

## **Right to Life of St. Joseph County**

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### **Parental Consent Threatened**

Parents in Michigan should be on notice! The Governor and her allies in the state legislature are determined to further chip away at parental rights, intent on overturning parental consent for a minor girl seeking an abortion in Michigan.

This is not the first time that parental consent for abortions has been threatened in Michigan. Last summer, abortion activists and legislators stated through various news outlets that they support the repeal or intend to repeal parental consent for abortions.

On Tuesday, March 26, when referring to the Reproductive Health Act, Governor Gretchen Whitmer told Michigan Public Radio the removal of parental consent for abortion "was a part of the original package, and I was advocating for the whole package to get to my desk..."

Doing so flouts the will of Michigan voters. Parental consent for a minor girl seeking an abortion is supported by according to a Marketing Resource Group poll that was conducted last fall.

The ACLU and the Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health (MOASH) released a report, "In Harms Way" on March 28 that is actively seeking to remove parents from one of the most important decisions a minor girl could face, one that everyone acknowledges will have a lifelong impact regardless of the decision.

## **Right to Life of Michigan PAC Announces Candidate Endorsements**

On June 6, 2024 RLM-PAC released the list of endorsed candidates for the Primary election this August. The following candidates were listed for St. Joseph County:

US. Congress:	Tim Walberg
State House:	Steve Carra
Probate Court:	Kevin Kane Kelly Ward
Prosecuting Attorney:	David Marvin
St. Joseph Sheriff:	Chad Spence
St. Joseph Treasurer:	Kathie Humphreys

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Currently, minors seeking an abortion must get a parent's consent or seek a judicial bypass prior to obtaining an abortion.

The Parental Consent for Abortion Law has been the law of the land since 1990. The law was put into place through a citizen initiative petition, meaning Michiganders gathered together to collectively fight for the rights of parents and the protection of children. Without this law, parents could be completely taken out of the equation when it comes to a dangerous drug/surgery.

Now is the time to inform your family, friends, and community to let them know how dangerous this is for children and parents.

**For more information on the life  
issues visit us at**

**[www.RTL.org](http://www.RTL.org)**

and

**[rtlstjoseph.com](http://rtlstjoseph.com)**

## RTL St. Joseph 2024 Events

- June - Water Festival June 14 & 15
- July - Covered Bridge Days July 19 & 20
- **August 6 Primary—Please Vote ProLife!**
- August - RiverFest August 16 & 17
- October - Dinner October 22  
Speaker: Dr. Robin Pierucci
- March to the Polls October 26

**November 5 - ELECTION!!**  
**Please vote ProLife!**

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### **ACTION ALERT!**

Contact **Sen. Jonathan Lindsay**  
at 517-373-3543 or email him at:  
[senjlindsey@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senjlindsey@senate.michigan.gov)  
Message: **Vote NO on SB 678-681**

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## Is Assisted Suicide Coming to Michigan?

*Physician-assisted suicide—or “Death with Dignity” (a euphemism preferred by its proponents)—is a threat in our state yet again. In December of 2023, a package of bills (SB 678-681) was introduced in the Michigan State Senate to legalize the dangerous practice of allowing doctors to prescribe lethal doses of drugs to their patients for the purpose of committing suicide.*

*By looking at states and countries that have legalized the practice, we can already see the slippery slope is real and tragic. Legalizing physician-assisted suicide will restrict patients’ already limited ability to access critical care in the midst of rising healthcare costs. Insurance companies scale back coverage for expensive care and procedures for illnesses that are chronic and not even terminal. Physician-assisted suicide puts those experiencing temporary depression or struggling with mental illness at risk, rather than treating the illness. To learn more about the issue of Assisted Suicide visit [bettercaremi.org](http://bettercaremi.org).*

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Thank you!