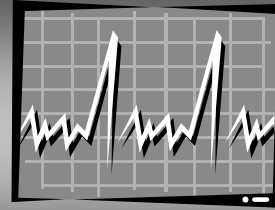


Lifelines



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Pro-Life Presence Saves a Life

A woman went with her husband to the abortion mill in Saginaw to abort their seven week old baby.

They changed their minds when they got there.

The woman attributed their decision partially to our presence in the Memorial Day parade.

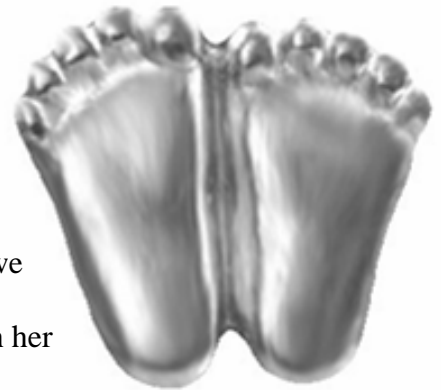
At the parade, her kids asked her what the feet meant on the lollipops we handed out. They asked how a mom could abort her child.

She did not know then that she was pregnant, but the conversation with her children at the parade came back to her later.

There was no way she could abort her child.

She and her husband were planning to abort for financial reasons. Our presence helped them realize the value of life over money.

Thank you for marching in the parade. You saved a life.



Abortion and Women: the Real Story

By: Jennifer Rey

Abortion is never a “safe medical procedure”; instead, it is unnatural and harms women over and over again, both physically and psychologically. It is time to unbury the truth.

Many women bleed to death from perforated uteruses and torn bowels due to “botched abortions.”

When the child is not completely removed, women die from “complications.”

Deadly blood infections are common.

Women who do not die from abortions are still affected in horrible ways. They are often rendered infertile for the rest of their lives.

A Finland government study showed that a woman who aborts her child is four times more likely to die the next year than a woman who carries her pregnancy to term.

According to Elizabeth M. Shadigian, M.D., “history of induced abortion is associated with an increased long-term risk of: 1) breast cancer; 2) placenta previa; 3) pre-term birth; 4) maternal suicide.” This statement is supported by medical literature, meta-analyses, as well as studies from different countries.

Induced abortion also causes an increased risk of cervical, ovarian and liver cancer; cervical lacerations; labor complications, including pre-term delivery and delayed delivery; babies born with handicaps in later pregnancies; ectopic pregnancy; pelvic inflammatory disease; and endometrits.

**Your 2008 Right to Life of Midland County, Inc.
officers and board members are:**

**President: Joe Sheffbuch, Vice President: Julia Hoving,
Treasurer: Joanne Bober, Secretary: Stephanie LaFramboise
Board Members: Liz Pahl, Lorie Shane, Kamila Turowska**

The most common major complications that can occur at the time of an abortion are infection, excessive bleeding, embolism, ripping or perforation of the uterus, anesthesia complications, convulsions, hemorrhage, cervical injury and endotoxic shock.

Abortion also harms the psychological health of women.

A study conducted on post-abortion patients about eight weeks after abortions found that 44% complained of having nervous disorders, 36% were having sleep disturbances, 31% regretted their decisions and 11% were prescribed psychotropic medicine by their family doctor.

Many women speak out about the pain that comes from abortion.

One woman lamented, "I am tormented. ... I've lost self esteem, inner peace, find it very difficult to find joy anywhere in life, am always depressed. I'm taking Luvok [an antidepressant] and use alcohol ... and marijuana to cope with the pain of living. I always feel sad and ashamed. ... He or she would have started school next week"

A study for the *British Medical Journal* showed that the suicide rate for those who had received an abortion was six times greater than those who carried pregnancy to full term.

There is also a significantly increased risk of post-traumatic stress disorder, sexual dysfunction, increased smoking, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, eating disorders, child neglect or abuse, divorce and chronic problems in relationships and repeat abortions.

Abortion violates nature and it violates the dignity of the child and the mother. Abortion was never meant to be.

Lifeline Pluses

- + In March, Andre Lampkin, 20, was facing amputation of his legs and arms due to meningitis. An experimental treatment in the Dominican Republic using his own stem cells to stimulate tissue growth saved the former wide receiver from amputation. After two weeks of treatment, Lampkin saw improvement: the soles of his feet and the palms of his hands were softening, his circulation improved and his right foot was moving.
- + An unborn baby underwent successful surgery at 22 weeks gestation. In a possible medical first, doctors at Monash Medical Centre in Melbourne Australia successfully conducted surgery on an unborn child at a mere 22 weeks gestation. Doctors usually wait until at least 28 weeks gestation before conducting 'in utero' surgery such as this, said a representative from Monash, on account of the high risks involved both to the child and mother.



Photo by: Katie Rey

Memorable Quote

"A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both."

