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## Winter Newsletter



### Michigan March for Life a Success

The second Michigan March for Life saw an even greater turnout on the Capitol lawn and an expanded presence on stage with our legislative representatives and Pregnancy Resource Centers.

We showed up in Lansing on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol steps. We numbered in the thousands. Praise be to God for a glorious turnout, a beautiful day for November, sunshine and temperatures in the mid- 50's! Who could ask for more! It was truly an honor to see so many people in attendance. Young and old, we showed our lawmakers that we care for and support women facing unplanned pregnancies. Life. The other choice.

We found out that lawmakers are introducing bills to restore abortion reporting requirements in our state. Right to Life of Michigan applauds these bills and the pro-life legislators who introduced them, with President Amber Roseboom making the following statement:

"The restoration of abortion complication reporting in Michigan is an essential step forward in ensuring women do not go into abortion blind. Women have a right to know accurate information about the procedure they are considering undergoing or medicine they are considering taking. This begins with data that demonstrates associated safety or risk. With abortion, the patient is always a woman. Women in our state are being singled out and denied the basic right to facts on abortion complications despite the rising risks..."

We must take action to provide women with the facts. Our legislative office is helping to educate the pro-life elected officials we put into office that are working hard to make this happen. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

Your presence was an extraordinary show of support for our cause, aiding our efforts to reshape perceptions of our movement, which both saves lives and helps anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy.



## Mark the Barber's Polar Run/Walk for Life

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 11, 2026, as we come together for Mark the Barber's Polar Run/Walk for Life! The Maple Valley Event Center in Sandusky will host packet pick-up and pre-registrations.

- **Start Time** All events will kick off at 2:00 PM at the Diamond Trail Park.

This year, the proceeds will benefit Positive Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center, which provides vital support to women during their pregnancy journey. They offer free and confidential pregnancy services at their two locations in the Thumb: Caro and Bad Axe.

### Registration Information

- **Entry Fees**
  - \$25 per person until December 31st
  - \$30 thereafter
  - Same-day registration is \$35, starting at 1 PM on race day.
- **REGISTER HERE**: [<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Sandusky/SanduskyRunForLife5K>] (<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Sandusky/SanduskyRunForLife5K>) or scan the QR code.

We look forward to seeing you there!



### \*\*EVENTS\*\*:

- 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk
- 5K Run/Walk
- 5K Walk

## High School Oratory Contest 2026 – Cash Prizes for Top 3

We are happy to announce that our 17th Annual High School Oratory Contest will held be on Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Sandusky Baptist Church, 34 Gaige St. in Sandusky. This contest is free to enter and open to all high school students who are in 9th through 12th grade. Students need to research, write and give a 5-7 minute pro-life speech in front of a panel of judges, on one of these topics: Abortion, Infanticide, Euthanasia or Human Cloning/Embryonic Stem Cell Research.

We will award cash prizes to the top 3 winners. First place wins \$400, second place wins \$250 and third place receives \$150. Our first place winner will be invited to give his/her speech at our annual benefit dinner on March 26th. The winner will also advance to the Right to Life of Michigan State Oratory Contest which will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026 in Lansing. Please encourage any and all students to compete in this contest. They do have a good chance of winning some cash to help out for college or other expenses. It is open to public and home schooled students. You must register for this contest by March 3, 2026. To get more information call Amy Roggenbuck at 810-404-0860 or send an email to [RTLSanilac@gmail.com](mailto:RTLSanilac@gmail.com). Registration Forms and Contest Rules can be found on our website at [www.RTLSC.com](http://www.RTLSC.com).



## Membership Available with our Affiliate

The end of the year is a perfect time for you to renew or start your membership with our affiliate. As an affiliate of Right to Life of Michigan, we enjoy a shared membership agreement. When you become a member of Right to Life of Sanilac County, you also become a member of Right to Life of Michigan. Our annual membership then, is able to speak with one voice, and together we can make a difference. You will receive communications about our local projects and events as well as information about the various opportunities for volunteering, state and national legislative developments and the Right to Life of Michigan newspaper. Please join today to be a voice for the voiceless. (Due to our legislative activities, membership payments are not tax deductible).

