

## Ohio's March for Life

Thousands of pro-life Ohio residents gathered to support unborn babies' right to life Wednesday at their state capital for the first ever Ohio March for Life (on October 5). Photos and videos from the event show thousands of pro-lifers on the lawn outside the Ohio Statehouse, holding signs that read "Life wins," "Remember the unborn," "Equal rights begin in the womb," and "Pray to end abortion" before they marched through the streets of Columbus to remind their state about the value of every human life.

"The Buckeye state IS pro-life undeniably!" Ohio Right to Life communications director Lizzie Whitmarsh tweeted from the event. "This is how you build a culture of life!" Ohio Right to Life added.

The march took place after the 100<sup>th</sup> day since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* and allowed states to begin protecting unborn babies from abortion again. Ohio currently is fighting in court to enforce its heartbeat law, which bans abortions once an unborn baby's heartbeat is detectable, about six weeks of pregnancy. If enforced, the law would save tens of thousands of unborn babies' lives, and a recent poll found public support for the law. In 2020, there were 20,605 abortions reported in Ohio.

Aaron Baer, president of the Center for Christian Virtue, which helped sponsor the March for Life, said protecting unborn babies is a priority in Ohio. "Ohio is a pro-life state. From the passage of the Heartbeat Bill to the pregnancy centers throughout our 88 counties, Ohio has made protecting unborn children and their mothers a priority," Baer said ahead of the march. "This year's March for Life will be a celebration of all we've accomplished and a recommitment to serving those in need."

*By Micaiah Bilger, LifeNews.com, Oct 5, 2022. Edited for space.*



*Pictured: Pro-lifers who rode the Shelby County Right to Life bus to Columbus (above); members who traveled separately (right); University students heading the procession (below).*



Over 200 pro-lifers from Shelby County and the surrounding area contributed to the large crowd at the capital. Shelby, Darke, and Mercer Counties each filled a bus, and many individuals made the drive on their own.



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



## November-December Prayer Intentions

For parents struggling to support their children, facing uncertain job security, and inadequate transportation; that God would provide for those in need of a vehicle for travel to work or to secondary education courses at local colleges. For our community to heed Your call to be Your hands and feet for those in need.



## Right to Life Board Member Stands As Pro-Life Witness Amid Protests

Shortly after Roe v. Wade was overturned, some pro-abortion Ohioans scheduled a protest rally, at the Shelby County courthouse, which Right to Life-SC decided to monitor, since there had been many threats and instances of vandalism and violence leading up to and following the Dobbs decision in June. Due to a miscommunication, one of our board members attended the rally thinking it was a PRO-LIFE rally, but she quickly discovered her mistake. The rally was poorly attended (by about a dozen people), but of those attending, our board member reported: "These people have much hatred and pent up anger. It was a very stressful position to be in. The organizers of the protest were not local but from Troy and socially networked. It was wild at first because I had a pro-life shirt on, which set one woman over the edge. She was in my face, pointing her finger at me, (irrelevantly) calling me a bigot and racist. I stayed the entire time, however, smiling and praying. When anyone came to ask me what I thought about the 10 year old incest victim or the girls who have miscarriages but are charged with murder, I told them about the many resources we have here in Shelby County and that we are here to support all life. When they were leaving, the woman who first was screaming at me came over to apologize. The Spirit told me to stay and let the holy work happen."

## Ohio General Election Nov 8

The election of **Ohio Supreme Court Justices** who are principled, pro-family, pro-life men and women is a crucial part of this election cycle. Research the candidates!

The ballots for all parts of Shelby County are identical, EXCEPT for US Congress races, where District 4 (northern) and District 15 (southern) divide the county (as shown in [the background map.](#))

Sample ballots can be found at the Shelby County Board of Elections website, and helpful information about candidates can be found at [iVoterGuide.com](#) and [BuckeyeBallot.com](#). Printed Buckeye Ballot booklets are also available at the Shelby County Right to Life Thrift Shop, in downtown Sidney. **LINKS TO CANDIDATE INFO BELOW.**

### For Northern Shelby County:

[iVoterGuide District 4](#)

[Buckeye Ballot District 4](#)

[Sample Ballot District 4](#)

### For Southern Shelby County:

[iVoterGuide District 15](#)

[Buckeye Ballot District 15](#)

[Sample Ballot District 15](#)

Day-of voting is preferred by many, but early in-person voting hours can be found at the [Shelby County Board of Elections page](#).

