

40 Days for Life 2025 Spring Campaign

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: 12 hours per day from 8:00 AM Wednesday, March 5, 2025 through 8:00 PM Saturday, April 12, 2025; Monday - Saturday (no Sunday vigil hours).

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. 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 each year**. You can download a Statement

of Peace at: vigilforlife.org . Look under “Important Documents” and download, print out and mail to: Vigil for Life, P.O. Box 499, Baraboo, WI. 53913 or go to the Online Statement of Peace link also under “Important Documents” to fill out an electronic one.

(Please Note: You can sign this form electronically at: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/madison/sop>)

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 & Anderson St.

Weather: The vigil site weather can range from pleasant to very hot or cold, and is often marked by strong winds and rain, so 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 contact during daytime hours is: Lieutenant Daniel Perez – (608) 243-5258.

If you ever do make police contact, please inform 40 Days for Life Director 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. **If you can't reach Gwen, please call Mary Markielewski at (608) 516-1335. If you can't reach Mary, please call John Bohn at (608) 628-7552**



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 if you haven't already done so in 2024
- Dress appropriately for the weather
- Call Gwen Finnegan if 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
- Interrupt or join another vigil participant who is already in conversation with a Planned Parenthood client unless invited to do so