

## Annual Garage Sale in March

**GARAGE SALE DATES: Thursday-Saturday, March 25-27**, at St. Remy Hall in Russia.

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

**TO DONATE:** call the RTL office at 937-498-1812, **or** check with your church to see if they have a drop off site; **or** drop items off at St. Remy Hall on Monday & Tuesday, March 22 & 23, from 9 am-9 pm. Donations will not be accepted after Tuesday. 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 24, from 9 am-7 pm. Additional baked goods will be accepted throughout the sale.

**50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS** are available: [online](#), as well as at the Right to Life Office in Sidney, and at St. Remy Hall during the garage sale.

**VOLUNTEERS needed** to help work at the sale, Tuesday-Saturday. To sign up, please call Karen Rosenbeck at 937-526-5814. For questions, call Maria Hoehne at 937-638-3165.

Your generosity each year is greatly appreciated!



## Don't forget to Renew Your RTL Membership for 2021

Membership renewal is appreciated by March 15. Forms were sent at the beginning of February. For those members who receive their newsletters by email, your membership renewal letter was sent *by email only*. [Membership renewal forms](#) or an [online renewal option](#) (if you prefer to use a credit card) can be found at the SCRTL website, and can be printed and mailed along with a check, to the Right to Life office. If you prefer to use a credit card, you may do so on our website by clicking the "Donate, Join or Renew" button shown to the left. With so much uncertainty in 2020, our renewals were slightly lower than usual, but we are confident of renewed support of our mission for 2021. Thank you to those who have already renewed for 2021 and to those who helped us keep our doors open throughout the lockdowns, in order to serve those in need.



## Lenten Prayer and Witness

Please make prayer-to-end-abortion part of your Lenten journey. Make a pro-life impact by joining other pro-lifers on site at Dayton Women's Med Center at 1401 E Stroop Rd in Dayton (Kettering). This is one of a handful of abortion clinics left in Ohio. One of the goals of the 40 Days for Life movement is to help abortion providers escape the industry, just as Abby Johnson, the well-known former Planned Parenthood employee, did in 2009, along with at least 200 others since 2007. The exodus of abortion clinic workers has contributed to closure of some clinics.

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## Thrift Shop Report

### *Month of December*

214 Customers  
2 Work-to-Earn Shifts  
180 Units, Assistance Program

### *Month of January*

175 Customers  
108 Units, Assistance Program

## Lenten Prayer *Continued from page 1.*

Prayer and witness at abortion clinics also has a direct impact on saving individual lives. 40 Days for Life organizers report: "former abortion workers say that the 'no show' rate for an abortion appointment goes as high as 75% when there are people praying outside." Recently a 40 Days volunteer in Bakersfield, California reported that "a struggling family about to abort their sixth child chose life after vigil participants offered encouragement, free groceries, and other support." Not only was a life saved, but that family, in need of human kindness and generosity were providentially connected with those who could fill that need; and the lives of all were enriched in multifaceted ways. A desire to be a light to others is fulfilled by acting on that desire, going out and meeting others where they are. Please sign up, and bring a friend!



## INSPIRE! 2021 Local Pro-Life Speech Contest



**WHO:** All high school juniors and seniors (who are residents of Shelby County or attend a Shelby County high school).

**PRIZES:** \$500 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$250 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and \$100 for 3<sup>rd</sup>. The winner may advance to the virtual state contest (in May) and the National Contest (TBD).

**WHERE:** The pro-life speech contest is remote this year with video entries.

**HOW:** [Pre-register here](#) by March 8 at 11:59pm, for the Shelby County Contest. **Submit videos by March 15, 11:59pm to [HelpingHands@woh.rr.com](mailto:HelpingHands@woh.rr.com)** (use a small video file or link to a video platform such as Vimeo or Google Drive.)

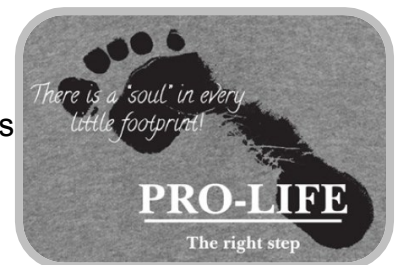
**WHAT:** Learn more at the [SCRTL Oratory Contest Pages](#). Contestants are to research, write, and present an original pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research that is **5-7 minutes in length**. Entries will *not* be judged on video quality, only on speech quality and content, but check out our [video submission guidelines](#).

Contact Anne Schmiesing at 937-658-3535 or [director@shelbycountyrctl.org](mailto:director@shelbycountyrctl.org) with questions; for more information; or if a student needs assistance recording the speech.

## T-Shirt Orders

Order t-shirts with this design (right) by calling 937-658-3535 or emailing [director@shelbycountyrctl.org](mailto:director@shelbycountyrctl.org). List quantity and sizes wanted. \$5 each for: 2T-4T, Youth XS-L and Adult S-XL. \$7.25 for 2XL; \$9.50 for 3XL. Pay at the RTL Thrift Shop in Sidney after

orders arrive. You'll be notified by April. Thanks to Mercer County RTL for spearheading the order.



In memory of Ruth and Norris Monnier, Rose Cordonnier,  
James Freytag and Nancy Nolte in whose names memorial donations were  
made to Right to Life. May they rest in peace.

## March-April Prayer Intentions

During these “40 Days for Life” we pray for abortion providers to have an enduring awakening—when they understand the dignity of the pre-born child and turn away from abortion practice and harm to women and families. Let them know forgiveness.



