

KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE
Spring, 2025

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Illinois Federation for Right To Life

www.ifrl.org

National Right To Life Committee

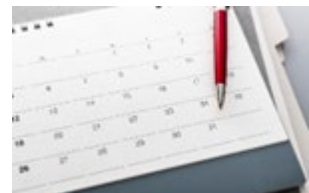
www.nrlc.org

Knox County Right To Life

www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org

Women's Pregnancy Center

www.womenspregnancycenterofgalesburg.org



From The KCRTL President

Dear Pro-Life Friends,

One of our biggest goals for Knox County Right to Life is to educate people about what abortion truly is and the possible aftereffects of abortion. We are considering updating our website at knoxcountyrighttolife.org to be more current to younger people who look to the internet for answers. The software used for our website is no longer supported and we have a quote for the cost to update it. We would also like to have an easier, quicker way to update the website so we can give you information in real time about things such as when a bill concerning life is coming before our Illinois legislators. Your voice supporting or disagreeing with upcoming legislature really does make a difference.

However, personal contact makes an even bigger impact than electronic communications. Please remember you are ambassadors in the fight for life. Peacefully share your knowledge when opportunities arise to discuss abortion, assisted suicide, and care for the disabled or mentally ill. I hope you agree every life deserves dignity and respect. Please share that belief with those around you.

Prayer is always needed. I thank all the churches taking part in the spring 40 days of Adopt-a-Day to Pray campaign. God bless all who stand up for those who are unheard – the unborn, disabled, elderly, and terminally ill.

Our Knox County Right-To-Life has many exciting things coming in 2025. The last couple of months have been quiet but things will get busy (and delicious!) with the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast in early April. The Woman' Pregnancy Center will host their Trivia Game Night in May and that promises to be lots of fun. I hope you'll support life by coming out to these important and fun fund-raising events. They are both great ways to socialize with like-minded friends and neighbors.

Best wishes for a wonderful Lenten season and an enjoyable spring!

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. JOIN US AT A MONTHLY MEETING!** Rotation of Galesburg churches meeting locations.

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

President – Roxanne Flesher

Vice-President – Dave Scholl

Treasurer – Lori Mason

Secretary – Barbara Brody

Education – Lisa Lindstrom

A Big Thank You!

Over 250 Prayer Bags have been handed out to 20 area churches during our current Spring Church Adopt a Day to Pray Campaign, March 5 to April 13. Many others are joining in online by way of our weekday Prayer Alert Postings.

God takes notice when an individual, group, town, city, state, and nation turns to Him in prayer for what breaks His heart as well.

Thank you each for answering the call to pray for every person, born and unborn, to be respected, valued and protected by law as an image bearer of God. Now is the time to press in praying as well as reaching out to our Illinois elected officials in Springfield. They are currently considering bills to protect as well as to destroy human life here in our state. Let us continue beseech Heaven with frequency and intensity through our ongoing prayers. Amen.

If you would like your church to join this powerful pray campaign, please contact Barbara Brody at brodybunch8@comcast.net. The upcoming Fall Campaign will happen during October Respect Life Month.

Thanks to the Participating Churches:

- Ascent
- Bethel Baptist
- Corpus Christi
- Community Bible in Knoxville
- Faith Bible Fellowship
- Fields
- First Church of God
- Galesburg First Church of the Nazarene
- Harmony Baptist
- Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Knoxville United Methodist
- Mt. Calvary Lutheran
- New Life Baptist
- Oaks Church
- Radiant Worship
- Remnant
- St. John Paul in Woodhull
- St. Patrick's.



☆ 2025 Event Schedule ☆

March 25 – Illinois March for Life in Springfield, Illinois.

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

Knox County Right to Life invites you to join them for a delicious

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, April 6, 2025
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bake Sale



Breakfast includes
Pancakes, sausage,
applesauce, juice, milk,
and a bottomless cup
of coffee!

\$5.00 Adults
\$2.00 Children Under 12
\$15.00 Family Maximum

Knights of Columbus Hall
1556 E. Fremont St., Galesburg, Illinois

Take a break and let us do the cooking. Hope to see you there!