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  Family Membership: \$20.00/year  Individual Membership: \$15.00/year  
 Student Membership: \$10.00/year  I want to volunteer. Please contact me.

*Please make checks payable to: Right to Life of Sanilac County*

Mail this form and your payment to: Patty Haupt, PO Box 169, Sandusky, MI 48471

## Sanctity of Human Life Sunday - Mini March for Life and Memorial Service



On January 18, 2026, we invite you to celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS). SOHLS is a day for Americans to focus on the value of each and every human life. It is celebrated every year on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, which legalized abortion in every state for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy. The decisions were overturned in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* in 2022.

As you may know, abortion remains legal in Michigan due to the passage of Proposal 3 in the 2022 General Election. We invite you to join us in praying for an end to abortion in our state and country by attending our local Mini March for Life and/or the Memorial Service. Join us on Sunday, January 18, 2026, at Holy Family Parish inside the St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall, located at 59 N. Moore Street in Sandusky. You are welcome to attend one or both events. We will have an indoor prayer service lasting about 30 minutes. If you have any questions, please call Patty at 989-280-6148.

## National Pro-Life Essay Contest for Youth

The National Right to Life Essay contest is open to students in grades 7-12, with a Junior Division (grades 7-9) and a Senior Division (grades 10-12). This contest will go directly to the national office. It is a great way to get our students engaged at a country-wide level. Essays should be 300-500 words, double-spaced, typed in 12-point font, and include a cover sheet with required information. Write with clarity, speak truth with purpose, and share why you stand for life. Entries must be original, properly cited, and mailed to: National Right to Life Essay Contest, 1446 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22314. Submissions must be postmarked between December 1, 2025, and January 22, 2026. The national winner will receive a \$500 prize. More information can be found at <https://nrlc.org/essaycontest/>.

## Meeting Schedule for 2026

Right to Life of Sanilac County meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Holy Family Parish (St. Joseph Catholic Church) located at 59 N. Moore St. in Sandusky. Any weather related cancellations will be announced on 97.7 FM.

MEETING TIMES: Summer Months at 7:00 p.m. (April-October). Winter months at 5:00 p.m. (November-March). This coincides with Daylight Savings time. All are welcome to attend.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**January 8, 2026 @5pm**

**February 12, 2026 @5pm**

**March 5, 2026 @5pm (Due to Spero Banquet on 3/12)**

**April 9, 2026 @7pm**

**May 14, 2026 @7pm**

**June 11, 2026 @7pm**

**July 9, 2026 @6pm - Summer Picnic @Park**

**August 6, 2026 @7pm (Due to Fair Week)**

**September 10, 2026 @7pm**

**October 8, 2026 @7pm**

**November 12, 2026 @5pm**

**December 10, 2026 @5pm**

## We are seeking new Board Members

Over the years, we have welcomed new members and, due to various life circumstances, bid farewell to others. We are currently seeking additional board members to support our mission.

Would you be interested in becoming involved? Do you value our efforts? Are you passionate about advocating for the unborn? Would you like to see our affiliate thrive? Even if you lack prior experience with our affiliate, we warmly invite you to attend one of our monthly meetings. This will provide you with an understanding of our activities and how your skills could contribute. One individual can indeed make a significant impact. Perhaps that individual is you.

If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to attend one of our meetings as listed above. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact Amy Roggenbuck at 810-404-0860. We look forward to the possibility of collaborating in the future.

You can always find more information about our events on our **Facebook** page.

Search for us on Facebook @ Right to Life of Sanilac County.

Visit our website at **www.RTLSC.com**.

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for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

2PM Mini-March for Life | 2:30 PM Memorial Service  
at Holy Family Parish inside the St. Joseph Catholic  
Church Hall in Sandusky to honor the lives lost  
to abortion in our country.

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on life**

2026 Annual Benefit Dinner

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**Please Save  
the Date**

**March 26, 2026  
Countryside Free  
Methodist Church  
Sandusky, MI**

