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What would we do without our creative community supporters! We'd like to give a shout out to the Knights of Columbus Council #15537 of Prince of Peace Parish for putting together 4 gift baskets to offer in a silent auction held during their annual parish Easter Egg Hunt for children held on Saturday, March 30. K OF C Chuck and his wife Cathy Galarneau brainstormed the idea and put it all together. This amazing and very creative idea generated over \$400 that we received from the Knights Council to support our programs and initiatives. Thank you Chuck, Kathy and the Knights of Columbus !

Voters beware! Our Governor and her allies are working overtime to eliminate two important laws still on the books following the passing of her Michigan Reproductive Health Act last September. This administration seeks to undermine parental authority and allow spur-of-the-moment decisions that are life changing for women and the unplanned baby in the womb. Let your Representatives know you want these safety laws to remain in effect.

PARENTAL CONSENT LAW

Parents in Michigan should be on notice! The Governor and her allies in the state legislature are determined to further chip away at parental rights, intent on overturning parental consent for a minor girl seeking an abortion in Michigan.

Doing so flouts the will of Michigan voters. Parental consent for a minor girl seeking an abortion is supported by 68% of voters according to a Marketing Resource Group poll that was conducted last fall.

Currently, minors seeking an abortion must get a parent's consent or seek a judicial bypass prior to obtaining an abortion. The Parental Consent for Abortion Law has been the law of the land since 1990.

24 HOUR WAITING PERIOD

An overwhelming majority of Michigan voters support retaining provisions of Michigan law related to abortion which, while maintaining access to abortion, safeguard the health and safety of women, minors, parents and taxpayers. These provisions include a 24-hour waiting period to allow for informed consent before having an abortion procedure, according to the MRG, LLC-commissioned Spring 2024 Michigan Poll®. The statewide survey of 600 registered voters was conducted April 8-11.

Yet our current Michigan leadership wants to eliminate this brief pause to allow a woman to be certain of her decision before making a decision to abort her child? We support this common sense option of giving a woman time to be sure of her decision.

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

*Your email will be needed to receive our newsletters electronically beginning this fall.
*You will also be the first to be notified when our redesigned website goes LIVE in a few weeks.
Not sure if we have your address on file? Email us at muskegonrighttllife@yahoo.com and confirm, and don't miss out on important RTL updates!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 27 – Fruitport Old Fashioned Days Parade See details on page 3

August 7,8,9,10 – Unity Festival

We will once again be hosting a booth at the Festival. We are looking for Volunteers to be present for one or more 4 hour shifts at our booth during the festival. Free entry for Volunteers!

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 - SAVE THE DATE!!

Our *Focus on Life* Annual Dinner.
More details to follow.
NEW - This year's dinner will feature a silent auction.

Call 231-733-6300 if you are able to help with any of these events!

IS UTHANASIA COMING BACK TO MICHIGAN?

Physician-assisted suicide—or “Death with Dignity” (a euphemism preferred by its proponents)—is a threat in our state yet again. In December of 2023, a package of bills (SB 678-681) was introduced in the Michigan State Senate to legalize the dangerous practice of allowing doctors to prescribe lethal doses of drugs to their patients for the purpose of committing suicide.

Legalization of assisted suicide in Michigan puts several communities at risk of coercion, abuse, and denial of care including communities of color, those with disabilities, the sick and the elderly. A 2023 Kaiser Family Foundation survey on racism, discrimination, and health found that people of color already often experience discrimination when seeking medical care.¹ With the cheaper assisted suicide “option” available, those who already fight to overcome disparities in healthcare may be offered this option rather than costly care for complex medical conditions.

We ask that you please take action against these physician-assisted suicide bills by contacting your state senator and telling them to vote NO on the “Death with Dignity Act.”



Board members (from left) Josh Dear, Ron Friday, RTL Field Rep Dee Bennette, Lois Flaig and Kim Hardy attended Michigan RTL Legislative Day in Lansing on May 1 to learn about the bills currently active in our State Legislature and how they affect our Pro-Life mission. It's an understatement to say that we have much work to do!

