

**AUGUST**

- Aug 1 9:30–11:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Kent Stand in Witness to Truth** at Kent Planned Parenthood
  - Aug 4 *Mail your ballot TODAY (if not sooner)! Voter resource links at [Legislative Advocacy](#)***
  - Aug 5 10:00 - noon St. Stephen 1st Wednesday Kent Valley Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigil**
  - Aug 7 9:00-10:00am 1st Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration \***  
 \* **Follows 8:30am Mass (Register for Mass at <https://ststephenslife.com> or call the office.)**
  - Aug 10 7:30pm (Pro-Life) 2nd Monday [Legislative Advocacy](#) meeting (Email for meeting details.)**
  - Aug 21 30-minute documentary, Sexxx Ed: Let Parents Decide. Registration REQUIRED.**
  - Aug 25 7:30pm 4th Tuesday Respect Life Ministry meeting (Email for meeting details.) All welcome!**
- 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 outdoors (at SSTM) at 7:30 PM



**Attending**

Mary K., Gina, Jane, Lisa R., Vince, Sandy T., and Mary S.

**Opening**

The meeting opened with prayer and noting the USCCB Walking with Moms in Need intention for July is: May mothers receive ongoing care and support in raising their children—also a goal of our Respect Life Ministry.

We gave self-introductions. None present were new to our ministry, but not all present had met one another.

**Kent Planned Parenthood**

Kent Valley “Health Center” offers pre-abortion and post-abortion patient education, post-abortion follow-up exams, and referrals for other abortion services. In addition, they offer the “morning-after-pill” (medication abortion, Ella) during all business hours on a walk-in basis and without age restriction.

We hold signs while standing on the sidewalk near Kent Planned Parenthood, welcome conversation with passing pedestrians, and we have handouts to offer.

Following the first national Defund Planned Parenthood Day in 2017 (in which we participated and drew mega-attention to Kent Planned Parenthood and its evil business), we began something different from our usual sidewalk prayer ministry. We began standing on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month Witness to the Truth that all human life is sacred, from its conception. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday witnessing continues because of significant encouraging feedback.

Differences between our (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday) “Witnessing” and our “Prayer Vigils” were noted.

When we witness (truth) to street traffic, we:

- Face the street traffic (Planned Parenthood is closed);
- Stand on S.E. 240<sup>th</sup>;
- Pray and visit;
- Display banner;
- Hold a variety of signs;
- Stand between 9:30 and 11:00, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.



When we stand prayer vigil, we:

- Stand next to Popeye’s, on 102<sup>nd</sup> Street;
- Face Planned Parenthood’s entrance;
- Pray for all inside, entering, exiting PP;
- Hold signs offering help (to pregnant PP clients);
- Pray in pairs during hours PP is open, with several pairs standing approximately one hour each.



Several look for prayer partners to stand vigil with them on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. We will continue seeking volunteers with weekly bulletin notices.

In particular, Nichola, who has been trained in counseling by Sidewalk Advocates for Life, seeks someone to accompany her on Tuesdays between 10:30 and noon. Mary K hopes to spend time with her and learn from her. Nichola recommends adding a few pieces of candy to the resource packets for sidewalk distribution to PP clients. Nichola crosses the street to approach clients as they exit their cars, waving the packets as they offer them.

Jane and Gina recommend being prepared to talk with passers-by and offer them packets of prayer cards and info.

With many reluctant to commit to specific times and days for coming to pray, it is difficult to help those seeking prayer partners. CareNet [www.carenetps.org](http://www.carenetps.org) will bring its mobile unit to Kent PP once a number of sidewalk prayer warriors have committed to being present throughout that day of the week.



Something else to keep in mind...

<https://vitaefoundation.org/16996> 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 then Planned Parenthood can charge the parent's insurance.

In addition to our usual 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday bulletin notice, we will SSTM Youth ministers to Flocknote parents, inviting all "parents and students to join us in standing for the unborn."

### Spiritual Adoption

<https://ststephenslife.com/spiritual-adoption>

Lisa showed us the new frame and the beautiful new "The First Nine Months—Watch Me Grow" posters she purchased for us from [www.littleonepublishing.com](http://www.littleonepublishing.com). Thank you, Lisa! Lisa is working with staff on the placement of the frame. The frame allows very easy display change—perfect for this.



Spiritual Adoption prayer cards are good handouts for pedestrians passing Kent PP sidewalk prayer warriors.

### Legislative Advocacy

<https://ststephenslife.com/legislative-advocacy>

While Respect Life Ministry focuses on prayer; Legislative Advocacy focuses on political awareness and action.

Remember to either mail or drop off your Aug. 4 ballots at a Ballot Drop Box (preferred). Our Legislative Advocacy website offers links to voter guides for Christians and other voter resources too.

<https://www.informedparentsofWashington.com/> (Informed Parents of Washington) is a great site to monitor! The group focuses on alerting parents to objectionable K-12 public school curricula, such as the 2020 Comprehensive Sexxx Ed Law mandates.

We strongly recommend a 30-minute documentary that exposes details of the shocking and inappropriate Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) curricula currently used in too many schools throughout the country, the target of Referendum 90. Referendum 90 will be on ballots throughout Washington in the coming election. Pacific Justice Institute offers streaming the documentary on August 21<sup>st</sup> only. See more info and signup at <https://mailchi.mp/pji.org/sexxx-ed-movie-night-in-america>

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<https://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>, **Calendar**, etc.

Our website offers lots of information, including our calendar for the month, with live links to details of items underlined in the calendar at the top of this page, downloadable documents for use by sidewalk prayer partners, a link to sign up for Flocknotes, and more.

**If you want text or email reminders of upcoming vigils, meetings, etc.**, be sure to **sign up** to receive **Respect Life Flocknotes** or else **watch the weekly SSTM bulletin**. ("Respect Life" is under the **Flocknote ProLife** heading.)

### Pro-Life Month, October

**Life Chain Sunday** is **October 4<sup>th</sup>**. <https://lifechain.net/> lists Kent and Renton Life Chains from 2:00 until 3:30pm. We promote participation in Kent and Renton Life Chains.

Jane will talk with staff to see when we may lead and live-stream a **Rosary before (or between) Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses in October**, as she's done in recent years.

As always, all are encouraged to pray at Kent Planned Parenthood as often as possible (even though we are not participating in the Fall 40 Days for Life national campaign).

We will schedule a **CareNet Medical Mobile Unit to come to SSTM** at a time convenient for parishioners, including SSTM Teens, to tour the unit.

**Spiritual Adoption** begins its "pregnancy" in October, a good time for a **Gabriel Project/Prepares Diaper Drive**.

**Legislative Advocacy** will encourage voting in the November General Election and will offer voter information.

### Miscellaneous

- **Note time change of 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration to 9-10am**, immediately following 8:30am Mass (registration required for Mass). We begin with either a Patriotic Rosary or Pro-Life Rosary and continue adoring in silence until 10am.
- We had a productive **discussion** of the importance and significance of **men's involvement in our ministry**, standing on the sidewalks and more. The fact that men do not carry babies in pregnancy is irrelevant to our ministry.
- We discussed the possibility of making use of that giant board, that we used during 40 Days for Life, as a **pro-life information display** for all parishioners—to invite interest in our pro-life ministries. Wheels will make it easier to use.
- Thanks to Sean for keeping our RLM FaceBook site <https://www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife> updated with current and good stuff.

### Closing

We closed the meeting with A Prayer Affirming Life and a prayer of protection and deliverance from all evil forces that may have been set against us and our families. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!



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**Next meeting is Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM, email r.s.v.p. for details.**

