

## **Life Chain**

Thank you to everyone who made Life Chain a success on October 6th this year. We had about 100 people who came and held signs announcing, “Abortion Kills Children”, “ADOPTION the Loving Option”, “Jesus Forgives and Heals”, “Life - the first INALIENABLE RIGHT”, “Abortion Hurts Women”, “Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation”, and “PRAY TO END ABORTION”. It was a very windy day, but you all stood strong in helping others think about life-changing decisions. Thank you to Radiant Worship Center members and others who stood with pro-life flags and to all who took the time to pray that there would be an end to abortions.

Roxanne Flesher, President of Knox County Right to Life

## **2025 Schedule of Knox County Right to Life Monthly Meeting Schedule**

Monthly meetings are held on the **second Tuesday of each month** (except July and December) at **7:00 p.m.**

Rotation of churches in Galesburg where meetings are held:

January 14 – Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church (IHM), 2401 N. Broad Street  
February 11 – Road to Freedom Church, 1701 Mulberry Street  
March 11 – Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 1372 W. Fremont Street  
April 8 – First Church of the Nazarene, 1501 Webster Street  
May 13 – Bethel Baptist Church, 1196 N. Academy Street  
June 10 – Radiant Worship Center, 521 W. Losey Street  
August 12 – St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, 858 S. Academy Street  
September 9 – First Church of God, 1080 Harrison Street  
October 14 – The Ascent Church, 169 S. Cherry Street  
November 11 – New Life Baptist Church, 1232 W. Fremont Street

## **Knox County Right to Life Officers 2024-2025**

Our fiscal year runs from September 2024 through August 2025. The following were nominated and approved as officers at the August 13, 2024 meeting:

President – Roxanne Flesher  
Vice-President – Dave Scholl  
Treasurer – Lori Mason  
Secretary – Barbara Brody  
Education – Lisa Lindstrom

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**PROJECT PRO-LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS:** Usually given to young people attending the National March for Life in Washington D.C. or the Illinois March for Life in Springfield, Illinois...\$100 or any amount.

**PROJECT YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM:** Bringing the pro-life message to young people through speakers, literature, videos, and electronic communications, especially those who grew up viewing abortions as a means of birth control rather than the taking of a life.

**PROJECT FALL BANQUET FUNDRAISER FOR WOMEN'S PREGANCY CENTER:** the first WPC Fall Banquet Fundraiser was held in 2024. The dinner will be held each year and feature a speaker as well as music.

**PROJECT WOMEN'S PREGNANCY CENTER:**

Telephone...any amount is appreciated.

Internet... any amount is appreciated.

Utilities... any amount is appreciated.

Part-time Director's salary, Ultrasound machine, Training and Education for Ultrasound Technician, and Education for pregnant mothers... any amount is appreciated.

**PROJECT INSURANCE FOR WPC:** per month... \$50.

**PROJECT BABY ITEMS FOR WPC:** New cribs, car seats, crib sheets, hooded towels, washcloths, undershirts, bottle nipples, lotion, shampoo, baby wipes, diapers, diaper bags, etc. Any donation of money or items is appreciated.

**Knox County Right to Life does not pay directly for these items, but if you indicate your intention to support these Women's Pregnancy Center expenses, we will be sure they receive your gift.**

For Pro-Life Information: check out our website at [www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org](http://www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org)

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Please complete the form and send with check to:

Knox County Right to Life

P.O. Box 1462

Galesburg, IL 61402-1462

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## KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS WISH LIST 2024

Listed below are ways you can support Knox County Right to Life's projects.

**Please choose a way or some ways that you can help.**

**PROJECT PRAYER WARRIORS:** Some of our members stand and pray at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Peoria handing out small fetal models and pro-life literature. Others stand at pharmaceutical businesses which offer abortifacients with signs letting pregnant women know others are willing to listen and help them. Any gift is vital.

**PROJECT PUBLICITY:** Each month we mail information about pro-life meeting and activities to approximately 30 pastors and 10 radio stations, as well as to various newspapers and newsletters. You could sponsor all a part of this item for one month...\$30 a month.

**PROJECT NEWSLETTER AND WEBPAGE:** Four times a year we send out newsletters to over 400 people, through both print and email. The labor for this project is voluntary, but there is a cost for printing, mailing, and computer services...\$200 for one month or \$600 each quarter.

**MAINTAINING KCRL WEB PAGE:** Annual cost...\$600.

**PROJECT MAILBOX:** Post Office Box annual cost...\$250.

**PROJECT LETTER WRITING:** At each monthly meeting, letters are written and sent to elected officials and others to encourage pro-life support. The cost of paper, envelopes, and postage each month is...\$20.

**PROJECT LIFE CHAIN:** (an opportunity for children to give) For 30 years we have had very successful LIFE CHAINS each October. Each year, dedicated pro-lifers have been willing to stand courageously in prayer and to let the world know that life is sacred. Our expense for this project is the purchase of the signs that participants hold...\$10 per sign.

**PROJECT ADVERTISE:** For advertisements in The Burg and local radio stations to promote community-wide activities such as the annual Baby Shower for the Women's Pregnancy Center...\$150 - \$350.

