

Dates to Remember in 2023

- **March 23-25, 2023** (Thursday-Saturday) — **Garage Sale** at St. Remy Hall in Russia.
- **April 15, 2023** (Saturday)— **Essay contest** for Shelby County students. (Details on page 2.)
- **May 13, 2023** (Saturday) — **Golf Outing at Shelby Oaks Golf Course**. Shot gun start at 8:30am.

Check the [website \(Shelby County Right to Life\)](http://www.shelbycountyrctl.org) for more information on registration and sponsorships.

Annual Garage Sale in March

GARAGE SALE DATES: Thursday-Saturday, March 23-25, at St. Remy Hall in Russia.

Hours: 9am-7pm on Thursday & Friday; and 9am-12pm on Saturday.

TO DONATE: Drop items off at St. Remy Hall on Monday & Tuesday, March 20 & 21, from 9am-9pm (Donations will not be accepted after Tuesday). For other drop-off arrangements call the RTL office at 937-498-1812, **or** check with your church to see if they have a drop-off site. We ask that you continue to donate only clean and salable items (not torn or stained).

Pre-sorting of clothes by size is very helpful.

BAKE SALE in conjunction with the garage sale. Baked items may be brought to the garage sale on Wednesday, March 22, from 9am-7pm. Additional baked goods will be accepted throughout the sale.

VOLUNTEERS needed to work at the sale, Tuesday-Saturday. Questions: call Maria Hoehne at 937-638-3165. Your generosity each year is greatly appreciated!



Major Abortion Threat Aimed at Ohio Constitution

Two organizations, representing abortionists and others with a commercial interest in abortion, have filled language for a problematic amendment they are proposing to enshrine abortion in Ohio's Constitution. In addition to being a clear violation of human rights, the language of the proposed amendment appears to be in violation of Ohio's regulations for the amendment process. **Ohio has a single subject rule** for proposing Constitutional amendments to the voters. This important safeguard prevents the dilemma of voters having to decide on conflicting elements in a single ballot measure, as in this case. The amendment language proposed by the abortion cartel includes *contraception, fertility treatment, miscarriage care, and abortion*, and would force voters to make *one* yes-or-no vote for *four* distinct issues.

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Membership fees and donations can be made online from our homepage.

Credit card companies do deduct processing fees from amount donated, however.



Membership Renewal Reminder

Renewal letters were mailed in January, requesting membership fees by February 15. If not yet renewed, your newsletter will have a "Membership Due" stamp on it.

Thank you for your support!

Bimonthly newsletters are produced by Right to Life of Shelby Co. Director, Anne Schmiesing (director@shelbycountyrctl.org), and are available **with internet links** on our website: www.ShelbyCountyRTL.org. Look for this icon and click to view.



March-April Prayer Intentions

For the Ohio Ballot Board to exercise their duty properly regarding the proposed Constitutional amendment on abortion among other issues.

For a fruitful 40-Days for Life campaign during this Lenten season.



Pro-Life Oratory Contest Results

Fort Loramie High School senior Danielle Paulus is the 2023 winner of the Shelby County Right to Life regional Pro-Life Oratory Contest. Paulus won with a speech about the unethical use of human tissue, from aborted children, in various medical research applications. Paulus told the contest audience, “Throughout my preparation and research for this speech, I found the use of embryonic stem cells for vaccines, treatments, and research to be absolutely devastating, inhumane, and utterly wrong.”

The event was held Monday, February 20. Paulus won \$400, as well as the honor of moving on to the state level of this national contest. Other award winners were Magdalene Schmiesing (home-educated junior) and Hezekiah Bezy (Lehman Catholic High School senior) who tied for second place. Other schools represented, among the six contestants, were Russia High School and Christian Academy. The five to seven-minute speeches included the topics of abortion and stem cell research. Other topics allowed in the contest were doctor-prescribed suicide and infanticide.

Director, Anne Schmiesing, noted, “It’s clear that all the contest participants are top students. It takes a lot of courage and confidence to enter the contest, as well as academic commitment to do the necessary research. These students really dig into the facts relevant to protecting human life from the moment of conception onward.”

Thank you to contest judges Tara Adams, Don Rosenbeck, and Adam Vanderhorst; and our timer, Kathy Vogler. We are grateful for the yearly generosity of St. John’s Lutheran for use of their facilities.



Pictured (L-R): Josalin Morris (Christian Academy junior), Alexandria Gaerke (Russia High School junior), Hezekiah Bezy 2nd place tie (Lehman Catholic senior), Dani Paulus 1st place (Ft. Loramie High School senior), Magdalene Schmiesing 2nd place tie (home-educated junior). *Not pictured:* Olivia Mescher (Ft. Loramie High School senior) who participated remotely because of a conflict with a basketball playoff game.

Right to Life **Essay** Contest is Next

With the oratory contest over, students who prefer writing, over giving speeches, have a chance to enter a new pro-life contest. Any student residing in, or attending school in Shelby County may enter.

TOPIC: Why Stable Marriages are Important for a Culture of Life.

Grade 10-12 Category: Word count between 500-700 words.

Grade 7-9 Category: Word count between 300-500 words.

