Baptist parishioners
- **Fridays 11-12**, Rudy and Bob

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Training for Sidewalk Counseling

Looking into organizations offering sidewalk counseling training materials led us to invite our friend, Julie, Sidewalk Advocates for Life (SAFL) <https://sidewalkadvocates.org/> program



director for Tacoma, to our June meeting. Julie provided very valuable information as she explained SAFL details.



Helpers of God's Precious Infants (www.helpersny.org) offers training materials that seem to be better suited for our use. There are also many (free) videos of Msgr. Philip Reilly's excellent instruction available from the website. We hope to obtain additional needed details next month.



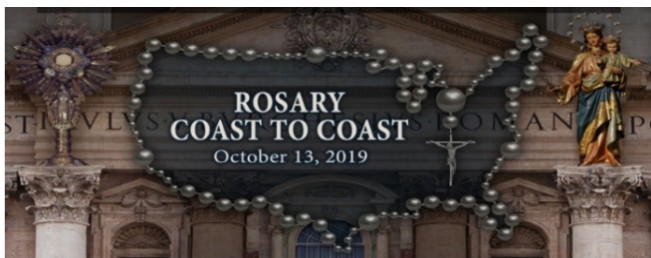
Urgent Parental Rights Alert!

Because our Parental Rights are being usurped by the government, our sister pro-life group, Legislative Advocacy, is alerting parents by hosting area speakers

at its July and August meetings. The 26 adults who attended the July 8th meeting learned the extent and the urgency of the need for parents to take action now to regain their rights for protecting their minor children.

It is important for **all parents**, especially parents of public school students, to attend the next Legislative Advocacy meeting at **7:30pm, Monday, August 12th** in **Room 128 with Sharon Hanek** (www.researchmom.org). **Sharon will summarize parental rights that have been usurped by the government and tell us what parents should do.**

All are welcome, including Christians from other churches.



See <https://rosarycoastcoast.com/> for details of a **Coast to Coast Rosary Rally October 13, 2019**, and <https://rosarycoastcoast.com/novena-for-our-nation-2019> for information on the powerful **54-day Novena for Our Nation August 15 – October 7**.

Father wants St. Stephens to participate in the October 13th Rosary Rally, beginning at 1:00pm Pacific Time to coincide with Rosaries prayed simultaneously throughout the world. Father also desires St. Stephen's participation in the **August 15 – October 7 54-Rosary Novena for Our Nation**. There will be prayer events (Holy Hour, etc.) beginning August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption.

At least one of the 54 Rosaries will be a Patriotic Rosary. And we will likely send **brief (text-size) daily prayers to all via Respect Life Flocknotes**.



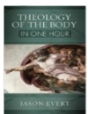
We will invite all and promote everything, possibly showing one of the 75-minute videos available from <https://rosarycoastcoast.com/> during weekend Masses.

Miscellaneous

- **Happy birthday to dear Sarah Schaper**, inspiring model sidewalk prayer warrior!
- We pray for our **LifeRunners.org** friends' successful Sept. 28th pro-life fundraising event in Puyallup. See <http://littlestepsbigdreams.dojiggy.com/juliecovell>
- Our next scheduled **Coffee n Donuts** dates are **September 29th**, to promote events during pro-life month of October, and **December 8th**, Sunday before the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We'll share bus schedule information for the **January 21st, 2020 March for Life in Olympia** then too.

- **Students for Life** <http://studentsforlife.org> Northwest representative, **Karlie Lodjic** (sister of former representative Katie) will come to our **September meeting**, promoting **Initiative-1004**, the initiative she filed that requires parental consent for a minor to obtain an abortion. See <https://parentsandstudentsprotectingminors.org/home/i-1004/>





- **Healing the Culture** will feature guest speaker **Kristan Hawkins**, President of **Students for Life of America**, at their 11th annual gala September 27th, at the Bellevue Hilton. See details at www.healingtheculture.com/event/2019-gala-west/
- We read the Preface of **Theology of the Body, In One Hour**. At our next meeting we will begin on Page xi, the Introduction. 
- Thanks to Mary K for frequent ongoing updates to the site she created for our Kent 40 Days for Life 2019 <https://www.facebook.com/40-Days-For-Life-Kent-WA-592269187905023>
- Thanks to Sean for keeping our RLM FaceBook site <https://www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife> updated with current and good stuff.
- Find a **calendar of pro-life events** for the upcoming month at <https://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>.

Closing

The meeting closed with the St. Michael Prayer.

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 27th, 7:30 PM (after 6:30 PM Mass) in the Copy Room.

	<u>Kent Sidewalk Prayer Partners</u> Praying on the sidewalk each week:	
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