

**AUGUST**

Aug 28 30-minute documentary, [Sexxx Ed: Let Parents Decide](#). Registration **REQUIRED**.

**SEPTEMBER**

Sept 2 10:00 - noon St. Stephen [1st Wednesday Kent Valley Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigil](#)

Sept 4 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.)

Sept 5 9:30–11:00am [1st Saturday Kent Stand in Witness to Truth](#) at Kent Planned Parenthood

Sept 14 7:30pm (Pro-Life) 2nd Monday [Legislative Advocacy](#) meeting (Email for meeting details.)

Sept 22 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 virtually at 7:30 PM

**Attending**

Mary K., Debbie, Gina, Kathleen, Sandy T., and Mary S.

**Opening**

The meeting opened with prayers for protection and guidance for our leaders and for sidewalk prayer warriors.

**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.

CareNet [www.carenetps.org](http://www.carenetps.org) will schedule its Medical Mobile Unit, equipped with ultrasound, to come to a site near Kent PP only after more sidewalk prayer partners commit to stand consecutive hour-long vigils on that same day each week. We will continue seeking volunteers with weekly bulletin notices.



We have no way of knowing who comes and when, unless prayer partners tell us. Mary K has a list of people wanting to find partners to pray with them on Wednesdays and on Fridays. Contact Mary at [marriworks1@comcast.net](mailto:marriworks1@comcast.net) or 425.217.6817 for a prayer partner any day you can come.

St. John parishioners Laura and Peggy come nearly every Wednesday from 10 until 11. Our faithful Protestant friend, Steve, comes each Wednesday for at least one hour, sometimes staying until nearly noon. Mary K has been staying until noon most Wednesdays.

Nichola, who has been trained in counseling by Sidewalk Advocates for Life, has been coming Tuesdays along with her friend to support her counseling with prayer. We have heard of others coming on Tuesdays at random times too.

We are not aware of anyone praying on Fridays at this time. So, our bulletin notices will continue asking for volunteers to come on Wednesdays and Fridays.

In addition to prayer vigils while PP is open Monday – Friday, we stand to give witness (to Truth) from 9:30 until

11 the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month. Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, a man reminded us why we stand each month. He crossed S.E. 240<sup>th</sup> to thank us for being there with our signs, saying our presence there is important. Then he told us why.

Not long ago, he and his friend drove on Rainier Ave. They passed through a group of people standing on both sides of the street with very large pro-life signs, some pictures of aborted babies. His girlfriend of 6 years began crying. She cried and cried. Then she said, "I killed my baby." This lady was still grieving the baby she'd aborted more than 40 years before, while a teenager. He said all he knew to do was try to console her, telling her that God forgives and that her baby was in heaven and will greet her with open arms the day she arrives. The man was struck by the depth and duration of her pain. He was grateful for the Project Rachel brochure and (blessed) rosary with prayer card that Christina gave him.



At another time, we will discuss how we might share similar inspiring stories with our friends and fellow parishioners too.

In addition to our usual 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday bulletin notice, we ask SSTM Youth ministers to Flocknote parents, inviting all "parents and students to join us in standing for the unborn." ("Safe Environment" prohibits students from sidewalk participation at Kent PP without parental supervision.)

**Legislative Advocacy**

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

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

**STOP CSE!** Referendum 90, the Comprehensive Sexxx Ed (CSE) Law, will be on Washington November ballots. Monitor <https://www.informedparentsofWashington.com/> (Informed

Parents of Washington) for alerts of objectionable K-12 public school curricula.

**Friday, Aug. 28**, Pacific Justice Institute repeats its 30-minute documentary exposing shocking and inappropriate details of Comprehensive Sexuality Education curricula currently used in many schools throughout the country (the target of Referendum 90). Find more info and signup at <https://mailchi.mp/pji.org/sexxx-ed-movie-night-in-america>

### SSTM Youth (Jr. and Sr. High School)

St. Stephen's Teens have shown enthusiastic interest in prolife issues during this summer's virtual meetings. Students for Life's Karlie Lodjic and Federal Way CareNet's director, Kris Foster, are two speakers who'll be invited to talk with Teens in the near future.

We want a CareNet medical mobile unit to come to SSTM to offer tours of the unit and demonstrate its ultrasound equipment using a volunteer pregnant parishioner.

Teens' parents will be invited to watch the Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> Pacific Justice Institute's livestream video and follow-up discussion.

Hopefully, parents and Teens will watch "Unplanned," the movie, before our site license expires in March 2021.

### Gabriel Project/Prepares

<https://ststephenslife.com/gabriel-project>  
<https://preparesforlife.org>

SSTM is currently helping 7 Moms, all single, and 3 requiring Spanish-speaking Angels. Several have older children in addition to their unborn or newborn babies. All urgently need prayer and a lengthy list of various items.

In order to promote parish-wide support, parishioners must be told the ministry's purpose and what support it asks of parishioners at large and of its volunteers.

A flyer will be designed for an upcoming parish bulletin to encourage parishioner involvement, asking for volunteers and to donate needed items. With so few printed bulletins being distributed in these days of restricted gatherings, we talked about other possible venues for displaying the flyer.

SSTM Teens' small groups will consider "adopting" families to help fulfill the list of needs. The Knights of Columbus and other service groups may be willing and able to help.

The Seattle Archdiocese Prepares office should be informed of our parish Prepares needs, so that office may provide its support as well. The Prepares site lists parishes with active Prepares ministries. There are few parishes in our area, if any, currently active in both Gabriel and Prepares, as is St. Stephens.

### Spanish-speaking volunteers are sorely needed a.s.a.p.

### Pro-Life Month, October

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

Jane is arranging when we will lead and livestream a **Rosary before (or between) Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses in October**.

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 an all-parish **Gabriel Project/Prepares Drive**.

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

We will ask Stewardship ministry leader, Tom, for advice in recruiting volunteers to eventually step into our ministry's leadership roles. Gina suggests inviting our friends to come and to bring their young adult children to our activities.

<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., sign up to receive Respect Life Flocknotes.** (In Flocknotes, find "Respect Life" in the Flocknote "ProLife" category.)

### 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.
- **Sarah** has retired from her faithful sidewalk ministry of some 40 years, but her big **signs** have not retired. Sarah gave them to 20-year old Andrew to display in Pullman.
- We await a response from the Archdiocese office regarding resources for the "**Walking with Moms**" evangelization program being promoted by the USCCB.
- We discussed the possibility of making use of the 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.



Next meeting is Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 PM, email r.s.v.p. for details.

