

(still to come in) **MAY**

Spiritual Adoptions, Month 8 of 9

May 1-31 We honor our Blessed Mother, Mary, by praying a Rosary each day

Click [HERE](#) for downloadable **pro-life Mysteries**

May 30 2 - 4:00pm **Referendum-90** drive-thru signing to Reject mandatory K-12 Comprehensive Sex Ed

May 31 2 - 4:30pm **Referendum-90** drive-thru signing to Reject mandatory K-12 Comprehensive Sex Ed

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June 3 10:00 - noon St. Stephen **1st Wednesday Kent Valley Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigil**

June 5 7:00pm 1st Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (through the window--bring a chair)

8:00 PM **Movie & Munchies** *

June 6 9:30 - 11:00 AM **1st Saturday Kent Stand in Witness to Truth** at Kent Planned Parenthood *

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June 7 2 - 4:30pm **Referendum-90** drive-thru signing to Reject mandatory K-12 Comprehensive Sex Ed

June 8 7:30 - 9:00 PM (Pro-Life) **Legislative Advocacy** (2nd Monday) meeting

June 20 7:00pm virtual **Next Step 2020 Gala** with speaker **Patricia Sandoval**, no charge, reg. required

June 23 7:30pm 4th Tuesday RL Ministry outdoor meeting (email for meeting details) **All welcome!**

June 27 **Begin June 27 - July 5 Novena for Our Nation** (10 AM daily live-stream on **SSTM FaceBook**)

June 29 10:00-11:00am **Eucharistic Adoration for Our Nation** (live-stream on **SSTM FaceBook**)

* **Canceled by Governor Inslee**

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 virtually at 7:30 PM



Attending

Mary K., Debbie, Roberta, Al, Sandy, Bernie, Mary S., and Linda (Holy Spirit).

Opening

The meeting opened with a Prayer to the Virgin Mary.

Mary K read the Introduction (Pages 1-4) from the USCCB publication, "Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities."

Gabriel Angels/Prepares



Roberta reports Prepares is still in the lengthy process of coordinating a plan to take over the Gabriel Project 24/7 phone number to relieve the former Gabriel Project Coordinator for the Seattle Archdiocese, Paul, of that duty. SSTM staff is working with Kathleen for the transferring of the phone line, etc.

Kathleen has requested bulletin notices for the entire month of June that details how parishioners can help fulfill a list of current needs, despite the C-19 restrictions canceling the usual June Baby Shower.

Housing is a main concern, with costs seeming insurmountable. The months of unpaid rent the Moms have accrued is a major problem.

They are working with Vine Maple and CareNet on housing. At Sandy's suggestion, Roberta will investigate a facility named Mary's Place.

Spiritual Adoptions

Apparently no progress has been made regarding the permanent display proposed for the narthex. Nor has anyone updated the temporary black easel currently used by Spiritual Adoptions in the narthex.

For now, we will update the display to correspond to the 8th month of gestation, looking forward to the ninth month coming in June.

With the C-19 compliance directives in place, people may be taking notice of the display while they wait for their opportunities to enter the church or wait to see Father.

It seems all effort to find a space for a permanent display has been on hold since March. No one present knew the whereabouts of the frame and (maybe) posters purchased for the permanent display. Something to investigate.

Involving SSTM Youth/Teens

SSTM Youth Minister, Debbie, said **Karlie Lodjic**, Washington Regional Coordinator of Students for Life, recently talked with the Teens about abortion in a Zoom meeting. Karlie will be back at another meeting to finish the presentation she'd prepared but hadn't time to finish in one session. Debbie is looking for someone to talk with the Teens about transgender, etc., issues. Patricia Sandoval, guest speaker at this summer's annual NextStep/Angelorum Gala on June 20th, is another Debbie's considering to invite to talk with SSTM Teens this summer.

At the end of July and into August, they want to involve the Teens with a series of service projects for small groups. Making baby bath towels and baby blankets is one that will benefit Gabriel Project &/or Prepares. Other projects proposed were:

- helping to make signs for Respect Life Sidewalk Prayer warriors to hold as they stand in prayer near Kent Planned Parenthood;

- helping design signs for the sidewalk prayer vigils; and
- suggesting text for the sidewalk prayer vigil signs.

