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**October 2022**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

If you would like the file emailed to you, please contact us at [info@ClarkCountyRightToLife.com](mailto:info@ClarkCountyRightToLife.com).

3rd Mondays  
Thursdays

Monthly meeting at 5:00 p.m. at Right to Life Office  
Office hours from 2 to 4 p.m.

October 29  
January 20, 2023  
January 22, 2023  
March TBD  
April 23, 2023  
May 14, 2023  
June TBD  
July TBD  
September TBD  
October TBD

Annual LifeTech Conference– Virtual  
March for Life 2023 in Washington, D.C.  
Advertisement placed in Springfield News Sun  
Clark County Right to Life Oratory Contest  
Pro-Life Education Fair at Location to be Determined  
Mother's Day  
Ride, Walk or Run for Life  
Clark County Fair Baby Photo Contest and Facebook Contest  
Memorial ceremony at St. Bernard's Memorial Bench  
Life Chain 2-3:30 PM

*“Life is too precious, do not destroy it.” Mother Teresa*



**CLARK CO. RIGHT TO LIFE HOLDS BABY PHOTO CONTEST AT THE CLARK COUNTY FAIR AND ON FACEBOOK!**

Right to Life is a national and state organization dedicated to the preservation and sanctity of the unborn child. All children are gifts from God. For the past 43 years the Springfield Chapter has held a baby photo contest at the Clark County Fair. To enter, parents submit a photo of their baby and the public votes. This year we had 14 contestants at the Fair and 241 on Facebook. Each baby’s photo was adorable. We want to thank each baby and their parents for entering our baby contest.

Clark County Right to Life would like to invite all area residents to become more involved in this local ministry. More help is needed all the time. We are located at 616 N. Limestone St., Springfield, OH 45503. Call our office for meeting times and locations. 937-521-8401 on Thursdays 2:00-4:00 pm. Let’s help Springfield become a Sanctuary City of Life!

**PRUDENT PRO-LIFE ACTION**

Communication is essential with our government leaders. They need to be aware of the cherished pro-life position and activity of constituents. Life is a sacred gift and requires reverence! Vigilant and prudent action is our responsibility. Please plan to communicate with Ohio political leaders: our Governor, legislators, and the seven Ohio Supreme Court Justices for the continued triumph of pro-life values. Requesting a reply would be appropriate.

**PRO-LIFE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES**

Trustworthy resources are essential for understanding the value of human life. Secular media is notorious for bias, superficiality and intentional omissions. This creates confusion. The following pro-life websites are very useful to consult so that worldly deception and traps are

- 1) lifenews.com
- 2) silentnomoreawareness.org
- 3) stopp.org
- 4) patientsrightscouncil.org
- 5) thomasmoresociety.org
- 6) lldf.org



**HOMILY – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle C**  
**Isaiah 66:10-14c Gal 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**



*“Peace! Peace be to you!...Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, let the word of God dwell in you richly.”* As we celebrate our nation’s birth this weekend – our freedoms and our blessings as a country and individually - it is appropriate that our focus be on peace. Especially at a time when there is so much acrimony and distrust, so much violence and hatred, so much competition and contention. Jesus calls us in our gospel to bring peace to all those we encounter. We are to be the peacemakers by allowing God’s Word – his truth – to dwell within us so deeply that it controls our hearts in every way. We are called in a special way to be the carriers of peace out to a world beset by violence, hatred and acrimony.

Let me share a couple key thoughts about this in the short time I have. First, we must always and everywhere defend the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. The peace, truth, and love of Jesus are not consistent with the violence of abortion. Life is sacred! The over sixty million children taken from us by abortion cry out for justice and peace. We as a nation have become desensitized to what abortion is. Many are repulsed by abortion, but have come to see it as a necessary evil.

We as Catholics in particular, need to work to remove the circumstances which make abortion appear to be necessary; and expose it for the evil it is! We need to replace the violence of abortion with the peace and hope of life. In his encyclical, *The Gospel of Life*, St Pope John Paul II challenges us to assess our efforts saying, *“With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today...With equal clarity and determination, we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth.”* He tells us *The Gospel of Life* is at the heart of Jesus’s saving message to the world. It is the peace and truth we are called to give voice to. As the discussion of the abortion issue returns to the states, we need to enter into dialogue to foster a *Culture of Life* to change hearts and minds. Pope Francis challenges us to make our parishes *“islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference.”* They should become sanctuaries of peace for Moms in Need!

