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## Abortion Gravy Train Hits Turkey Week Snag

When pro-lifers counted their blessings this Thanksgiving, they could add something else to the list: the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. In another win for President Trump's legacy on judges, the full Fifth Circuit gave the green light to three states to defund Planned Parenthood in Medicaid. Texas and Louisiana had been fighting to cut ties with the abortion giant for years -- only to be slapped down by the courts. Now, thanks to four new Trump judges, the bench had just enough common sense to give state leaders that right.

The victory was even sweeter because it didn't just overturn the Fifth Circuit's three-judge panel, but it specifically rolled back another decision that stopped Louisiana from doing the same. Now, thanks to the 11-5 ruling, both states (and Mississippi, since it's in the same jurisdiction) are free to zero out Planned Parenthood dollars.

Of course, this all started back in 2015 when David Daleiden's undercover videos exploded on the scene, outing Planned Parenthood's secret organ harvesting ring. The hours of footage confirmed a gruesome truth: America's biggest abortion business was selling pieces of aborted babies for profit. Nationwide, states started scrambling to distance themselves from the group's shop of horrors.

Some of the most damning evidence came from Planned Parenthood's Gulf Coast branch in Texas, where Director of Research Melissa Ferrill was caught on tape admitting that the scheme "contributes so much to the bottom line of our business here." She brags about her staff's "skill" in procuring "intact fetal cadavers" and reminds Daleiden that their location is one of the country's largest. She also admits to Daleiden that Planned Parenthood has managed to hide the illegal sales with clever accounting tricks. "We had two levels of invoicing for them," she explains, before launching into the elaborate cover-up.

Testimony like hers horrified Texas leaders, who flew into action to stop the group from getting a penny of the state's health care money. Leaders decided that, based on these videos, Planned Parenthood was "not qualified to provide medical services in a professionally competent, safe, legal, and ethical manner" under the Texas guidelines for Medicaid providers. As far as they could see, there were "numerous violations of generally accepted standards of medical practice." Not to mention, others pointed out, Planned Parenthood employees were lying and scamming the state.

Now, after three tries in court -- including a 7-7 deadlock in the Fifth Circuit in 2017 -- Texas is one step closer to its goal of cutting Planned Parenthood completely out of

the funding picture. Of course, FRC legal expert Katherine Beck Johnson points out, the case could still have a ways to go, since Monday's ruling was a decision on whether Medicaid patients could sue over Texas's decision. Eleven judges said they don't. In the majority opinion, Judge Priscilla Owen pointed out that Medicaid beneficiaries have the right to "obtain services from the qualified provider of her choice," but said that doesn't mean a "beneficiary may contest or otherwise challenge a determination that the provider of her choice is unqualified."

Of the six judges Trump added to the Fifth Circuit, four agreed (a fifth recused, and the sixth wasn't on the court in time to hear the case). Katherine applauded the outcome, saying, "Medicaid patients should not and now cannot use the courts to undermine Texas's correct determination that Planned Parenthood is not a qualified health care provider." If the abortion industry doesn't agree, guess what? They can take it up with the U.S. Supreme Court, where another three of the president's justices will be waiting!

- FRCAction, November 24, 2020

### 2021 Pro-Life Events

#### Memorial Luminaries

Thursday, January 21 - Friday, January 22, 2021

#### 2nd Annual Wayne County Dinner-Dance

Saturday, January 23, 2021

#### Movement in Motion Trip

Leave: Jan. 28, 2021 Return: Jan. 31, 2021

#### Motor City Caravan for Life

Saturday, January 30, 2021

#### LIFESPAN Baby Showers

Sunday, March 14, 2021

#### Annual Dinner & Auction

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

#### Mother's Day Fundraiser

Sunday, May 9, 2021

#### Father's Day Fundraiser

Sunday, June 20, 2021

#### National Day of Remembrance

Saturday, September 11, 2021

#### Life Chain

Sunday, October 3, 2021

# LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

Here comes a new year

A bit different this time

Parties are quieter

Please wash your hands

You must be careful, be safe and be well

Now, wait a minute

Each day brings new hope

We will look ahead

You still can send greetings

Each one will bring love

All can visit with Zoom or Facetime

Raise a glass, give a cheer, it will get better, this brand-new year.

