**Wayne County Chapter**

 **Church Notes February 2025**

**February 1-2: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN A Chorus of Gratitude to You***

**Great gratitude to all who recently supported or participated in efforts such as Lights for Life, Rose Ceremony, Buddy’s Restaurant Fundraiser, Luminaries for Life, and Youth bus trip to the National March for Life. We cannot keep up our local work for the rights of the preborn, elderly, and marginalized without **you**. As Congressman Henry Hyde stated, “*I really think those in the pro-life movement will not be alone at the final judgment. I think there’ll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully in the next…and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, ‘Spare him, because he loved us.*’” Call 734-422-6230 or email wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org to become a *LIFESPAN* member.

**February 8-9: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN Coming Soon: 2025 Baby Shower***

*LIFESPAN* offers a key opportunity to walk the pro-life walk by supporting mothers who choose life and their babies on the weekend of **March 8-9**. The annual ***LIFESPAN*** **Baby Shower** pairs up churches with local Pregnancy Help Centers (PHCs) to provide clothing, blankets, bottles, formula, and other material needs from the generosity of each church community. Regardless of the legal or political environment of our state, we have it within our power to make abortion unthinkable for those who feel compelled to abort due to material need. To find a participating church or sign up to participate, contact Chris Hansen at 734-524-0162 or mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org.

**February 15-16: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN Michigan Ends Abortion Reporting***

**The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services released its final reporting of abortion statistics in Michigan for 2023. Due to the Reproductive Health Act championed by Gov. Whitmer and passed in 2023, Michigan law now prohibits state agencies from collecting or compiling **any** abortion statistics. Previously, Michigan tracked statistics such as where abortions were performed, the type of abortion procedure, complications, and the mother’s marital status, age, and previous history of abortion. Ending the collection of complications and the facilities with high rates of complications will have a negative impact on women’s health. This also means the CDC will no longer be able to include Michigan in its national abortion statistics. Michigan becomes 1 of only 6 states to fail to report on abortions joining California, Maryland, and New Jersey. Call 734-422-6230 or email wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org to fight against the abortion lobby as a *LIFESPAN* member.

**February 22-23: *Right to Life – LIFESPAN PAS with No Conscience Protections***

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services re**port for 2023 was the final reporting of abortion statistics under Michigan law as detailed last week. Abortions rose 3.7% over 2022 with 31,241 preborn lives terminated. It was the highest number of abortions reported since 1994. Chemical abortions accounted for 55% of this total. With Ohio voting in favor of unlimited abortion in 2023, the number of out-of-state abortions in Michigan remained steady at 9% of the total. Preborn human life remains cheap in Michigan. Visit <https://milifespan.org> or email wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org to become a member and help us defend the defenseless.