

Huron County Right to Life

Spring 2025 Issue

T-shirt Design Contest Winner Announced

We would like to announce the winner of the Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola County Right to Life pro-life t-shirt design contest. Anna Nyeholt won the contest. She edged out ten other t-shirt designers. The panel of judges had an extremely difficult decision to make. On the front of Anna's design is the image of a preborn baby inside of a life preserver with the words *PRESERVE LIFE*. The back says: *You don't have to be a lifeguard to save lives...* Anna was awarded \$200 for her winning design. Her design was featured on this year's Tri-County Pro-life Teen Rally t-shirt. All attendees received a t-shirt free of charge. Thank you to all eleven designers who entered. We appreciate you taking the time to design a pro-life t-shirt.



A big thank you goes out to the ten Knights of Columbus Councils that sponsored the purchase of the t-shirts. Each council was listed on the back of the t-shirt which included: Bad Axe Council #1546, Fr. Patrick J. Cullinane Council #8710, Sandusky Council #4693, Central Thumb Council #8892, Fr. Alpha Lahaie Council #7255, Ruth Council #3823, North Branch Area Council #9568, Marlette Council #7337, Ubyl-Sheridan Council #12850, and Harbor Beach Council #11432. Thank you Knights!

Annual Spring Dinner



We hosted our annual spring dinner on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Bad Axe. The event was attended by 193 guests.

Our featured guest speaker was Lisa K. Gigliotti, Esq. She is a decades-long leader in the work to safeguard Michigan from physician assisted suicide. For more than twenty-five years, Lisa has lived with severe rheumatoid arthritis and myasthenia gravis. Through fourteen major surgeries and recurrent use of a wheelchair, Lisa has maintained a fulfilling and positive life. She has achieved a successful career in roles including an administrative law judge, a policy advisor for the Michigan senate and governor, a Bioethics law professor, writer, and an advocate for people with disabilities and for improving end-of-life care. Lisa shared a powerful message about *The Courage to Honor the End of Life* (based on her book).

Pastor Garret Gazlay of Elkton Missionary Church opened the program with a prayer. Pastor Ean Green of the Community Wesleyan Church of Elkton closed the evening with a prayer.

Thank you to all the attendees for joining us during this crucial time in the pro-life movement. To keep up to date on the local pro-life movement, please visit our website at www.huronrtl.org. Pictured Lisa Gigliotti our guests speaker. Thank you to the Bad Axe Knights of Columbus for donating the hall for our event.

Tri-County Pro-life Teen Rally

The Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola County Right to Life held a Tri-County Pro-life Teen Rally on Sunday, March 2nd, at the Cass City Jr/Sr High School. Fifty-seven teens and several adults attended the interactive educational event. They learned what being pro-life is all about. Myla Nyeholt emceed the event. Haili Gusa of Protect Life Michigan along with her team of Utah Gusa, Micah Bragg, and Joseph Tuski presented Apologetics 101. Jazlyn Bailey of Right to Life of Michigan hosted Jeopardy. One take away for the day was, "All humans deserve human rights, the unborn are human, and therefore the unborn deserve human rights too." Thank you to all



the volunteers and all the generous donors that made this event possible. Congratulations again to Anna Nyeholt for winning our pro-life t-shirt design contest. Her t-shirt was given out to everyone that attended the event. Thank you again to the ten Knights of Columbus councils that paid for all of the t-shirts.

Oratory Contest



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winner Titus
Green of Elkton.

We hosted a local pro-life High School Oratory Contest on April 12th. The contest was open to all 9th-12th grade students. Applicants researched, wrote, and presented a 5-7 minute pro-life speech on the issue of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research/human cloning.

Titus Green took first place. Titus wrote, "...it is eye-opening to realize that unborn children with 10 fingers and 10 toes have detectable heartbeats at eighteen days after conception and detectable brain-wave activity forty days after conception." Debra Ramento chaired the event. Titus did an outstanding job. He was awarded \$300. A big thank you to Titus for competing, to Debra for organizing the entire event, and to our panel of judges.