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## A Pro-Life Template

The 2020 Presidential Election did not go in favor of the pro-life candidate and President Trump is by no means perfect. However, to step back and look at the big picture, The Trump Administration was the most actively pro-life administration since legalization of abortion. In terms of the Right to Life, the Trump Administration left a great template for future pro-life Presidential campaign platforms and administrations, both in domestic and foreign affairs. President Trump appointed 3 justices to the Supreme Court purported to be pro-life and over 200 pro-life judges to the Federal bench. This just may tip the judicial scales against *Roe v. Wade*, or at least allow greatly increased state restrictions on abortion, in the next few years. Executive orders allowed states to defund Planned Parenthood, defunded a portion of Planned Parenthood's Federal subsidies, required medical care for babies who survive abortion, and added religious freedom rules to the Affordable Care Act which protect the conscience rights of employers and religious organizations. President Trump was the first president ever to speak at the March for Life and Vice President Pence was an annual fixture at the March. Internationally, the Administration restored the Mexico City policy to prevent U.S. foreign aid from funding abortion, defunded the UN Population Fund, and signed the Geneva Consensus Declaration with 32 other UN member states. This declaration states that there is no

international right to abortion and no international obligation to fund abortion.

## January Events

Please join us for three major events in January. First, we have **Luminaries for Life** available at the office. Luminaries are lit the night of **Thursday, January 21**, to mark the eve of the 48th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision. Second, we join together for the **Rose Ceremony** at Our Lady of Good Counsel on **Wednesday, January 27** at 6pm. The Rose Ceremony is part of the OLGc Rose Mass. All are invited and pastors and members of churches of all denominations are invited to participate and prayerfully consider hosting a similar event in the future. Finally, the National March for Life is January 29. We will be holding the **Motor City Caravan for Life** on **Saturday, January 30** at 12:30pm as a safe, socially distanced alternative. We will loop through Oakland and Wayne counties on Woodward Ave. displaying pro-life messages from the comfort of our personal vehicles. Call the Wayne County Chapter office at 734-422-6230 for information on any of these vital community events!

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Wayne County



## Wee Care

Dear Friends,

2021! Never has a year been more welcomed - more anticipated!

We don't know what it will bring. Prayers will be needed for our country, our pro-life movement, our moms and their precious babies and always, always for each other.

We do know that just like the birth of every new baby - the New Year will bring new life, new possibilities, new joy and new love.

Together, we will welcome 2021 - with hope, with renewed faith and with love.

Here's to a year of seeing smiles and not masks and giving huge, bear hugs and not virtual ones!

Happy 2021, dear friends!

Love, Karen



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## Youth Report

Dear Students and Parents, Young Adults, Youth Ministers and Campus Ministers, Teachers and Principals, Deacons, Pastors and Priests, and all who work with Young People:

With great disappointment, we had to announce to all those who registered for the 2021 Youth Bus Trip to DC that our trip has been cancelled due to the unfortunate circumstances with which we are temporarily living. We truly hope for a better year ahead and a joyous return to DC in 2022 for the March for Life. To all who will be interested in a 2022 trip, please let us know and we will keep you posted of the plans as they develop in the spring and summer of 2021.

Here are some LIFESPAN pro-life events to look forward to in 2021: The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Baby Shower across Metro Detroit on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> (many churches will host showers and drop-off locations to collect donations that benefit pregnancy help centers) and The Annual Celebrate Life Dinner & Auction on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the San Marino Club in Troy (guest speakers will be Diamond and Silk).

Keep on Loving Life!



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# COVID-19 Vaccinations and Abortion

The rumor mill has been working overtime since the announcements of the apparent incredibly fast success of Project Warp Speed and possible COVID-19 vaccines. Many prolife people are rightfully concerned about using any vaccination that is not ethically created and are wondering if any of the inoculations contain the cells of aborted babies. So, whether you are looking for information on the possible COVID-19 immunizations, a list of alternatives, or think that fetal tissue being used in vaccines is fake news, you have come to the right place.

The basic science behind vaccines is that a weakened strain of a disease is created in a laboratory and then administered to the body. Because the disease is weakened, the immune system is more easily able to fight it off and develop antibodies to protect from further infection. The advent of vaccines is one of the most significant accomplishments of modern medicine, saving millions of lives and nearly eradicating once deadly diseases like smallpox and polio.

The use of tissue from aborted babies enters the process of vaccine development in two places. The first is in the “cell culture” the weakened disease is grown in. These cell cultures are derived from a “cell line” that has been cultivated in laboratories for years and can continue growing for an extremely long time. Different vaccines are grown in all sorts of things like monkey kidney cells, chicken eggs, insect cells, yeast, or synthetic growth media. Sadly, others are grown in cells derived from aborted babies. For example, the WI-38 cell line used in Barr Lab’s adenovirus vaccine was developed from the lung of an aborted female baby in 1962.

While none of the living cells from the aborted baby end up in vaccines using the cell lines, the cell lines are continually used to produce the vaccine, and a non-zero amount of biological components of the cells are present in the vaccine.

