

40 Days for Life Spring 2021 Rules of the Road

Vigil Purpose: To pray, fast and peacefully witness to end abortion at Planned Parenthood on Madison's east side.

Vigil Location: The sidewalks in front of Planned Parenthood (3706 Orin Road, Madison, WI 53704).

Vigil Hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Mondays through Saturdays (no Sundays), from 7:00 AM Wednesday, February 17, 2021 through 7:00 PM Sunday, March 28, 2021.

Parking: Please note that – especially during daytime hours- parking may be rather limited. Typically, people park along either Orin road or the frontage road in the free 2-hour parking zone. To ensure smooth vigil shift transitions, it is often helpful for persons to arrive 5-10 minutes before their scheduled time shift begins. (**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE WOMEN'S CARE CENTER PARKING LOT** as noted below on page 2.)

Meeting Place: Participants should gather on the sidewalk near the driveway to Planned Parenthood to meet up with the coming and going prayer warriors. This is a mobile vigil, so moving around and walking while praying is acceptable. Stay on the sidewalk or terrace (parkway, easement) and do not block the sidewalk.

PLEASE DO NOT STEP ONTO PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S PRIVATE PROPERTY!

Statements of Peace: Based on advice from the National 40 days for Life Campaign, all participants are **required** to sign a **Statement of Peace (SOP) each year**. Blank forms will be available at campaign events as well as at the St. Dennis Storage Spot (see more information on the St. Dennis Storage Spot). But, it is easier to sign the SOP electronically at www.40daysforlife.com/madison/sop. There is also a link on the Vigil for Life home page along the right side of the page that says "Online Statement of Peace". If you sign it electronically, we will be notified that you have done

so. No further action will be needed. If you fill out a paper copy, please turn in the SOP at the next campaign event or mail it to Vigil for Life:

Vigil for Life
 c/o Gwen Finnegan
 P.O. Box 499
 Baraboo, WI 53913

Official Vigil Bag: There will be no Vigil Bag for the Spring 2021 vigil because it is not a continuous 24-hour vigil. We will have materials available at the St. Dennis Storage Spot.

St. Dennis Storage Spot: Since there will not be vigil materials available to pass from hour-to-hour on the sidewalk, we will have vigil materials in storage in the church entryway at St. Dennis Catholic Church (505 Dempsey Road Madison, WI 53714). During daytime hours when the church building is open, participants can drop by and take the materials that they need. These materials will include vigil signs (see below), sidewalk counseling materials like crisis pregnancy center pamphlets and abortion pill reversal half-sheets, Statements of Peace (SOP), etc. Please be respectful of church property – we are grateful to St. Dennis for our Storage Spot!

Vigil Signs: We are not providing the typical two official signs because it is not a continuous 24-hour vigil. At campaign events, we will be handing out “Pray to End Abortion” signs as well as abortion pill reversal signs. The same signs will be available at the St. Dennis Storage Spot. Participants should bring home these signs and take them to the vigil site for their shifts. If you do not have one of these signs, you can make your own sign with a life-affirming message. Campaign Co-leaders will approve homemade signs. To comply with police instructions, we must not set down any signs unattended on the ground, lean them against a tree, etc.

Signing-In: We will NOT have a sign-in sheet because the vigil is not a continuous, 24-hour vigil, and there will be no materials stored at the vigil site. Everyone is accountable for his or her hours. Please arrive 5-10 minutes early for your shift to be respectful of those volunteers who might

need to leave promptly. Please contact the Campaign Co-leaders and/or Vigil Coordinator if you have a last-minute change such that you will not be able to arrive for your hour. Please find a substitute for yourself if the change is not last-minute. If you simply cannot find a substitute, please contact the Campaign Co-leaders or Vigil Coordinator. Their contact information is listed on page 4 of this guide.

Women’s Care Center: PLEASE DO NOT ACCESS THE WCC & DO NOT PARK IN THE WCC PARKING LOT – even though it is located across from Planned Parenthood.

Here’s why: Although the WCC supports the efforts of Vigil for Life, their role and mission is separate and distinct. The primary role of the WCC is to establish a confidential, trusting relationship with women in crisis. Out of respect, we MUST keep our distance.

If, at a separate time, you would like to learn more about the good work that the WCC is doing, please call them at (608) 241-8100. PLEASE DO NOT DROP IN UNANNOUNCED.

Restrooms: If you need to use the restroom, there is a Kwik Trip on the corner of Stoughton Road and Anderson St. and a McDonald’s on the corner of Stoughton Road and Kinsman Blvd.

Weather: The vigil site weather can range from pleasant to very hot or cold and is often marked by strong winds and rain. Dress appropriately. Some keep extra clothing in their trunk “just in case.” If you must take cover from the weather, please pray from your car.

Police Information: We do not expect problems. You have a right to hold vigil outside of Planned Parenthood. If you feel like others are preventing you from doing so, or you feel threatened, proceed to your vehicle or other safe area, then take the appropriate next steps...

For emergencies – call 911.

For non-emergency dispatch – police number is (608)255-2345.

Our police contacts during daytime hours are: Lieutenant Stephanie Drescher – (608) 243-5258 and Captain Brian Austin – (608) 243-5258.

If you ever do make police contact, please inform 40 Days for Life Campaign Co-Leader Gwen Finnegan at (608) 393-8545. As always, obey all law enforcement personnel.

Contact Information: You should **call** (not email), **Gwen Finnegan at (608)-393-8545** immediately for the following reasons:

1. You will be significantly late for your scheduled vigil shift.
2. You cannot make your vigil hour and are unable to arrange for a substitute.
3. **Emergency Contacts: If you can't reach Gwen, please call:**
 - a. **Vigil Coordinator: Mary Markielewski at (608) 516-1335.**
 - b. **Campaign Co-Leader: Laura Karlen at (608) 445-2064.**



Major DOs and DON'Ts

DO:

- Pray and fast to end abortion.
- Try to arrive 5-10 minutes early to your shift to allow for parking.
- Sign a Statement of Peace. It's best to sign it electronically online, but you can sign a paper copy.
- Dress appropriately for the weather.
- Pick up signs, sidewalk counseling materials and Statements of Peace at the St. Dennis Storage Spot.
- Call Gwen Finnegan if you're running significantly late or unable to show for shift.

DON'T:

- Trespass on Planned Parenthood property or park in their lot.
- Access the Women's Care Center or park in their lot.
- Violate the terms outlined in the Statement of Peace.