

# Right to Life of Shelby County

# Newsletter

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Building a Culture of Life in Shelby County, Ohio, since 1974

## Volunteer corner

Thank you to Nan Martino and Harriet Grieve, who managed the clothing center on Saturday mornings during farmer's market season.

Thank you to prayer chain members who intercede for women in troubled pregnancies, and for all those who continue to pray for RTL and for respect for life.

## Mark your calendar...

- Deadline for submissions to the November newsletter: October 21.

- Board meetings: October 6 and November 3, 7pm.

## Clothing center report

We served 210 people during the month of August, of whom 66 received free items, 3 took literature, and 2 were referred to the Women's Center.

Right to Life of Shelby County is a 501(c)(3) educational and service organization. All donations are fully tax-deductible.

## On the Web...

RTL of Shelby County:  
[www.shelbycountyrctl.org](http://www.shelbycountyrctl.org)

Ohio RTL:  
[www.ohiolife.org](http://www.ohiolife.org)

National RTL Committee:  
[www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)

## 40 Days for Life: Prayer and Action for Life

Our local observance of 40 Days for Life is off to a good start, with opening prayer services at Holy Angels, St. Michael's, and Sidney Apostolic Temple. It's not too late to get involved by participating in one of the remaining events in October. One meaningful way to do so is to spend time in prayer at the abortion clinic in Dayton: contact Lynn Springer (spring4@earthlink.net, 498-9985) or Kelly Staudt (492-1748) for more information. It's also a good time to send pro-life messages to your representatives and to write letters to the editor.

Please note changes/corrections in the schedule from the September newsletter. See our web site for the most up-to-date and complete schedule.

Every Sunday of October

Pro-life Stations of the Cross, Holy Angels Church, 6pm.

Sunday, October 4

Life Chain, Court Square, Sidney, 2:30-3:30 pm. Please park across street from courthouse. National Oratory winner Elizabeth Trisler to speak.

Monday, October 5

"Making Abortion Unthinkable: The Art of Pro-Life Persuasion." Workshop by Fr. Jason Bedel. Holy Angels Parish Meeting Center, 7pm (see page 3)

Friday to Sunday, October 9 to 11

Knights of Columbus 40 Hours Devotion, Holy Angels Church.

Sunday, October 11

Families for Life Event, Russia (see page 2)

Tuesday, October 13

Holy Angels School Living Rosary, Holy Angels Church, 2:20pm.

Tuesday, October 20

Elizabeth's New Life Center Fall Banquet, Shelby Oaks Golf Club. See [www.elizabethnewlife.org](http://www.elizabethnewlife.org) for more information.

Sunday, October 25

Pumpkin Lighting and Prayer Service, St. Michael's Church, Ft. Loramie, 7pm.

Sunday, November 1

Patriotic Rosary, Holy Angels, 6pm.

"Jesus himself has shown us by His own example that prayer and fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil. As he taught his disciples, some demons cannot be driven out except in this way. Let us therefore discover anew the humility and the courage to pray and fast so that the power from on high will break down the walls of lies and deceit; the walls which conceal from the sight of so many of our brothers and sisters the evil of practices and laws which are hostile to life" (John Paul II, Gospel of Life, no. 100).

## Families For Life: Russia, October 11

Formerly called the Respect Life Relay, Russia's Families for Life will be Sunday, October 11, 2-5:30 pm at St. Remy Hall.

Bring the entire family for a day of food, fun, and fellowship as we grow in knowledge and understanding of what every Christian needs to know about the pro-abortion agenda in today's society. To facilitate the various ages that will be attending, we will be dividing into groups during our guest speaker's talk, with adults and high school age hearing Jim Sedlak, Vice President of American Life League. Fr. Frank Amberger will speak with students in grades 5-8. Grades 1-4 will be working with CCD teachers and adults to do activities dealing with Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn. Those age 3 through kindergarten will be coloring and doing crafts.

Jim Sedlak is a pro-life, inspirational speaker who has given hundreds of talks on three continents. A former Senior Engineer with the IBM Corporation, Jim has spent over 15 years working full time in the pro-life movement. His expertise comes from being in the streets in front of Planned Parenthood, addressing school boards, city councils, state legislators, and members of Congress. His captivating speaking style leaves audiences informed and motivated!

For those wishing to stay, pork chop dinners will be served after the speaker. Pre-sale tickets for the dinners are available until Monday, October 5 for \$5 at St. Remy parish office or by calling 937-526-3437. A pre-sale ticket is required for dinner.

## Evert Blankets Area with Chastity Message

One important dimension of a complete pro-life message is sexual morality. Jason Evert, one of the best contemporary speakers on chastity, shared his message with a dozen local high schools and youth groups from September 8-11. As usual, feedback from students and adults alike was overwhelmingly positive. One principal commented that the presentation was better than he could have imagined; many teens changed their minds about being or becoming sexually active.

Area pro-life groups, including Shelby County RTL, helped to defray the cost of Evert's speaking tour.