**PROJECT EDUCATE:** (includes Adopt-A-Day to Pray) Numerous pieces of pro-life literature are purchased and distributed each year. This literature is vital to educate the people of our area as well as encouraging our community to pray together. To place pro-life pamphlets, brochures, and 10-week fetal models in the hands of friends, neighbors, relatives, and church groups...\$25-\$500.

**PROJECT PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS AND BAKE SALE ITEMS FOR THIS EVENT...any amount is appreciated.

**PROJECT LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR KCRL EVENTS:** \$425 annually.

**PROJECT BUS BENCH MESSAGE RENTAL:** \$40 per month.

**PROJECT STAND FOR LIFE T-SHIRTS:** These red shirts are given away for free, so and anyone can wear them and participate in presenting a widespread pro-life message...\$8 - \$12.

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### 2025 Event Schedule

January 19 – Sanctity of Life Sunday

January 24 – National March for Life at the National Mall, Washington, D.C.

March 5 – Church Adopt a Day to Pray Spring Campaign begins (Ash Wednesday)  
and ends April 12 (Palm Sunday)

March 25 – Illinois March for Life in Springfield, Illinois. We plan to charter a bus  
if we have enough people from our area participating.

April 6 – Pancake Breakfast at Knights of Columbus in Galesburg

June – Interdenominational Prayer Service (date and place to be determined)

August – Christmas ornament sales begin and will end on September 15.

October 1-30 – Church Adopt a Day to Pray Fall Campaign

October 2 – Women’s Pregnancy Center Fundraiser Dinner

October 5 – Life Chain

### Knox County Right to Life Annual Membership form

Due by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Membership \$10.00 – Includes the local KCRTL newsletter which is free.

For Membership Year \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form along with payment to:

K.C.R.L.

P.O. Box 1462

Galesburg, IL 61402-1462

### NEWSLETTERS

We send out quarterly newsletters in May/June, September, December and February/March in order to promote special events sponsored by Knox County Right to Life or the Women’s Pregnancy Center in Galesburg. Postage and printing are costly so if you can receive our newsletters by email please send this form to KCRL, P. O. Box 1462, Galesburg, IL 61402-1462 or call Roxanne Flesher at (630) 533-9363 with your email information.

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

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

## Note From Our President

Greetings to all Knox County Right To Life members!

Thank you for your support and prayers in 2024. It was very encouraging to see so many of you at the Pancake Breakfast at the Knights of Columbus in March, the Life Chain on the first Sunday of October, and the first Women's Pregnancy Center fundraiser dinner in October. Thank you to the churches and individuals who participated in prayer during the Adopt-a-Day-to-Pray days in the spring and fall.

Some of you may remember past Right to Life billboards which showed drawings of babies in pink and blue knitted outfits with one of them faded out to indicate the ratio of abortions to live births. I remember seeing a billboard showing one out of three babies aborted in the United States in 1980. It was an encouragement to me when that changed to only one in four babies aborted each year. Eventually, this became one out of five babies aborted yearly. Statistics in the United States come from the Center for Disease Control which compiles annual figures from voluntary states' central health agencies (not all 50 states report) or from Guttmacher which compiles figures every 3 years after contacting every known abortion provider – clinics, hospitals, physicians' offices – in the country from all 50 states (which includes estimates for abortion providers which do not respond). Most years show 200,000 to 300,000 more abortions reported by Guttmacher than from the CDC. Both agencies are unable to include statistics on how many abortions took place through abortion medications mailed directly to pregnant women.

**So how does it look now?** In 2023 Guttmacher reports there were 1,307,000 abortions in the U.S. which was slightly over 1 in 5 babies aborted. Or to look at it another way, each day 2,841 babies are aborted, 118 abortions each hour of every day in the United States. Also, according to the 2024 World Health Organization statistics 30% (about one in three) of pregnancies throughout the world end in abortion, and "around 73 million induced abortions take place worldwide each year." This is 200,000 abortions per day worldwide.

So please keep praying that abortion will end. Contribute your time and finances to groups that help women choose to give life to their babies. This is one thing that Knox County Right to Life plans to focus on in 2025. Individually you could support the Galesburg Women's Pregnancy Center, Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank, or The Forgotten Initiative which supports foster parents.

As I looked up information about births, I came across this question today. **Whose birthday is the most celebrated in the world?** I started trying to think of famous people throughout history and can't believe I did not immediately think of this individual. The answer was Jesus' birthday at Christmas. "At least half of the world's population celebrates Christmas" (even if they may not think of Jesus on that day). This Christmas, remember the Son of God who gives us eternal life, and use your life to help others have a good life here on earth and eternally through knowing Jesus as Savior.

God bless all who stand up for those who are unheard – the unborn, disabled, elderly, and terminally ill.

Roxanne Flesher, President – (630) 533-9363

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Illinois Federation for Right To Life

[www.ifrl.org](http://www.ifrl.org)

National Right To Life Committee

[www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)

Knox County Right To Life

[www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org](http://www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org)

Women's Pregnancy Center

[www.womenspregnancycenterofgalesburg.org](http://www.womenspregnancycenterofgalesburg.org)

