

Dates to Remember

March 24-26, 2022 (Thursday-Saturday) — **Garage Sale** at St. Remy Hall in Russia.

May 14, 2022 (Saturday) — **Golf Outing at Shelby Oaks Golf Course**. Shot gun start at 8:30am.

May of 2022 — Important primary elections. It's not too early to promote pro-life candidates.

Annual Garage Sale in March

GARAGE SALE DATES: **Thursday-Saturday, March 24-26**, at St. Remy Hall in Russia.

Hours: 9am-7pm on Thursday & Friday; and 9am-12pm 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 21 & 22, from 9am-9pm. 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 23, from 9am-7pm. 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. For questions, call Maria Hoehne at 937-638-3165. Your generosity each year is greatly appreciated!



Local Pro-Life Candlelight Vigil

The annual Candlelight Vigil was held Thursday, January 20th, at the Shelby County Courthouse, in commemoration of the anniversary of Roe v. Wade and the millions of lives lost to abortion since that time. Jacob Larger, of New Bremen, addressed the crowd, drawing on his legal background to share his belief that, "Ohio should take the lead in streamlining our adoption laws and regulations, because an adoptive family should not need a team of attorneys and thousands of dollars to bring a loved one into their lives."



In addition to commemorating the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion, those attending the event prayed in anticipation of the upcoming Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Center which is expected to curb laws allowing abortion, even to the extent of overturning them.

A prayerful outdoor candlelight procession followed and the event concluded with a send-off for the buses headed to the March for Life in Washington DC.

March-April Prayer Intentions

2

As the spring “40 Days for Life” begins March 2nd, we pray for abortion providers to have an enduring awakening, to understand the dignity of the pre-born child, to turn away from abortion, and to stop harming women and families. May they know forgiveness.



Pro-Life Oratory Contest, Shelby County Students

The 2022 pro-life speech contest is on the books, with Fort Loramie senior, Lauren Bergman, taking the top prize. The contest was open to any high school junior or senior attending school in Shelby County.

Second place went to Jada Drees, also a senior at Fort Loramie High School, and there was a tie for third place between Elizabeth Jock and Olivia Borchers, seniors at Lehman Catholic and Fort Loramie High Schools, respectively. Prizes for 1st through 3rd place were \$400, \$250 and \$100, respectively. The winner (or alternate) receives an additional \$100 if participating at the state contest in May. The three judges for the contest were: Timothy Buechter (a religious studies student, currently working full time), and two employees of the Maria Stein Shrine: Diana Russell (Director of Development) and Fred Wiswell (Pilgrim Gift Shop Manager).

Pictured (l-r) are oratory award winners: Bergman, Borchers, Drees and Jock.



In her winning speech, Bergman shared the impact that a local pro-life memorial display had on her: “I saw rows upon rows of blank white crosses lined up, each one representing a million deaths from abortion. These crosses reminded me of Arlington. Yes, Arlington, the military graveyard where thousands of soldiers are buried.” She cited the “jaw-dropping number” of 63 million abortions that have happened under Roe v. Wade. Bergman encourages people to become involved in protecting pre-born children from abortion and described some of the many organizations that provide support for families in need.

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:

+Bob Schaub +Callie Ruffer
+Nancy Wood +Madonna Vehorn
+Margaret Luthman +Patricia Kerg
+Adam Simon +Velma Holdeide

In whose names memorials were made in January and February.



Pictured: Beautiful blankets donated to RTLSC. Material donated by Random Acts of Christian Kindness (RACK) and assembled by Daughters of the Immaculate Heart and Rosa Mystica girls groups from St. Remy Parish, Russia.

♥ Thank You!

Membership Renewals for 2022

3



Membership forms were sent at the beginning of February and many have already been processed. Membership renewal is appreciated by March 15. If you prefer to pay by credit card, please do so via the [online renewal option](#) at the SCRTL website. The 2022 membership form can be printed or emailed from the [Right to Life homepage](#).

Thank you to those who have already renewed. We are grateful for your financial support as we work to be generous and prudent stewards of the resources given to benefit those in need in our community.

April is Pro-Life T-Shirt Month

Shelby County Right to Life will once again be offering pro-life t-shirts designed and produced by Mercer County Right to Life. Shirts will be available in April at the Sidney Thrift Shop. No pre-orders.