For more information about Jason and his apostolate, see [www.pureloveclub.com](http://www.pureloveclub.com).

## Prayer for Respect for Life in Health Care

The health care reform debate continues to be distorted by deception concerning the role of federal funding for abortion. For reliable analysis, see [www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org). Meanwhile, we can pray:

Lord Jesus, you are the Divine Physician, and the source of all life and health. Guide our nation at this critical moment, as our government seeks health care reforms.

Give our elected officials the humility to know that they are servants, not masters.

Give them the wisdom to realize that every life has equal value.

Give them the strength to resist the idea that some lives can be sacrificed to save others, or that killing the unborn is a part of health care.

Give your people the courage to speak up and to hold public officials accountable for their actions.

Save us, Lord Jesus, from a culture of death, and let every reform in our public policy be based on the reform of our hearts and minds in the light of your Gospel, for you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer from [Priestsforlife.org](http://Priestsforlife.org).

## Learn to Defend Life

Would you like to have more confidence in arguing the pro-life position? Does not knowing how to answer the objections of a pro-abortion person cause you to shy away from your Christian duty to stand up for the unborn?

On Monday, October 5, at 7pm, Fr. Jason Bedel will offer a training session, "Making Abortion Unthinkable: The Art of Pro-Life Persuasion" at the Holy Angels Parish Meeting Center, 117 E. Water Street, Sidney. All are welcome.



## Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to Rose Meyer and all those who helped to make the Ft. Loramie Bike for Life a success. (Photo at left: A Bike for Life participant views the RTL display.)

Thank you to those who have contributed diapers and money for diapers. High demand continues for this service and we continue to need donations, especially for large sizes (4,5,6).

Thank you to Sally Naseman, who is retiring from RTL's board of directors. Sally helped to found RTL in 1974 and has been actively involved ever since as clothing center manager, speaker, and board member. Her extraordinary perseverance and courage are models for all of us.

Thank you to Connie McEldowney for donating the proceeds of her book signing, and to Ann Stidd for hosting the event at Silver Cross Catholic Books & Gifts.

## Two Easy Ways to Help

### ACTION ITEM



1. GoodSearching for Right to Life. Any member who uses the Internet can contribute to Right to Life easily without spending a dime. Go to GoodSearch.com, select "Right to Life of Shelby County" under "Who do you GoodSearch for?" and then make GoodSearch your preferred search engine. RTL gets a cent for every search. Hundreds of searches by hundreds of members will add up! RTL earns even more whenever you use the GoodSearch page to shop at online retailers such as Staples, Amazon, and Target.

It's so easy! Please go to your computer right now and make GoodSearch.com your home page.

2. Recycle those ink cartridges. One of RTL's major expenses is the laser cartridges that make this newsletter possible. If you have a laser or ink jet printer, bring your used cartridges in to the RTL office (or drop them off at Silver Cross Books in Ft. Loramie) and we can earn a \$3 credit per cartridge by recycling them at Staples.

## Ohio RTL Sweepstakes

Thank you to all who have purchased sweepstakes tickets this year. If you have not received your tickets, have misplaced them, or simply wish to buy more, please stop by the office, as we have plenty of extras on hand.

Please return your completed tickets with a donation of \$5 per 6 tickets (total donation for all tickets on both sheets would be \$15) to: Right to Life of Shelby County, PO Box 72, Sidney, OH 45365; or place in the secure drop box to the left of the office entrance on Poplar Street. All tickets must be received at our office by October 23.



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## Michigan Killing: One Instance of Anti-Life Violence

The following story is about the murder of pro-life demonstrator Jim Pouillon. The downplaying of this tragedy in the major media is one example of their pro-abortion bias. For a truer picture of the scale of the problem of violence against pro-life advocates, see [www.abortionviolence.com](http://www.abortionviolence.com).

Owosso, MI -- Jim Pouillon was known as the sign guy by residents of this otherwise sleepy local community 45 minutes northeast of Lansing, Michigan. But Pouillon was shot Friday morning as he did what he did best -- hold his pro-life sign outside of a local high school letting students and teaching know some of their peers are missing.

Cal Zastrow, a longtime pro-life advocate in Michigan knew Pouillon well, calling him a "close friend" and said he "got his martyr's crown this morning" after suffering multiple gunshots that claimed his life."

While Pouillon was active in protesting abortion -- and his death will bring up the issue of abortion and violence again in the wake of the shooting of late-term abortion practitioner George Tiller -- he always condemned violence as a solution to the violence of abortion.

"Jim was completely non-violent and he condemned violence," Zastrow said.

Judy Climer, president of Flint Right to Life, described Pouillon to the *Flint Journal* newspaper as "just a nice, elderly gentleman who was disabled, used an oxygen tank and wore leg braces." Climer said he would regularly visit abortion businesses in Flint and Saginaw to pray and hold pro-life signs.

"He told me one time God put in his heart a passion for the little babies that have the right to be born and they were being denied that right," said Climer. "He even told me once he'd be willing to die for that belief. That's what I hear him saying right now."

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