The second use of fetal cell lines in vaccine creation is in laboratory testing of some of them. It is important to know that the substance used for testing does not end up inside the actual vaccine; thus, there is a marked distinction between those vaccines grown in fetal cell tissue and those that were tested using fetal cell tissue.

Now that the basic science is out of the way, it is time to look specifically at the new COVID-19 vaccines. Currently there are only two that have successfully completed Phase III trials: Pfizer’s and Moderna’s vaccines. Both are fetal tissue free and grown in a non-cell substance, which is good news. However, it must be noted that both were tested on cells from the HEK-293 cell line derived from the kidney of a child aborted in the Netherlands in 1973.

Even though **Pfizer** and **Moderna** do not use fetal tissue inside their COVID-19 vaccines, there are some companies that do. There are others that have vaccines in development with no use of fetal cell lines at all. A complete list of a COVID-19 vaccine candidates is maintained by the Charlotte Lozier Institute with information about their use of fetal cell lines.

The debate over the ethics of these vaccines is not new. Many past and current vaccines involve the use of fetal cell lines (many of which have alternatives).

For decades, prolife people have opposed developing new cell lines or using the tissue of aborted babies. Many people will try to justify abortion and the further trafficking of fetal tissue with the “promise” of saved lives. However, whether it is with stem cells or vaccines, there is always an ethical alternative or the ability to create one. There is no need to take the life of one person to save the life of another.

However, the fact remains that some vaccines exist that use fetal cell lines and have no current ethical alternatives. Is it ethical to use those vaccines? Prolife people disagree. The cell lines were derived decades ago, and though their source is unethical, we can’t unkill those children. On the other hand, taking advantage of unethical methods promotes further abuses, in this case with the development of new cell lines. There’s a meaningful difference between a vaccine requiring use of fetal cells and one that only uses them for testing, but how meaningful is that difference? The risks are another ethical consideration, balancing the risk of the disease vs. the vaccine, and ways you fit into that balance.

You have to think about these ethics now, before any potential pushes begin to make these vaccines mandatory or connected to pandemic restrictions. Right to Life of Michigan will speak out for the conscience rights of people who have ethical objections to taking a vaccine developed through the use of unethically obtained tissue from aborted babies.

If informed consent is supposed to be a cornerstone of the practice of medicine, then it is past time for the entire healthcare industry to only use tissue donated with the informed consent of every person involved. We should refuse “donations” taken through unjust violence.

**List of COVID-19 vaccines:** <https://lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19-vaccine-candidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/>

- December 3, 2020, Right to Life of Michigan





# *Right to Life – LIFESPAN's* **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Baby Shower**

**Sunday, March 14, 2021\***

*(\*unless different date noted)*

to benefit local Pregnancy Help Centers



### Gift Suggestions

Sleepers, onesies, socks,  
receiving blankets, crib  
sheets, diapers (size 1 - 4),  
baby wipes, wash cloths,  
towels, pacifiers, bottles,  
bibs, personal hygiene items  
for baby, gift cards, cash  
donations!

Baby showers will be held at the following locations.

**More locations are added almost daily!!! Visit [miLIFESPAN.org](http://miLIFESPAN.org) for updates!**

Bring new or gently used baby items.

For more information, call *Right to Life - LIFESPAN* at 734.524.0162

***Gift Drop-Off ONLY – After Church Services (unless noted otherwise)***

**In alphabetical order by City:**

**Sacred Heart of the Hills Church**  
3400 S. Adams Rd., **Auburn Hills**

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Church**  
47650 N. Territorial, **Plymouth**  
*\* March 6/7 & March 13/14*

**Our Lady of Loretto Church**  
17116 Olympia, **Redford**  
*\* March 6/7 & March 13/14*

**St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church**  
26440 Ryan Rd., **Warren**



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*Choose a location near you, drop off some new (or clean, gently used items) and help our local moms and their babies. Sometimes, just knowing that there are resources available through local pregnancy help centers means the difference between aborting a baby and giving a baby LIFE!*

Does your church/organization want to co-host a Baby Shower for one of the Metro Detroit Pregnancy Help Centers, but don't see your name listed? Please contact us today at the *LIFESPAN* Main Office & we'll get you everything you need! 734.524.0162 or [mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org).

## From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

Wow! We finally got rid of 2020. Last year was like no other and most of us are glad that it is behind us!

There are things we can control and there are things we cannot. We cannot control or do anything about the loss of President Trump's election. He was the most pro-life president in my lifetime. The winner (?) Joe Biden will be one of the most anti-life presidents we will ever have. There will be some very distressing directives coming from his administration. They will be very disturbing and promote killing of more vulnerable human beings. Hang on! I suspect organizations working to promote life may be targeted like never before. But, this is the time where we must focus like a laser beam on our mission statement:

*Right to Life - LIFESPAN advocates civil rights for innocent human life, emphasizing the protection for those who would be victims of abortion, infanticide and euthanasia. We educate by distributing credible pro-life information. We are a non-profit, non-sectarian, grassroots organization founded in 1970.*

Americans have been know to adapt, solve problems, and move on - this is what we need to do. We especially need to concentrate on the youth - they are the leaders of tomorrow!

