




## Focus on Education... Abortion: The Hard Cases

Many people claim to be pro-life except in the cases of rape and incest. We've often heard our politicians say that pro-life laws should have rape/incest exceptions. But just who are we protecting and how common are rape/incest abortions?

In David Reardon's Book, "Aborted Women: Silent No More," rape is shown to be a factor in less than 1 percent of all abortions. Testimonials by the small percentage of women who chose abortion after rape state that the abortion did not make it easier to heal after the rape but instead compounded their grief. Now, they not only felt like a victim from the rape, but they also felt like an aggressor against a helpless victim – their own unborn child. Many women said it was harder to heal from the abortion than the rape. Another reason to consider giving birth over choosing abortion is that DNA from the child can help prove the guilt of the rapist.

Pregnancy resulting from an incestuous relationship is different from that of rape because the abuse usually occurs on younger girls and over a long period of time. The abuser is someone the girls knows, often a family member, and her only ways out of the situation are to run away, get married or expose the abuser. When a pregnancy occurs in an incestuous relationship, this can actually be a blessing. It exposes the sexual activity and is the first step toward getting the abuse to stop and bringing charges against the abuser. Again, the DNA can prove the guilt of the abuser. Abortion in this case, rather than help the victim and her situation, actually protects her abuser and allows the abuse to continue.

The next time someone tells you that abortion should be legal in the cases of rape and incest, ask them how the abortion would help the victim? Then tell them how it would hurt her.



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**Mother Teresa of Calcutta**




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Right to Life of Midland County  
**Focus on Life Dinner**

Guest speaker:

**Sgt. John Wayne  
Cockfield**

Since 1996, Wayne Cockfield has been working to promote public awareness of the present and growing threat of euthanasia in our country. In 1997, he helped to successfully lobby the United States Congress for passage of the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997, which prevents federal tax dollars from being used to expand the killing of American citizens.

**TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 16, 2007**

Valley Plaza Resort  
Great Hall  
5221 Bay City Rd, Midland

**6:00 p.m.**

**For more information contact  
Julia Hoving (989) 835-7691**

To Reserve your seat fill out the information below and send in a check made payable to:

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3200 Riggie Street  
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*Support the work of Right to Life of Michigan!*

# Mid-Michigan Life Chain

## Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 2:30- 3:30 pm

Church	Location	Description of Where on Chain
Alma Wesleyan Church	#18	N. Side between St. Andrews & Wood Lawn
Auburn United Methodist	#4	S. side Dartmouth and East
Beaverton Baptist Church	#9	N. side Dartmouth and East
Bethel Church of the Nazarene	#15	St. Andrews to Hillcrest
Blessed Sacrament Church	#18	N. Side between St. Andrews & Wood Lawn
Christian Celebration Center	#14	S. side St. Andrews to Manor
Church of God - 7 <sup>th</sup> Day (Freeland)	#11	In front of Salvation Army - East Lawn Plaza
Coleman Wesleyan Church	#18	N. Side between St. Andrews & Wood Lawn
Community Church of the Nazarene	#15	St. Andrews to Hillcrest
Cornerstone Baptist (Sanford)	#13	S. side west of Ashman
Faith Christian Assembly	#2	S. side Dollar Tree east of Rodd
Faith Wesleyan Church	#13	S. side west of Ashman
First Baptist Church of Auburn	#2	S. side Dollar Tree east of Rodd
Floyd Church of God	#1	S. side between Rodd and the Circle
Grace Bible Church	#7	N. side Rodd Street and West
Grace Lutheran Church	#9	N. side Dartmouth and East
Jefferson Ave Church of God	#16	N. side west of Jefferson
Living Word Church	#4&5	S. side Dartmouth and East
Merrill Wesleyan	#17	N. side St. Andrews and East
Messiah Lutheran Church	#12	East Lawn Plaza – Hollywood Video area
Midland Christian Church	#7	N. side Rodd Street and West
Midland Evangelical Free Church	#16	N. side west of Jefferson
Nease Memorial Church of the Nazarene	#13	S. side west of Ashman