## Candlelight Vigil Reflections

*Around 100 people gathered for Shelby County’s annual Candlelight Vigil, in January, and were blessed to hear the inspiring witness of the founders of Morgan’s Place Cemetery and to have the Verdier family lead us in prayer (thanks to Malayna and Madison Verdier) Right to Life Program Director, Anne Schmiesing, also offered some reflections on the state of affairs in our nation following the 2020 election and was asked to share those words here.*

We, who seek a nation that respects life at all stages, lost much at the turn of the year. When a presidency changes hands, it is not just a change of presidents but there are many positions crucial to pro-life policy (in our own country and as influences in the world) that come and go with presidential elections. There were many exceptional, pro-life people—including a few associated with our community who have been mentioned in recent RTL newsletters—who are no longer in positions of influence as they had been before this election. They have already been replaced...replaced with collaborators of abortion providers like Planned Parenthood. Another four years of the pro-life people who had been at the UN, on executive ethics committees, and in other positions, would have benefited the preborn and other vulnerable people; but saving lives doesn’t always play out in the political sphere. And the political sphere certainly is not the realm of saving souls. But what now?

A number of times recently my thoughts have been directed to the Exodus story. Sometimes I do hear voices...in my house. Yes, it’s my kids; some of whom like to sing, a lot. One day when I was quietly meditating on the parting of the Red Sea, I heard, from another room, my daughter belting out, “Let My People Go.” You know the song from the animated movie *Prince of Egypt*. She could not have known what I was thinking, yet the same thing was on her mind.

Incidents like that make me wonder what God wants me to learn from them. The story of the Book of Exodus is not a direct parallel, of course, to our own times, but there are lessons to be learned. Ex. 14:14 says: *“The Lord will fight for you, you need only to be still.”* Does that mean we don’t need to do anything? No, that verse comes immediately before the Lord told Moses to lead his people into, and through, the Red Sea. He wasn’t asking them to stand still and do nothing; he asks his people to be still in heart and to trust. To actually walk into the Red Sea, though, would require a stillness of heart which gives courage to do what otherwise would seem foolhardy. But it was not the Israelites themselves who freed an enslaved people. It was God. And he often does things in what we would see as very unconventional and surprising ways.

Psalms 46:10 says, again about stillness: *“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations. The Almighty Lord is with us.”* God can be exalted among the nations, even when the leaders of those nations do not respect God or his people.

Those who fear and love God can make a difference. You all know the story preceding the Exodus. At the time of Moses’s birth the Egyptian pharaoh had enslaved the Hebrews, “But (scripture tells us) the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread,” even after the ruler ordered the slaughter of each newborn boy. The book of Exodus tells us that many of the newborn boys were saved “because of women who feared God—those who refused to comply with the Pharaoh’s destruction of life. And God was kind to them and the people increased, becoming even more numerous.” Moses was one who was saved, and through him many others! Ultimately, however, it was not the entreaties of Moses to the nation’s ruler that saved his people, it was the acts of God, unusual as they were, which could not have been predicted or expected. But God chose to work through those who listened to his call. Let us also heed and respond.



Artwork in the RTL work area reminding staff of our mission of service.

# Scramble for Life Golf Outing

## Save the Date!

Date: May 8, 2021

**Shotgun Start:**  
8:30am

**Location:**  
Shelby Oaks Golf Club  
Sidney, OH

**Entry Fees:**  
\$200 per 4-person team  
(Cost Includes Lunch)



**To Register a Team or Sponsor the Event Contact:**  
Julia at 937-489-9129 (Call or Text)  
[scramble4life@gmail.com](mailto:scramble4life@gmail.com) (E-Mail)

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## Chemical Abortions Spreading

Ohio's Induced Abortion Report for 2019 indicated the expansion of chemical abortions administered by abortionists remotely. As Jessica Warner of ORTL reported in January, the Abortion Report “shows that abortions are now being committed in Ohio counties that don't have an abortion facility—but do have a Planned Parenthood ‘health’ center.” Although the inconsistently applied government restrictions on surgical procedures during the spring of 2020 did not include the closure of surgical abortion facilities, there is reason to believe, nonetheless, that abortion practitioners ramped up their chemical abortion practices during that time. And there's no reason to believe the abortionists would reverse that trend once the government has decided the pandemic is at an end.

Instructions for chemical abortions given remotely are labeled as telemedicine abortions; but abortion is not medicine and there are intrinsic dangers to chemical abortions which women are left to deal with at home. The disturbing nature of this practice has been described by many who have experienced it; recently and notably through Abby Johnson's story in the movie *Unplanned*.

To curb this growing trend, Ohio legislators passed a bill, in December, banning “telemed” abortions. The Ohio Capital Journal reported (Dec. 18) that several Democrat legislators expressed disapproval of the abortion ban, comparing “telemed” abortions to telehealth services in the fields of counseling and various types of therapy. They failed to acknowledge, however, the vast difference between chemical abortions which have very real and concerning *physical* impacts, versus online or phone counseling and therapies (such as for speech pathology) that primarily involve verbal communications anyway and can easily and effectively be done via telecommunications. Pastoral Solutions Institute, a counseling center with ample experience helping families remotely, states: “Extensive research has been conducted on telepsychology and the results are overwhelmingly positive....In fact, research has shown that many clients were even more satisfied with tele-counseling because of the increased confidentiality [and] convenience.” In contrast, the death of a child through abortion is in no way positive, regardless of how it is administered.