-President Dwight D. Eisenhower

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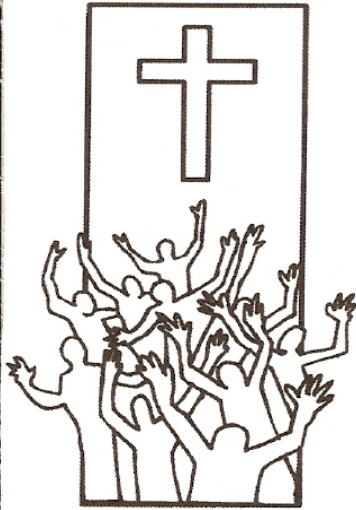
Anti-life argument: Abortion is part of a woman's right to privacy, protected by the Constitution and the 14th and 9th Amendments.

Practical response: First, privacy is not explicitly listed as a right in the Constitution or the 14th or 9th Amendments. Secondly, legal precedent did not support Supreme Court decisions regarding this issue, especially before *Roe v. Wade*. Finally, abortion is *not* private. Clinics are public businesses where the women are attended by a large number of strangers. Records are kept, and, although it is confidential, it is not done in a solitary way. Abortion is not a private matter as it involves many people beyond the woman receiving the abortion.



“Earth’s Trash, Heaven’s Treasure”
From priestsforlife.org.

Midland Area Catholic Churches



Assumption BVM Parish

3516 Monroe Road
Midland MI 48642
989 631-4447

Saint Brigid Parish

207 Ashman Street
Midland MI 48642
989 835-7121

Blessed Sacrament Parish

3109 Swede Avenue
Midland MI 48642
989 835-6777

Respecting Life from Womb to Tomb

Right to Life Garage Sale a Success!

Midland Right to Life had success at our garage sale on Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21, raising nearly \$750!

The many people that came to help were greatly appreciated. We were able to successfully run the sale from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. – noon on Saturday.

The weather was beautiful, and we had an abundance of donated items to sell. The sale drew in quite a crowd on Friday and people were still browsing as the time to pack things up on Saturday came along.

We were very blessed to raise over \$700 to further the cause of life. All the leftover items were donated to the Salvation Army.

Thanks to everyone who donated items and helped make the garage sale a success.

A special thanks to the Groenings for giving up their garage for a week to host Midland Right to Life's garage sale.



Right to Life Highway Cleanup

Friday, July 11th 8:30-10:30am

We are meeting at the Shell gas station at Meridian Rd and M-20. We will clean the 2-mile stretch of M-20 from Meridian to 8 Mile. **You will want to bring work gloves, boots, and a water bottle. Vests and bags will be provided. Contact Julia for more details or to let us know you can help 835-7691 or 835-2222.**

Renew Your Right to Life Membership

Midland Right to Life needs your help to fight for life. We are in the process of cleaning up our membership list. If you would like to continue receiving Lifelines, please send in the form below with your donation. Thank you for your generous support.

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 Senior, \$12.00 Single, \$18.00 Family,
 \$25.00 Silver, \$50.00 Gold, \$75.00 Platinum, Extra Donation _____

YES, make our Right to Life funds do more! Send my newsletter by e-mail to my address below.

I am not able to donate at this time, but I want to continue receiving Lifelines in my mail.

YES! I would like to volunteer my time!

Send me information on:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending monthly meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Roe v Wade Vigil (January 22) |
| <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 (Apr, July, Sept) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making phone calls to lobby politicians | <input type="checkbox"/> Midland County Fair Booth (August) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making Get Out The Vote phone calls | <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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Shower for Pregnancy centers | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinating Community Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Being a church representative for _____ Church | |

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Gifts and membership to Right to Life of Midland are non-tax deductible for income tax purposes.

Planned Parenthood Facts

- As a “not-for-profit” corporation, income for the national office and affiliates totaled \$810 million dollars for the year ending June 30, 2004. (<http://www.plannedparenthoodrx.com/annualreport/report-04.pdf>)
- Planned Parenthood actively fights against current and proposed parental consent laws. They claim that “Lack of Confidential Reproductive Health Care Harms Teenagers.” They consistently oppose proposals to prohibit transporting minors to another state to avoid parental notification laws, thus permitting minors to get abortions without notifying their parents. Instead of consulting with their parents, minors are “advised” by Planned Parenthood.

(<http://www.plannedparenthood.org/issues-action/sex-education/teenagers-abortion-6238.htm>)



Thank you for reading the June 2008 Midland Right to Life *Lifelines* Newsletter. Be sure to look for the next newsletter and read about what “Roe” of Roe v. Wade is now doing to support the pro-life cause. May God bless you!

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, July 10, *Monthly Meeting*, 7:00p.m., Library Conference Room C.

- **Friday, July 11, *Highway Cleanup***, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., meet at the Shell gas station at Meridian Rd and M-20.

Sunday, August 10 – Saturday, August 16, *Midland County Fair*. We need about 60 people to volunteer 2-3 hours during the week to staff the booth. Please call if you are able to help.

- **Thursday, August 14, *Monthly Meeting***, 7:00p.m., Library Conference Room C. Please come and give us your input!

Thursday, September 11, *Monthly Meeting*, 7:00p.m., Library Conference Room C.

Thursday, October 2, *Focus on Life Dinner*, - speaker Dr. Theresa Burke

- **Sunday, October 5, *Life Chain***.