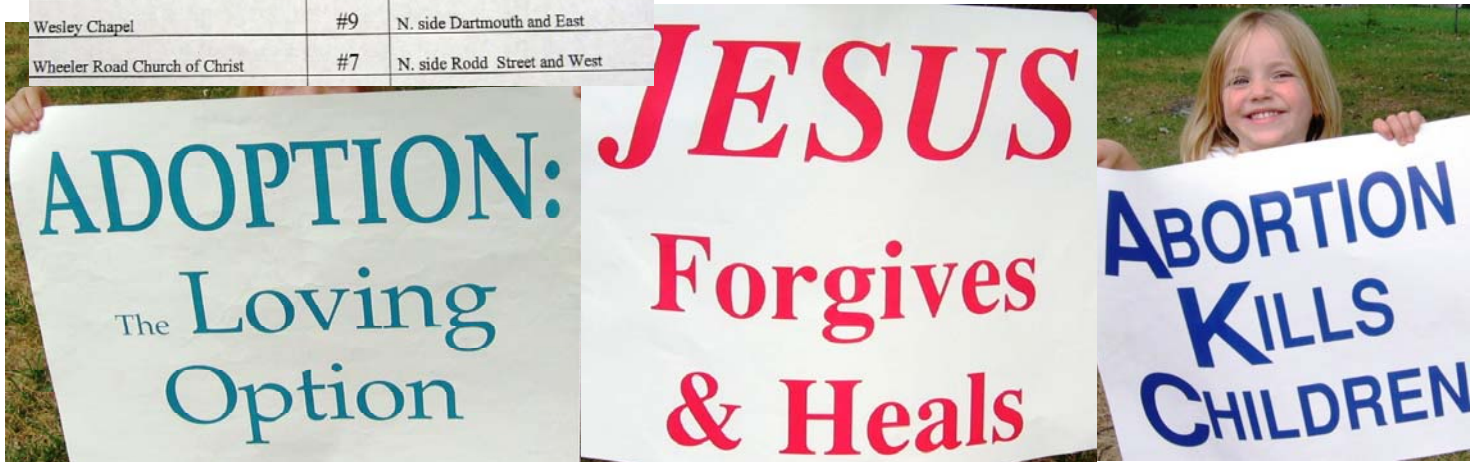
New Hope Community Church of God	#10	N. side – 1 block east of Dartmouth
New Life Vineyard Fellowship Church	#8	N. side Between Rodd and Dartmouth
Poseyville United Methodist	#16	N. side west of Jefferson
Sanford First Baptist	#16	N. side west of Jefferson
St. Agnes Catholic Church	#3	S. side West of Dartmouth
St. Anthony of Fisherville - Auburn	#13	S. side west of Ashman
St. Brigid's Catholic Church	#1	S. side between Rodd and the Circle
St. Timothy Lutheran Church	#13	S. side west of Ashman
Wesley Chapel	#9	N. side Dartmouth and East
Wheeler Road Church of Christ	#7	N. side Rodd Street and West

Let us invest one hour...  
to save a lifetime!

There are over 1,100 babies killed annually by abortion in the Tri-City area, and the **Life Chain on October 7<sup>th</sup>** will offer strong witness and encouragement for reducing that number.

The Life Chain provides a visual statement of solidarity by our local Christian community that abortion is grievously wrong and that the church Christ founded is opposed to the unmerciful killing of pre-born children.

With your firm support, we are confident of reaching our goal of 3,000 Life defenders. Churches are assigned a section of Saginaw Rd to stand along, and if your church isn't listed, find any place to join in. Signs will be available behind Pathways Christian Bookstore near the circle.





**Sept 26<sup>th</sup> - Nov 4th**

This fall, from September 26- November 4, the Tri-Cities will be uniting with 89 cities in 33 states for a unique pro-life campaign called *40 Days for Life* -- an intensive effort designed to raise awareness, save lives, bring healing, and prepare America for the beginning of the ***end of abortion***.

There are three components to *40 Days for Life*...