If you have a family member who is recently deceased, **make sure they are no longer on the voter registry.**



## 40 Days for Life Events Continue Now through November 6

Consider participating in **prayer and witness** at the **Dayton abortion center** (Women's Med) which unfortunately is still committing abortions because of an activist judge tying up Ohio's Heartbeat Law.

Sign up for a shift at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/dayton>.

## Shelby County Right to Life Thrift Shop Report June-August

843 Customers  
14 Work-to-earn shifts  
33 New Clients  
56 Emergency Assistance Clients

**Needed:** Winter coats, boots, snow pants, holiday dresses, and winter shirts/pants. We also need donations of TIME! Who can help with construction alterations on the float? Email [director@shelbyCountyRTL.org](mailto:director@shelbyCountyRTL.org)

## Right to Life Founders Joined to Bear Good Fruit

When Mary Schmiesing and Patricia Kerg joined together to form Right to Life of Shelby County, little did they know that their families would one day be inextricably joined through their mutual descendants. When Right to Life-SC celebrated the work of our founding members this summer, as we witnessed Roe v Wade overturned, among those celebrating were members of the Kerg-Schmiesing family, pictured below.

Joseph Schmiesing is the son of Mary and Harold Schmiesing. Erica (Kerg) Schmiesing is the granddaughter of Patricia and James Kerg, (Sr). Mary and Patricia were 2 of the 3 women who signed incorporation papers for Shelby County Right to Life in 1974. Nearly 50 years later, many of their children and grandchildren continue the pro-life witness! Joe and Erica have 8 children, who live and work at Providence Cottage Farm in Anna.

*We need  
community!*

*We need  
dedicated  
families!*

*Be a pro-life  
witness in your  
daily life.*



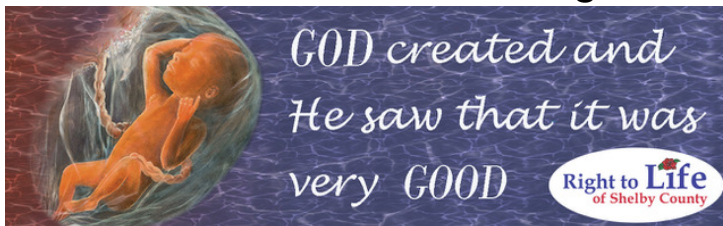
*Pictured, L to R:*

*Harold & Mary  
Schmiesing,*

*Erica & Joseph  
Schmiesing with  
their 8 children,*

*Erica's parents,  
Lisa & Chris Kerg.*

Look for our life-affirming billboards at various Sidney locations.



## 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:

+Benjamin Berning, +Dan Groff,

In whose names memorial donations were made in September and October.

May they rest in eternal peace.

# CULTURE OF LIFE NIGHT

for Young Adults

(HS graduates 18-30 years old)

The clock is running and the date is  
**Saturday, October 29**



At the K of C Hall in Sidney (1300 4th Ave, Sidney, OH)

7pm-11pm

No cost to attend

**What to bring:** A friend or two; Any game you want to play;  
Snacks and/or (non-alcoholic) beverages to share.

**It's Game Night & You're Invited!**



Why this community building event?

We need each other! In times of societal confusion and turmoil, as we face today,  
There is a human need to band together, with like-minded people, to know you're not alone, and to  
Build up a Culture of Life!

1st 20 people to arrive will be eligible for door prizes.

The evening will begin with a brief game of Pro-Life Trivia and  
information on supporting life in and around Shelby County.  
Then the games begin!

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Thank You to the Dorothy Love  
Quilting Group for your beautiful  
donations for our clients.

**Pictured, L to R:**

Seated - Volunteers Sally  
Naseman, Arlene Hartings.

Standing - Carol Prenger, Right to  
Life Rep. Jennifer Bohman, Barb  
Monnin, Janet Hoying,  
Independent Activities Coordinator  
Lori Puterbaugh.

## Right to Life Lending Library

Featured author this month: **Dr. Ryan Anderson**, a professor, author, and speaker who shares much wisdom about the connections between abortion, broken families, sexual abuse, and abuse of sexuality, co-published a new book this summer, with a clever title about abortion, *Tearing Us Apart: How Abortion Harms Everything and Solves Nothing*. The new book, as well as his previous books on gender confusion and marriage confusion, are available for lending from the Right to Life office. You can also listen to the insights he shares via interviews online. Pro-life movies at the Right to Life office, which can be borrowed include: *Gosnell*, *Matter of Life*, and *UnPlanned*.