Life Savers 2024 a Great Success!

Thanks for making this year's fundraiser the best ever! These additional churches welcomed us in to take free-will donations following a Sunday Service during March.

***St. James Catholic Church - Montague
Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic – Rothbury
Trinity Lutheran Church Roosevelt Road- Muskegon***

In addition, Right to Life would like to thank the following volunteers who assisted in collecting funds at our participating churches.

***Pam Geiger
Theresa & John Robillard
Loretta Frazier
Marie Farage
Anne Mullane***

***Karyn Sullivan
Eileen Galitz
Franki Schiltz
MaryKay Millard
Maurene Schumann***



*Many thanks to our Generous Supporters
February Through April, 2024*

2024 Memberships

Tim Mullane Family	Douglas & Rebecca Platt
George & Deborah Chmelar	Mary Millard
Harold Sisson	John Meade
Jeanne Strevey	Marsha Musil
Robert & Mary Hyatt	Marin Nolan
Lawrence Finner	Teresa Dault
Carol Hesling	Fruitport Area News
Christine Osterman	Helen Mulready
Howard Bard	Harold Burdette
Christine Tourcotte	Paul Crum
Irvin & Janet Holdgreve	Jerry & Nancy Harriman
Jeanne LaCross	Jon Stewart
W. Bill Hyma	Debby Barkett

General Donors

Joanna Kuhn	Thomas & Loretta Seifert
Angela Lineberry	Paula Ellis
Shoreline Community Church	Jamie Smith
Knights of Columbus #15337	Susan Knobloch

Memorials

Donor	To Honor the Memory of
Jeanne LaCross	John & Stella Dabrowski
Martin Nolan	Amy Nolan
Jeanne Strevey	Hunter O'Brien
Lawrence Finner	Valerie Finner
Christine Osterman	Peter & Florence Osterman
Jon Stewart	Christine Mary Stewart
Jan Bates	Christy Bowen
Helen Mulready	Michael Mulready



it's a
WONDERFUL



life
with
**Muskegon
County
Right to Life**
at the
Fruitport Old
Fashioned Days
Parade

Monday, May 27, 2024
Fruitport Middle School
3113 E. Pontaluna Road
Meet at 1PM – Parade at 2 PM

Please come in a white T-shirt as we want to look unified as a group.

Most women 'choose' abortion precisely because they believe they have no other choice. Michigan Right to Life has chosen to reclaim the word "CHOICE" in their new messaging. Check out their brand new website – rtl.org for more information and resources affirming the CHOICE for life.

If you are a person who supports our cause but are unable to help us in person, we have a powerful and valuable opportunity for you. Below is a prayer card that gives you the chance to "spiritually" adopt a child, who, somewhere in the world, who is in danger of abortion. The concept is simple: Pick a "conception" date, choose the sex of your child and name the child and commit to praying for this child and his/her Mother every day for 9 months, believing that on its birthdate that this child has been spared and born by the will of God. Simply cut out this card and begin. Thank you!

I have spiritually adopted an unborn baby and will pray for my baby every day for 9 months.

My baby is a Boy _____ Girl _____ Conceived On: _____

I have named my baby _____ Due Date: _____

Father and maker of all, You adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

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Charity Mobile sends 5% of your monthly plan price to the Pro-Life, Pro-Family charity of your choice!

Choose Muskegon County Right to Life as your charity of choice for your account.!

2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Yes! I want to help save lives.

**Please enroll me as a member of *Muskegon County Right to Life*
and *Right to Life of Michigan*.**

EMAIL _____

Name _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> New Mem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Bronze | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Silver | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Gold | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Platinum | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$_____ Other | |

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the Michigan *Right to Life* Newsletters

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or In Honor of...**

ENCLOSED IS MY GIFT OF:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DONATION MADE IN MEMORY OF:

DONATION MADE IN HONOR OF:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Father's Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speedy Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Please notify: _____

Address: _____

Our name is: _____

Address: _____

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