### Prayer and Fasting

Prayer is at the center of *40 Days for Life*. During the September 26 - November 4 campaign, we are calling on people of faith across the nation to fall on their knees before the Lord, asking Him to hear our plea to end abortion and heal our land. People of faith are also invited to fast. We believe that when God's people pray and fast with a repentant and contrite spirit, our heavenly Father will hear and heal our communities.

### Community Outreach

During *40 Days for Life*, the pro-life message is proactively taken to every possible corner of a community through media efforts, church presentations, door to door advocacy, and public visibility.

### Peaceful Vigil

The prayer vigil is a peaceful and educational presence that sends a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion.

We will be standing for life outside the **Saginaw abortion facility at 3141 Cabaret Trail** where over ***1,200 abortions have been excused annually for the past 20 years!***

***Clinic Hours we need covered:***

**Wednesdays & Saturdays 6am-noon *\*\*abortions performed\*\****

**Monday thru Fri 8am-noon - *women counseled to abort their babies***

It is most helpful if you can commit to a 2-hour block every week throughout the 40 days, but even drop-ins and shorter stays are greatly appreciated. This is a one-time effort, so don't put off getting involved! We especially need people to cover Mondays and Fridays. For more information or to sign up, visit [www.40daysforlife.com/tricity](http://www.40daysforlife.com/tricity) and click on "calendar" for complete list of shifts that need to be covered. You can also contact Jack at 687-5056 or Bill at 689-4113 for more information.

Right to Life of Midland County is  
proud to announce  
the winners of the  
2007 Precious Baby Contest

First Place- Baby #28- Zachary D

Second Place- Baby #29- Emma B

Third Place- Baby #20 Sabrina G

We thank you all for entering your beautiful babies in the contest and for witnessing to those that visited our booth that every baby is precious! Thank you for making our annual baby contest a success.

If you would like to sign up for next year's contest, entry forms will be available on our newly launched website. You can also see the results and pictures posted there: [www.midlandrtl.org](http://www.midlandrtl.org) and we hope to see even more of those precious babies back next year!



Yes! I want to be a member of Right to Life of Midland County, Inc.

Enclosed is payment for: \_\_\_\_\_ New membership or: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal ( ) \$5.00 Student ( ) \$8.00  
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Being a public spokesperson for RTL            | <input type="checkbox"/> High school oratorical contest (Spring)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making phone calls for membership drives       | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-a-highway cleanup (April & September) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making phone calls to lobby politicians        | <input type="checkbox"/> Midland County Fair booth (August)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinating community events                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Chain (October)                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Rummage sale                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working on newsletter                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Focus on Life dinner                        |
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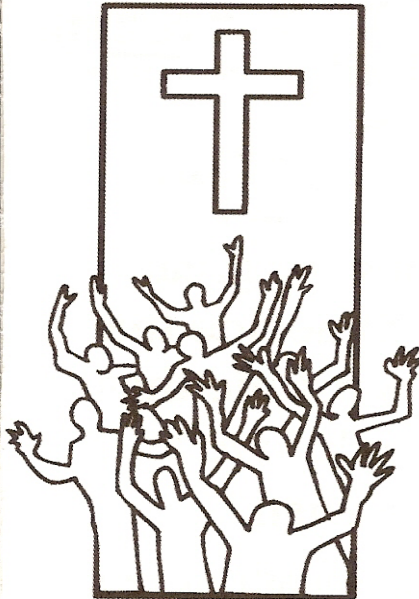
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## Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, September 26 – Sunday, November 4, *40 Days for Life*.** See inside for details.

**Sunday, October 7, *Life Chain*** 2:30 – 3:30 along Saginaw Road. Join us in peaceful prayer. See inside for details.

**Thursday, October 11, *Monthly Meeting***, 7:00p.m., Library Conference Room B. Join us!

**Tuesday, October 16, *Focus on Life Dinner***, with speaker Sgt John Wayne Cockfield 6:00p.m., Valley Plaza Resort. See inside for details.

**Thursday, November 8, *Monthly Meeting*, AFFILIATE ELECTIONS!** 7:00p.m., Library Conference Room B. We are looking for new faces and fresh ideas. We are also in need of a secretary. Please come!