We need to recognize the constancy which exists at the very center of every abortion. Abortions are performed for a variety of reasons, ranging from pure convenience to rape and incest. But no matter the circumstances leading up to an abortion, every abortion involves both a child and a woman. Our best defense for the children is to help the mothers see past their crisis of the moment, to a life of hopefulness and potential, for both themselves and their child. We must defend, protect and value both lives with the passion of Christ, seeing in each the image and presence of God himself.

We have much work to do in creating a Culture of Life. It starts by better understanding the challenges which lead women to consider abortion as an option. So often, women do so because no other viable options seem apparent. A pregnancy can bring chaos and fear when unwanted or unexpected. A woman may be faced with overwhelming financial and / or emotional challenges. This is particularly true for the poor and those who have no family support system. In SVdP, we see the consequences of these circumstances with regularity. Others may feel their careers or life plans are suddenly in jeopardy. We cannot ignore these challenges or set them to the side. They are real struggles; and women can find hope and joy for the future being quickly drained from their lives.

Jesus is sending us as His disciples, with His message of Good News to share. It is His values we are called to uphold and promote, His spirit of mercy and compassion and forgiveness we are called to communicate. The more we do, the more we come to know Him, and the more deeply we allow Him to live within us, the more powerful and life changing will be our presence in the lives of those we encounter, in our families and in our communities.

Let us be nourished and fueled by the Eucharist, guided by prayer, and graced with the *Joy of the Gospel*, as we strive to touch the hearts of those confronted with abortion that they may embrace life over death. The peace of Christ to each of you and your household!

**Deacon Mike Lyman full sermon can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/r5UjLCdzqOI>**

## A LIFE SAVING FILM

I was only 14 years old when I decided I wanted answers. I needed to know the truth about what abortion really is. That is when my passion became saving the unborn. I began to create educational videos on the truth about abortion. Then, earlier this year, I heard about the pro life speech contest for Clark County. I knew I had to join. I moved onto the state competition, but I did not make it to the national competition.

My grandfather, who had gone to listen to my speech a few weeks prior, met a man in Georgia who was producing a pro life film. He told the man that he had a granddaughter that is extremely passionate about abortion and asked if there would be any way I could help. I was given a position as the set design assistant and drove over 500 miles to be a part of this film.

I saw God work in astounding ways while being a part of this film. There was a day when we had to film outside. It was pouring rain, so we all took a break from setting up and just prayed. As we were praying, we could hear the rain begin to slow. By the time we said "amen," the rain had completely stopped. God held the rain off that day until the moment we were done packing up for the night and then it began to pour again. So many people found healing through the making of this film. One of the days we had some difficult scenes to film, and every person that was there just sat and cried for the children whose lives have been taken. On the last morning of filming, we all met at 6am to pray, worship, and thank God for having his hand over us during the filming.

It was such an amazing experience being surrounded by so many pro life people all with the same goal, to save babies and honor God. I am so excited to see how God moves through this film. I know that lives will be saved, changed, and healed when it is released. I am beyond grateful that God provided this opportunity for me to be a part of this life saving film.

Presley Drewery



## CHOOSE LIFE! IT'S ALWAYS RIGHT !

Historically, this has been an issue of opposition. Pro life advocates are grateful for the God given gift of life and pursue the cause zealously. The pro-choice or anti- life advocates utilize a pragmatic philosophy regarding the decision of life or death.

Legislators at federal and state levels have exercised significant dominion, and unless citizens profess their advocacy for pro life laws, horrendous division and deterioration can occur within a country in a multitude of ways. Prayer and prudent action are necessary and major instruments for the triumph of pro life legislation at all stages of life.

Are you aware of the pro life progress that was made with the judicial decision to overturn Roe v. Wade? That reversion occurred on June 24, 2022 by the United States Supreme Court. Ohio's 2022 Heartbeat Bill bans abortion after six weeks of gestation. That is an improvement, but the goal is to disallow the abortion procedure totally if one believes in the sacredness of life !

Citizens must communicate respect for the sanctity of human life to their leaders: local community, state officials, federal officials, and the White House President. Have you ever participated in this activity? This can be done in a variety of ways: email, conventional mail, telephone, a meeting on site with the appropriate person.

If citizens courageously witness to the gift of life and its preservation, society will triumph and true peace will reign. Continue to unite as FAMILY to defend the gift of life. Responsible voting in the November 2022 General Election is a duty to promote the well being of society's life.