Shelby County at National March For Life Future Marches May Focus on States

About 70 people rode the Shelby County Right to Life buses to the National March for Life in DC in January. The majority were Lehman Catholic High School Pro-Lifeguards, along with students from Russia, and other participants, all pictured below at the Lincoln Memorial, where Director Anne Schmiesing spoke briefly to the group about similarities between abortion and slavery being legal. “It is possible for a large number of people to support something that utterly disregards human dignity,” she stated. “It happened with slavery; many people at the time supported pro-slavery candidates with their votes. It would be unthinkable today, yet the same thing happens with abortion. It shouldn’t take a bloody, Civil War to establish legal protection for pre-born children and their parents. Our votes matter.”

With the possibility of the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*—by June, or possibly as early as March—there is some anticipation that future March for Life efforts will focus on states. Although it may seem most likely that the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* would mean “sending abortion legislation to the states,” Schmiesing was adamant, “that’s not what overturning *Roe v. Wade* should look like.” Notably, Robert P. George (Princeton) and John Finnis (Notre Dame Law) submitted compelling arguments in the

Supreme Court hearing, that abortion is unconstitutional. There is substantial legal precedent, before 1973, of legal protection for pre-born human beings. This precedent extends as far back as English Common Law, instrumental in the US founding.

“We wouldn’t send *slavery*, ‘back to the states,’” Schmiesing noted, “and it would be atrocious to allow states to decide how or when or under what conditions to allow *homicide* in their states; so why on earth would we allow states to decide how or when or at what age a pre-born child can be killed in the womb!”



Joe Biden's Radical Abortion Litmus Test for Judges

President Biden announced his nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court to replace Justice Stephen Breyer.

[The nominee, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson](#), is currently a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. As a private practice attorney, Judge Jackson once represented a number of pro-abortion advocacy groups, including NARAL Pro-Choice America.

In an interview with The New York Times editorial board in January 2020, Joe Biden was asked what he would look for in a nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court. He said: "They have to have an expansive view of the Constitution. Recognize the right to privacy, unenumerated rights that exist in the Constitution... that means I know they will in fact support Roe v. Wade."

"President Biden made a campaign promise to impose an abortion litmus test on his nominees and we think it is extremely important that Senators take the time to carefully examine Judge Jackson's record and her judicial philosophy. The American people deserve a Supreme Court justice who will interpret the Constitution according to its actual text and history rather than one who would trample the Constitution to promote the radical pro-abortion agenda of the Democratic party and Biden administration," said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life.

Tobias continued, "To the detriment of both women and their unborn babies, Joe Biden and the Democratic Party have clearly made abortion on demand their core issue."

By Laura Echevarria. LifeNews.com. Feb 25, 2022. Used with permission.

Morgan's Place Cemetery—a local plot designated for humane burial of children who die before birth—is bringing a pro-life speaker to Fort Loramie April 4. Joe Knopp, producer of the powerful pro-life movie, *UnPlanned*, and candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Ohio, will inspire attendees with his story of becoming an orphan at age 7, and directing those tragic days toward a career as a Hollywood movie producer.

**JOIN US ON MONDAY, APRIL 4TH, AT
ST. MICHAEL'S HALL IN FORT LORAMIE.**

6:00 Cash Bar and Music by Danny Schneible
6:30 Dinner
7:00 Presentation by Joe Knopp
7:30 Viewing the movie - I Can Only Imagine

Meet and Greet opportunities during the movie and directly after.

RAFFLE FOLLOWING THE MOVIE

Tickets are \$25.00 per person, presale only and may be purchased at:

- Silver Cross in Fort Loramie
- Believe Art from the Heart in Anna
- Right to Life of Shelby County in Sidney
- Shelby County Historical Society in Sidney

MORGAN'S PLACE CEMETERY

INVITES YOU TO
**A NIGHT WITH
THE PRODUCER**
FEATURING CHRISTIAN MOVIE PRODUCER

Joe Knopp
PRODUCER

Joe's inspirational story tells of his journey from a seven year old orphan to the award winning producer of the movies *UnPlanned*, *I Can Only Imagine*, *Woodlawn* and *The Trump I Know*. Joe has a passion for telling true impactful stories that provide hope to those in need. Joe's personal journey of surviving the streets of Philadelphia, enlisting in the U.S. Air Force, serving wealthy families, and now producing Hollywood movies is a testament to God's purpose for our lives.

Joe has been married to Angie since 2002 and together they have three children.

The event includes dinner and entertainment, including a showing of another of Knopp's acclaimed movies, *I can only Imagine*, with opportunities to meet with the producer himself. Cash bar begins at 6pm.

Last day to order tickets for "A Night with the Producer" is March 18th by 5pm. Tickets are available at the Right to Life office or online at [Morgan's Place Facebook posts \(Feb 21\)](#) using simplyk.io fundraising solutions.