WOMEN'S PREGNANCY CENTER

1252 W FREMONT ST, GALESBURG, IL 61401

(309)343-4739

**TRIVIA
GAME NIGHT**

SATURDAY MAY 17, 2025

Knights of Columbus
1556 E. Fremont St
Galesburg, IL 61401

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM

Cash Bar & Grill

GAME STARTS AT 6 PM

\$120 Per Team Of 10/Name Your Team

Call The Pregnancy Center To Reserve A Table/s

Payment Must Be IN BY May 15th

(Or It's \$150/EA Team)

(Mail In Payment Or Stop By The Center)

Individual Walk-Ins Are Welcome For \$15 To Play

BASKET AUCTION & BAKED GOODS SALE

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR FUND RAISER-THANK YOU

Women's Pregnancy Center of Galesburg

The Women's Pregnancy Center ended 2024 with two babies saved from abortion! Additionally, five new babies were born into this world to grateful parents.

We have our good days and our sad days at the Center. Our biggest need for 2025 is volunteers to help us work with new moms. Advocacy is definitely a calling but one with great rewards.

As always bigger sized diapers (5 and 6) and baby care items such as shampoo, lotion, and diaper cream are needed.

We at the Women's Pregnancy Center want to thank all of our donors, volunteers and prayer warriors for such a great 2024. We are small and still unknown to some, but God does wonderful things for those who believe in Him and allow Him to work through the lives of His people. Every life is precious and has a value that is unfathomable. Pray for those who do not know Christ as Savior so that they may begin to look unto Him and see how surrendering their lives to Him will increase their infinite value. Let's have a wonderful 2025!

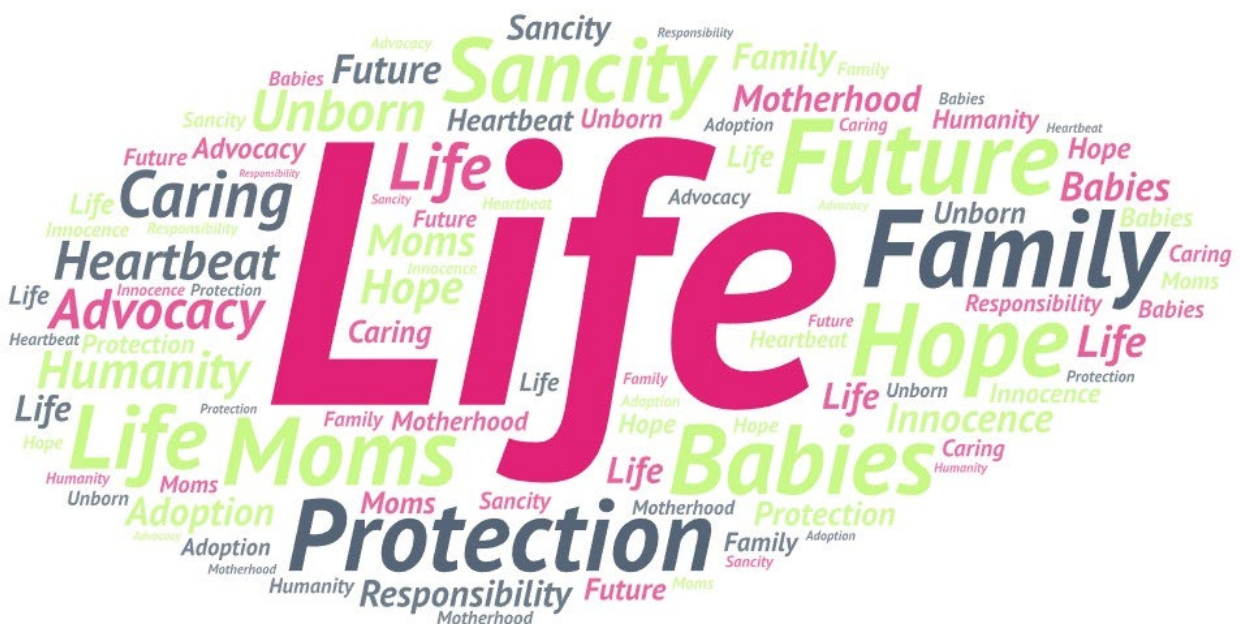
Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Walter, Director

Your Tax Dollars Killing Babies

Illinois' governor is planning to spend \$37 million of your tax dollars on abortion in Fiscal 2026, which starts on July 1, 2025. It breaks down like this:

- \$20 million for so-called "reproductive health initiatives" (read that as abortions);
- \$10 million for a hotline to streamline appointment-making for abortions;
- \$5 million for training for abortion providers;
- \$2 million for freestanding "reproductive health care clinics."

Illinois budgets also include abortion funding through Medicaid.



Help Wanted

Knox County Right To Life is looking for someone who is skilled and experienced in creating and maintaining websites. The KCRTL website will require updating on a regular schedule. The URL will likely need to be moved. There are other changes which may need to be made of which we are unaware.