Awards of \$100 will be given to each of the top three essayists in each age category.

Send double-spaced, typed entries by PDF to director@shelbycountyril.org by April 15 (end of the day). Scans of legible, handwritten essays will also be accepted.

By submitting an entry, the contestant and parent or guardian confirm that the essay is the student’s original composition. Please include a brief bibliography.

Blast from the Past: Pioneers of Local ProLife Work

As we begin our 50th year since the founding of Shelby County Right to Life, we remember the local pioneers of the movement, who set us on a purposeful path to protecting all human life.

Pictured: A meeting (in the 1970s) of Shelby County Right to Life members with Ohio's US Representative Tennyson Guyer (serving from 1973 till he passed away in 1981).

Standing (L-R): Bob Meyer, Flo Meyer, (2 unidentified), Sally Naseman, (2 more unidentified)

Sitting (L -R): Marilyn (Hoehne) York, Rep. Tennyson Guyer, Mary Schmiesing

If you can, please help identify the four students in the back righthand side of this photo. Contact director@shelbcountyrtl.org with any clues you may have to the names of these individuals.



Scramble 4 Life Fundraiser

To advertise your business by being a sponsor of the May 13 golf outing, email scramble4life@gmail.com .

[Sponsorship information](#) and [player registration info](#) can be found on our webpage.

Thank you to Shelby County United Way

For a grant, allotted toward diapers
For parents struggling to make ends meet.

Shelby County Right to Life Thrift Shop Report

September-December 2022

1344 Customers

14 Work-to-earn shifts

41 New Clients

57 Emergency Assistance Clients

IN MEMORIAM

Right to Life continues its work for the protection of all human life, in honor of those who have offered time, prayer and other resources to this cause during their lifetimes.

In memory of: + Dolores Riethman +Samual Michael Herring

In whose names memorial donations were made in January and February.

May they rest in eternal peace.

Major Abortion Threat (continued from page 1)

A large number of people would vote differently on contraception, for example, than on abortion. And who would want to vote against miscarriage care? Yet, voters would be forced to vote one way on the bundle of four. Some voters would fear losing access to reproductive treatments if they voted against this ballot measure as worded, in spite of their desire to vote against abortion. This would be a serious injustice to the people of Ohio. We pray that Ohio's Ballot Board will execute their duty properly.

Not only do many abortion advocates have a commercial interest in selling abortions, many also appear to profit from fetal organ trafficking. In January, [Judicial Watch announced](#) that it filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to obtain records pertaining to transactions of human fetal organs by government agencies from abortionists. Such transactions violate federal regulations. There are consent issues, regarding harvesting organs from a pre-born child, but the idea of fetal organs contributing to medical research can be abused as leverage to convince a wavering mother to choose abortion. Enshrining abortion in Ohio's Constitution would perpetuate the unethical organ trafficking and would confer a commercial interest to the abortion industry. Ohio's amendment process, fortunately, has regulations addressing commercial interests being inserted in the Constitution. The ballot board will need to evaluate this.

The pro-abortion ballot initiative would undo even the moderate pro-life protections Ohioans were able to pass over the last 50 years while Roe v Wade was in effect. Ohio Right to Life's legal team confirms that the amendment would **eliminate parental consent requirements** for minors, and the **24-hour waiting period**; eliminate the **Down Syndrome Nondiscrimination Act**; **eliminate health and safety standards for abortion clinics**. It would **allow late-term abortions on demand, chemical abortions on-demand, and over-the-counter purchases**.

[American ProLifer](#) has a good summary of the status of the proposed amendment and a

Article from: [The Washington Stand](#)

20 State AGs: Abortion-by-Mail Scheme Is Unsafe, Illegal

Distributing abortion pills through the mail is unsafe and illegal under both federal and state law, [wrote](#) Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey and the attorneys general of 19 other states, in letters to the headquarters of national pharmacy chains [CVS](#) and [Walgreens](#). Both companies are seeking certification from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to dispense abortion pills through the mail. "We will use every tool at our disposal to uphold the law if broken," said Bailey.

The Missouri attorney general was joined on the letters by the attorneys general of Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia."

"Federal law expressly prohibits using the mail to send or receive any drug that will 'be used or applied for producing abortion.' [18 U.S.C. § 1461](#)," state the letters (the bodies of which are identical). "The text could not be clearer: 'every article or thing designed, adapted, or intended for producing abortion ... shall not be conveyed in the mails.' And anyone who 'knowingly takes any such thing from the mails for the purpose of circulating' is guilty of a federal crime."

While the law is clear, the letters suggested the confusion originated from another source. "In December, the Biden administration's Office of Legal Counsel encouraged the U.S. Postal Service to disregard this plain text."

"But," continue the letters, "the text, not the Biden administration's view, is what governs. And the Biden administration's opinion fails to stand up even to the slightest amount of scrutiny. The Biden administration's opinion admits that the plain text of § 1461 prohibits using the mail to send or receive any drug that will be used for abortion But then the Biden administration argues that the text should not be "[t]aken literally" by "marshalling a series of increasingly strange antitextual arguments."

[READ FULL ARTICLE HERE](#)