That is what, with your help, LIFESPAN will be in 2021. We will focus like a laser beam on the important pro-life issues of our time. We will not stop working on our projects that promote respect for human life. We will continue to serve moms and their babies in need! We will keep the pro-life cause in front of the citizens living in the metro Detroit area. We will not stop being proactive, even though, the anti-life forces try to stop our freedom of speech. LIFESPAN will fight evil with every source we have.

I want to express my deep appreciation to all our members and supporters who have responded to our needs in 2020. We have kept our activities going as much as possible during these trying times. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

So, let us all rededicate ourselves to work in 2021 and beyond to promote respect for human life no matter how difficult it may get. Let us not get discouraged! Let us all remember that God is in control - "all things are possible with God." I pray we all have the courage to continue with joy, promoting the cause for LIFE.

— Diane Fagelman  
President

Right to Life - LIFESPAN

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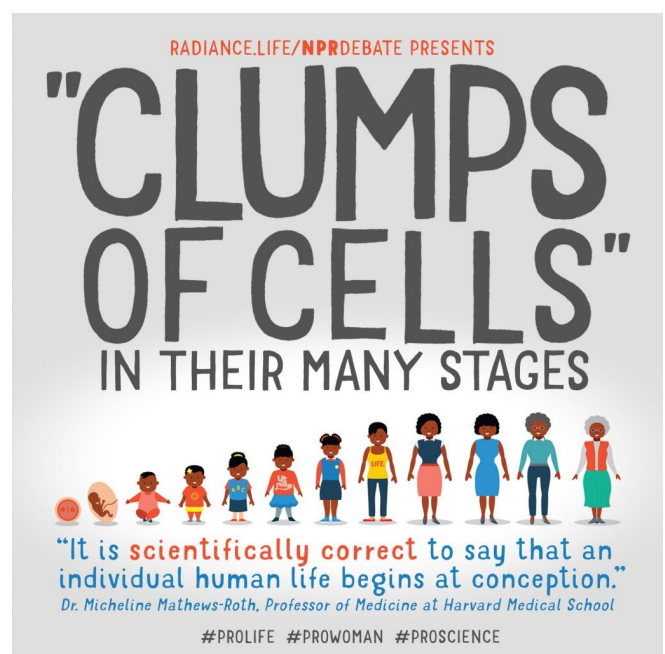
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# Rose Mass for the Unborn

IN MEMORY OF THE 48TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27**  
6 PM | OLGC CHURCH

ROSE WALKERS NEEDED!  
**[olgcparish.net/register](http://olgcparish.net/register)**



You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to *Right to Life - LIFESPAN* will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts.

Have questions? Please contact Charles Kleinbrook at 248-352-9569 or [MrChip1234@aol.com](mailto:MrChip1234@aol.com)

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## Right to Life - LIFESPAN Membership Form

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*Right to Life - LIFESPAN* believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves - the preborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you the LIFESPAN News as well as educational materials and special mailings.

_____ Annual Membership	\$30.00	_____ Platinum	\$500.00 or more
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## Motor City



**January 30, 2021**

**12:30 pm**

## Caravan for Life

**Purpose:** To locally honor the 48th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and the National March for Life taking place on January 29th in a safe, socially distanced manner. To give public witness to a culture of life and end to abortion in Metro Detroit.

**The Event:** We will caravan in the comfort of our own vehicles through Oakland and Wayne County on Woodward Avenue, displaying peaceful, positive pro-life signs and/or LIFESPAN car magnets. Car magnets and signs will be available at our Starting Point or make your own peaceful, positive, non-political pro-life sign. This caravan is NOT a parade, so we will be abiding by all normal traffic regulations.

**The Starting Point:** Near Square Lake & Woodward - Specific Location TBD (*check our website for details*)

**The Route:** Round trip on Woodward Avenue to Downtown Detroit and back to Long Lake Rd. - head east to White Chapel Cemetery in Troy for a parade past a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the grave of our 5 aborted babies.

**Contact:** Any LIFESPAN Chapter office (Oakland/Macomb: 248-816-1546 or Wayne: 734-422-6230)

**Visit [miLIFESPAN.org](http://miLIFESPAN.org) for more details**

**Note:** This is a cultural event for the Right to Life and not a political rally. Please do not mix any signs for or against any political figure or party which may detract from the universality of our pro-life message.