



Elkhart County RIGHT TO LIFE

Caring for Life, ALLways

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Your Investment is Making a Difference!

Your donations to Elkhart County Right to Life help promote a message of life through billboards, the booth at the Elkhart County Fair, and the annual Rally and March for Life. ECRTL's mission is to encourage a culture of life...a culture that encourages a woman (and her family) experiencing an unexpected pregnancy to protect the baby growing inside her.

Your tax-deductible donation will be greatly appreciated and may be made using the enclosed response card.

Spaghetti Dinner!

Join us for a Spaghetti Dinner Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at the Elkhart Knights of Columbus to benefit Elkhart County Right to Life. Delicious spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread and dessert will be available 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the K of C building, 112 E. Lexington Ave., Elkhart. Price is \$8.00 for adults; \$4.00 for ages 6-12; children age 5 and under eat free! Drive-up available!

Elkhart County RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

1st Quarter 2016

5th Annual Rally & March for Life a Success



We were so encouraged by the turnout at the "5th Annual Rally & March for Life" at the Lerner Theatre on January 16. Steve Karlen of 40 Days for Life was an inspiration for all those in attendance as he told his story of personal involvement with his wife's friend who was pregnant and wanted to have an abortion. Shortly after this, he became more active in pro-life and is now the Director of North American Outreach for 40 Days for Life (a

peaceful campaign of 40 days of prayer, fasting, and vigil conducted in 539 cities in 24 countries worldwide). God led him into an entirely different direction with his life as he found that we are all called to pray, fast and be vigilant for all life around us. "With God all things are possible." Is God calling you to speak out for life?

Passage of Pro-Life Indiana House Bill 1337



Indianapolis - Indiana Right to Life President and CEO Mike Fichter issued this statement following concurrence this evening of House Bill 1337 by a 60-40 vote in the Indiana House: "We are truly thankful for the passage of this historic legislation by the Indiana House and applaud the new civil rights protections this bill creates for unborn children, as well as the new provisions this bill establishes for the humane final disposition of

aborted babies. The House leadership listened to our concerns and the concerns of pro-life Hoosiers across Indiana and made it a priority to concur on this bill before tomorrow's end of the session. We look forward to Governor Pence signing this bill into law and establishing a new respect for unborn human life in Indiana." (Indiana Right to Life)

MARCH FOR LIFE Bus Trip to Washington, D.C.

Dave Koontz's quick, active and prayerful trip to D.C. amidst a winter blizzard

On Wednesday evening, January 20, four bus loads carrying 207 students and chaperones left Ft. Wayne and headed to Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life. After traveling all night, our group arrived in D.C. around 9:00 am on January 21. The first destination for many of the group was the Holocaust Museum. The parallels between the German Holocaust and abortion are powerful and every pro-lifer should take the opportunity to tour the museum.

The individual groups then had the rest of the day to visit museums and memorials.

The day ended with Congressman Marlin and Christy Stutzman giving the entire group of 207 people a personal tour of the Capitol Building. The tour included the opportunity to sit in the floor of the House while Marlin and Christy shared historical information about the room and the building and answered questions. We then had the opportunity to walk through the building, including the Rotunda and the original Supreme Court room in the basement of the building.

Unfortunately the severe winter weather, which originally was scheduled to move in later in the afternoon on Friday, changed with a blizzard warning starting around 1:00 p.m. on Friday. The tough decision was made to head home in the morning on Friday and miss the March.

Students on all four buses took intentional time to pray for legislators, pregnancy centers and pro-lifers in each state that we drove through on the way home.

Even though the group was not able to participate in the Rally and March, there were many opportunities to share the pro-life message with those who asked about the hoodies our group wore with the message, "1/4 of our Generation is Missing." Just two examples of these opportunities—one person spoke with a Jewish couple in the Holocaust Museum and helped them understand why pro-lifers believe that abortion is another form of a holocaust. One group had an opportunity to "debate" with an employee of the Department of Agriculture who felt abortion needed to be legal because "we can't afford the expense of all these children on welfare." In a moral or spiritual conversation with God, would He support making abortion legal when He is the one who created and breathed life into this child of His?

To stay up to date on pro-life news, please check out :

Indiana Right to Life: www.irtl.org

40 Days for Life: www.40daysforlife.com

National Pro-life Alliance:
www.nationalprolifealliance.com

Americans United for Life: www.aul.org



It won't be long now!

Come and see us at the Elkhart County Right to Life Booth at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair. We will be in Building E, Booth 30 again this year. Look for us with our new banner and logo! Mark your calendars now to visit us anytime from Friday, July 22 to Saturday, July 30, 2016.

Join Us for the Monthly Life Chain!

ECRTL sponsors a monthly Life Chain on the 1st Saturday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at two locations: On the sidewalk at St. Thomas Church, Elkhart on the corner of Bristol and Main St. and near St. John the Evangelist Church, Goshen at the Abortion Cross on 3rd St. (north end of the playground/parking lot at St. John's School). Signs will be provided. For more information, email ecrtl@protectinglife.com or call 574-295-7163.