## PRAYER FOCUS: FIRST RESPONDERS EVERYWHERE

I had just returned to my car in the parking lot of a local hospital. It was about noon on a Friday. I had thrown my purse into the car and I had climbed into the driver's seat, observing as I did so, that it was extremely warm and humid, typical of July in Ohio.

As I switched on the ignition, I noticed, not six feet from my car, a wheelchair that was at rest under a large shrub. In it was a small man, who was still as a stone. I mentally congratulated him for resting in the shade, given the heat and humidity. But then I noticed that he was not moving and he appeared to be a strange color. I watched him for a while and decided that he needed help. I took off in my car to report the situation.

As I rounded the corner, still on the campus of the hospital, I observed three nurses power walking in their scrubs and sneakers. Possibly it was their lunch hour.

I pulled along side and rolled down my window. "Excuse me," I said, "On the north side of the hospital there is a gentleman in a wheelchair that does not look well at all." I didn't even get to finish my sentence. These three nurses were off in a flash.

I really do not know what became of the gentleman in the wheelchair. I sort of wondered. I still do. I also know that in that moment I gained a new appreciation for those who earn a living by looking after others in difficult situations such as this.

In Galatians 6:2 it says "Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." What a marvelous example these three ladies were to all of us.

Prayer: Our dear heavenly Father, we pray for those who help in hard situations day after day. Give them your peace and your strength. Let them feel your presence when they need it most. Thank You. Amen

Galatians 6: 1 and 2

Linda Ervin, Ohio



## PRO LIFE WITNESS OPPORTUNITY

Vehicle communication with auto magnets is extremely popular. Clark County Right to Life can offer you an artistic one which was designed this past summer and promotes the sanctity of life. The picture of the magnet in this newsletter should provide insight and help you make a decision. One must take the precaution to use it on a non-plastic vehicle surface and that seems to exclude the rear bumper. Posting it on the trunk lid, side door, or rear window area are successful choices. Contact Clark County Right to Life by telephone or email if you would like to make arrangements to receive one. The contact information is on the front page of the newsletter. There are local churches who have been instrumental in its introduction to their church communities. We are delighted with their participation!

**Clark County Right to Life Officers**

**Elected on 9-17-22**

President: Steve Cornett

Vice President: Shelby Lindner

Secretary: Lois Bravard

Treasurer: Ed Russ

**Clark County Right to Life Committees**

Finance: Ed Russ

Education: Pam Juergens/Dave Banaszak

Legislative: Lois Bravard

Membership:

Youth Membership: Shelby Lindner

Office Manager: Dave Banaszak

Volunteer Coordinator: Ruth Eblin

Newsletter Editor: Chelsea Martinez

**Submissions for Lifelines Newsletters**

To submit an article for Lifelines send articles by email to [info@ClarkCountyRightToLife.com](mailto:info@ClarkCountyRightToLife.com) by the following dates: April Lifelines by March 15, October Lifelines by Sept. 15

**BE SURE TO CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES**

(Accurate until January 2023)

Clark County Representatives

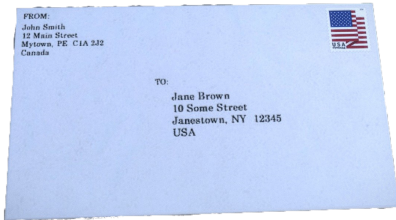
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Kyle Koehler(614) 466-2038

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Robert Hackett (614) 466-3780

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Richard Lohnes  
Lowell McGlothlin  
Melanie Flax-Wilt

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Warren Davidson(937) 339-1524



**NOTIFICATION OF ADDRESS CHANGE**

If you have changed your residential address and receive the Right to Life newsletter by conventional mail, please telephone or email the Right to Life office of your current address. That information is on the front page of the newsletter. In this way, the postal carrier will not be returning them to our office. It will eliminate mailing expense for us. Thank you.

**I want to begin or continue membership in Clark County Right to Life!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check to receive Newsletter by email  Check to continue  or not continue to receive newsletter by mail

Donation enclosed (\$20 Membership or More) \_\_\_\_\_ (THANK YOU!)

Participate in Ride Run or Walk for Life, (June) (No Entry Fee) \_\_\_\_\_

I can volunteer to help Right-to-Life with (circle as many as you like):

Fundraising    Contacting officials    Fair/Baby Photo contest    Speaking    Office work    Web Site Ads/  
Marketing    Newsletter    Ads/petitions    Membership    Legislative    Education    Maintenance

Other ways I want to help \_\_\_\_\_

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