2025 High School Volunteers of the Year Award

The Huron Co. RTL is sponsoring a High School Volunteers of the Year Award contest. Selection criteria includes a list of participation in pro-life activities from August 2024 to July 2025. All activities and volunteer work must be with the Huron Co. RTL and/or state organization MiGen Leads. Students must submit their application and list of involvement to huronrtl@gmail.com by August 1st. Type **Volunteer Award** on the subject line. Cash prizes of \$200, \$100, and \$75 will be awarded at the local level. First place will advance to the state level contest where the Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund will award \$200 to three outstanding pro-life high school students in Michigan.

List of activities that could apply (but is not limited to):

- Roe Has Fallen Celebration, June 3rd @ 6pm
- Port Austin Parade, July 4th @ 12pm
- Ugly Kids' Day, July 13th
- Contests sponsored by Huron Co. RTL, including T-shirt Design Contest, Oratory Contest, Essay Scholarship, and Volunteers of the Year Award Contest
- Meetings/Lessons/Presentations by the MiGen Leads Coordinator
- Any volunteer work through the Huron County RTL

For more information, visit huronrtl.org or text Jeanne at 954-540-0174.

"Every life is a gift and has something unique to contribute to the world."

-Pope Francis

Winner of Local Senior Pro-life Scholarship Announced



The Huron County Right to Life once again sponsored a local senior pro-life scholarship. Applicants were required to submit a 400-500 word essay on the prompt: *Reflect on areas where you believe your character has grown throughout your journey as a young pro-life advocate and how this influences your future goals.* The local winner was Sarah Nimitz of USA High School. She received a \$500 scholarship and advances to the state level round where another \$500 scholarship will be awarded. Here is an excerpt from Sarah's essay: *The pro-life movement has shaped the person I am today. I have become an empathetic and outspoken individual who isn't afraid to stand against the crowd or disagree with others, respectfully. Without realizing it, my advocacy for this movement has influenced my career choice. Although one may not immediately think about a high school English teacher being a pro-life related career, my teaching and classroom will be guided by the values*

that are found in this movement. The pro-life movement will allow me to advocate for the potential of babies to have a chance at life and for teenagers to have that same chance. I'm so grateful for what the pro-life movement has done to help me grow, and I can't wait to see where this journey takes me."

Thank you to all of the applicants for applying. Many college campuses have pro-life groups. Be sure to join one when you start college in the fall. If you or someone you know is facing an unexpected pregnancy, please call 1-800-712-HELP.

Join us for the Michigan March for Life on November 6, 2025!

The Michigan March for Life is an excellent opportunity for advocates for life of all ages and political persuasions from across the state to join with one voice on behalf of the defenseless! Join us as we peacefully advocate for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death. This event is sponsored by Right to Life of Michigan and the March for Life. Free bussing is being provided locally.

Monthly Meetings

The 1st Tuesday of every month

Call for the time

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Volunteers are always
welcome and appreciated.

Pastor Appreciation Luncheon

We are hosting a Pastor's Fellowship Lunch for Life! It is Tuesday, June 3, 2025, from 11:30am-1:30pm at the Peppermill Restaurant in Bad Axe. Pastor Ken Stults from Right to Life of Michigan will be our guest speaker. Please text or email Jeanne Gusa to let us know if you'll be joining us. We'd love to have you!

Michigan Parental Consent Law

If an abortion was performed on a female under the age of 18 without one of the following, the facility would be in violation:

- A consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian, or:
- A judicial waiver or parent consent.

Michigan Coerced Abortion Law

It's against Michigan law to coerce a woman into having an abortion. The facility staff are required to ask women if they are being forced or pressured to have an abortion against their will. If a woman is being coerced, staff must give them a referral to law enforcement or a domestic violence support agency.



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Calendar of Events

June 3 Roe Has Fallen Celebration 6pm
July 4 Port Austin Parade 12pm
July 12 Udly Homecoming Kids Day
Aug 1 High School Volunteers of the Year Award
Sept 6 Family Fun Day 11am-3pm



Pregnant? Need Help?

Call 1 (800) 712-HELP