If you know someone who is good at website design, deployment, and maintenance, please have them get in touch with the KCRTL president, Roxanne Flesher. She can be reached by email at rflesher007@yahoo.com or by phone at (630) 533-9363.

Abortion Statistics

As If We Didn't Already Know This...

- Around 40% of women said financial reasons drove them to needing an abortion. Most had general financial concerns or said they could not afford to support a child.
- More than one-third (36%) of study participants cited reasons relating to timing. Some felt they were not emotionally or financially ready to have a baby, while others felt they were too old to have a child.
- Almost one-third (31%) said they did not have a good or stable relationship with their partner or that their partner was unsupportive.
- About 20% of women reported having an abortion because the timing would interfere with their future opportunities and goals. They felt they could not continue their education or advance their careers while raising a baby.
- Around 19% of women in the study said that they were emotionally or mentally unprepared for a child. They mentioned not having the mental capacity to have a baby or not feeling mentally stable enough to raise a child.
- About 5% of people described influences from family and friends as a reason they chose abortion.

These statistics come from a 2022 article online at the pro-abortion publication Medical News Today. You will notice that the reasons that pro-abortion groups give – rape and incest – don't even move the needle when it comes to the reasons for ending a baby's life. Abortion is about one thing and one thing only – bad choices. But, **providing support for mothers** so that they can start making good choices for themselves and their unborn babies **is so important**. The more that we can do to give women reasons to bring their pregnancies to term, the better this world will be.

Other Abortion News

A recent survey found women who have had an abortion are twice as likely to attempt suicide, while women who had successfully delivered their children had the lowest attempt rate.

The study surveyed nearly 3,000 American women ages 41-45, including women who had abortions, difficult pregnancies, pregnancy loss, and live births, as well as women who had never been pregnant.

Among women who had abortions, those coerced into abortion had the highest rate of attempted suicide at 46.2%, while women who reported that they had chosen abortion freely had a 29.5% rate of attempted suicide. (Courtesy of Catholic News Agency)

Planned Parenthood Closing 4 Illinois Locations (From WGLT Radio)

Planned Parenthood of Illinois says it will close health centers in Bloomington and three other cities as it faces financial challenges. Appointments will end in March at the four clinics, in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood and Ottawa, Decatur and Bloomington.

None of the health centers provided procedural abortion care but did provide medication abortions. Rising costs and lower reimbursement rates from insurers were cited as reasons for the closures.

Planned Parenthood's 13 other Illinois clinics remain open. The organization intends to increase appointments at the Champaign, Peoria, Springfield and Roseland health centers. They will also begin offering more telehealth appointments and medication abortions

In the Illinois Legislature

There are a number of very interesting bills before the Illinois legislature this year. Right To Life members would do well to pay attention to the progress of these bills and call your legislators to let them know your position on these proposed laws.

Assisted Suicide. The so-called "End of Life Options Act" is the same as Assisted Suicide, Physician Assisted Suicide, and Medical Aid in Dying. Public policy should always seek to improve healthcare and protect the vulnerable, not hasten death. Call your Illinois State Senator and Representative and tell them to **vote no against SB 9 and HB1328.**

Abortion. There are 79 proposed bills that have some reference to abortion. Many are procedural but some are on point and quite interesting. **The Ultrasound Opportunity Act** (HB1129, HB1340, HB2619, SB0165, HB1129) each seek to require physicians to offer ultrasound viewings of a fetus to the mother before an abortion can be performed. Several bills (such as HB1335) seek to recognize fetuses who are alive after an abortion is performed are to be regarded as **human persons** and to receive immediate, life-saving medical care. **Parental notification** is the goal of HC0003 and HB1139 (filed by Rep. Travis Weaver.) HB1333 includes a section to **protect any healthcare provider** who refuses to participate in an abortion due to their beliefs. A bill filed by Rep. Weaver, HB 1473, would require men who are "the other party to a pregnancy" **to pay at least 50% of the pregnancy expenses.** HB1472, also filed by Rep. Weaver, creates the offense of **coercing an abortion** and makes it a Class 3 Felony. HB2602 would provide a big 50% **tax break for donating to a pregnancy resource center** like Galesburg's Women's Pregnancy Center. And finally, HB2616 proposes an amendment to the Counties Code requiring **coroners to investigate fetal and maternal deaths** as a result of an abortion procedure.

It's a lot to keep track of! **You can keep abreast of important pro-life legislation** by signing up for Dick Conklin's **KCRTL Legislative Email Alerts.** Email him at conklin.dick@gmail.com to be included in his list or recipients.