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## WAYNE COUNTY CHAPTER NEWS February 2025

Hello Pro-life Heroes.

Thank you for your participation in our January events including the Rose Mass on January 22, Buddy's Restaurant Fundraiser on January 23, and Luminaries for Life on January 24.

Our only February event is Bowling for Life on Saturday, February 15. The annual LIFESPAN Baby Shower is also quickly approaching the weekend of March 8-9 at most of the participating churches. Fliers for both events are included in these notes.

Remember to Save the Date of Tuesday, May 6 for the annual Celebrate Life Dinner and Silent Auction. Our exciting speaker is Rachel Campos-Duffy, a prominent Fox News host and mother with a powerful life-affirming message. Our President Diane Fagelman will soon send out a letter seeking large donors to sponsor this vital fundraiser. Large donors will be invited to attend a special meet-and -greet with Rachel. Registration has not yet started for the dinner, but we are already at work on the 2025 LIFESPAN Resource Book to be distributed at the dinner. We are already accepting business, church, and organizational sponsor ads and patron ads. Consider advertising to a very loyal pro-life audience that is always looking to support its own!

There are two upcoming Wayne Chapter initiatives to highlight as well. We are hard at work planning an Open House at our office this Spring. Our landlord installed new laminate flooring to replace the tired old carpeting and we have completed an extended period of house-cleaning, so we want to show off our new and improved look. More importantly, we want to give you, the Church Reps, an opportunity to see the pro-life resources we have available for you. There have been two Church Rep meetings in the past two years, but we think an Open House format will allow more of you to participate and personally connect with our staff and Board.

Like most locales and organizations in Michigan, Wayne County is greying and so is our membership. In the long-run, Wayne Chapter and LIFESPAN as a whole must replenish and grow our membership. We are looking for member churches willing to host *LIFESPAN* membership drives in 2025. Ideally, the Chapter Director or a Board member would make a brief introduction during church announcements and invite members of the congregation to stop by and see LIFESPAN representatives with more information in the vestibule or parish center at the conclusion of the service or liturgy. More details to come on these two exciting initiatives soon!



# Right to Life – LIFESPAN's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Baby Shower

Sunday, March 9, 2025\* (\*unless different date noted) to benefit local Pregnancy Help Centers

Baby showers will be held at the following locations. More locations are added almost daily!!! Visit miLIFESPAN.org for updates! Watch for fliers from your local church listed below to find out what the Pregnancy Help Center needs. 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:

St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Bloomfield Hills 2215 Opdyke

St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton 44800 Warren Rd.

St. Anselm Catholic Church, Dearborn Heights 17650 Outer Dr W

> St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lake Orion 715 N. Lapeer Road \*June 7/8

St. Edith Catholic Church, Livonia 15089 Newburgh Rd.

> St. Colette Catholic Church, Livonia 17600 Newburgh Rd.

St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Women's Sodality, Livonia 29015 Jamison St.

> St. Damien of Molokai Church, Pontiac 120 Lewis Street

> **Our Lady of Loretto Church, Redford** 17116 Olympia \*March 1/2 & March 8/9

Choose a location near you, drop off some 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!





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Yours for LIFE,

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**Timothy Pruse** Wayne County Chapter Director

### 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 <i>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 <u>mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org</u>.

#### 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 report 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 <a href="https://milifespan.org">https://milifespan.org</a> or email <a href="https://www.wedr@rtl-lifespan.org">wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org</a> to become a member and help us defend the defenseless.