Involving Teens by utilizing their help encourages their continuing interest and participation in that parish group. One goal of SSTM Youth ministry is encouraging post-Confirmation students to become active members in parish volunteer groups that will become life-long interests.

New Signs for Our Sidewalk Prayer Warriors

Signs held during a prayer vigil:

- offer alternatives to services offered by Planned Parenthood to their prospective clients;
- identifies our purpose in being there; and
- spark conversation with passers-by.

We need new signs that serve the above purposes. We invite suggestions from Care Net and SSTM Teens and will entertain them from any source. Al asked Debbie if Teens can help us by brainstorming for suggestions for new signs.

After an eye-opening experience while praying alone in front of Kent Planned Parenthood, one of our prayer partners, Maria, proposed this text for a sign:



(This is Care Net's 24/7 phone number, offering counseling and ultra-sound in or near Kent.)

June Calendar (<https://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>)

We list 10-12pm on **1st Wednesdays at Kent PP**, because St. John's begin about 10am and all are welcome to join them at 10, as Mary K often does.

June Adoration: We will have usual Adoration from 7 until 8pm 1st Fridays outside the chapel window, thanks to summertime daylight lasting past 8pm. Adorers are asked to bring a chair and a mask & maintain 6-foot separation.

We will **cancel June 1st Saturday Witnessing at Kent Planned Parenthood is canceled**, because Legislative Advocacy will gather signatures for Referendum 90 that day. We wholeheartedly support Referendum 90, offering opportunity to voters to reject the overwhelmingly opposed ESSB 5395, the Sex Ed Bill, passed into law March 2020.

Sean is posting Referendum 90 information, and a request for all voters registered in Washington to sign the petition, to our Respect Life Ministry Facebook site.

40 Days for Life in the Fall?



Enrolment for the fall campaign of 40 Days for Life is open now. The participation fee is greatly reduced by signing up this week. The fall campaign runs from **September 23rd through November 1st** this year.

We discussed whether to join the fall campaign, because October is pro-life month and always very busy, beginning with Life Chains Sunday, the 1st Sunday of October.

We recall the 40 Days for Life headquarters called for the end of scheduled sidewalk vigils before the closing of the spring 2020 campaign due to C-19, asking people to pray at home instead. It hasn't been announced whether praying on the sidewalk or at home will be advised for the fall.

Some of our members in leadership roles expect to be unavailable to participate during the first few weeks of October, making it difficult to organize an effective campaign. After consideration, **we decided against joining the Fall 40 Days**, although we encourage everyone to pray at Kent Planned Parenthood any time.

Kent Planned Parenthood

Linda knows a few **Holy Spirit** parishioners who show interest in sidewalk prayer vigils. However, they are older and seem afraid. A few men joining them would surely encourage them to try it.

Kent Valley "Health Center" (Planned Parenthood) offers the "morning-after-pill" (Ella) during all business hours on a walk-in basis and without age restriction.

Kent Valley "Health Center" offers the abortion pill (medication abortion), pre- and post-abortion patient education, post-abortion follow-up exams, and referrals for other abortion services.

However, **Vitae Foundation (<https://vitaefoundation.org/>)** has a large presence in our area and boasts of saving many lives in our region. See <https://vitaefoundation.org/16996> for the story told by Kim Triller, executive director of Care Net of Puget Sound, of a life saved at a Puget Sound Care Net mobile unit. That mobile unit comes to Kent regularly.

<https://vitaefoundation.org/16996> also notes:

- In King County, **50%** of pregnant women age 12-19 abort.
- **A 13-year-old can get an IUD, birth control or have an abortion without her parents knowing about it, and they can charge the parent's insurance.**

Miscellaneous

- 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/> and notice the **text in green** links to relevant details.
- **We will meet** on the lawn at SSTM at **7:30pm Tuesday, June 23rd**, at "safe distances" from one another. **Bring a mask and a chair and join us in the fresh open air.**

Closing

We closed the meeting with a prayer for pregnant mothers.



Next meeting is Tuesday, June 23rd, 7:30 PM, on the lawn at SSTM.

