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PRO-LIFE 

Thursday, March 7, 2019

7:00 PM

Denny's Lux Club

(3050 Asbury Road, Dubuque, IA 52001)

Please join us for our first annual Pro-Life Bingo night! We are very excited for this opportunity to enjoy each other's company while having a great time. There will be baked goods to snack on and a cash bar available. We have many generous people and businesses who have donated items as prizes for this event – you won't want to miss out!

Here is a list of prizes thus far that we've received (\$300 worth!) – and probably more to come!

- Diffuser with Essential Oils (\$50 value)
- \$40 Car Wash Gift Card to Big 10 Mart
- 4 Pizza Gift Cards to Your Pie
- 3, \$10 coupons to Tonic Salon & Day Spa
- 7 sets of 3 Games of Bowling at Creslanes
- Betty Jane Candies
- Accessorize Me Gift Certificate
- Dubuque Mining Company Gift Certificate
- Denny's Lux Club Gift Certificate
- East Mill Bakery Gift Certificate
- Freddie's Popcorn
- Beautiful Home Décor
- Irish Cross & Blessing
- Health & Beauty Items
- Children's Books & Puzzles
- 1 Dozen Farm Fresh Eggs
- DCRTL Mug
- DCRTL Shirts



We hope that you'll join us for this very fun and exciting event!

- Participants to join us in our trip to Cedar Rapids for the 40 Days for Life!
- Prayers for the unborn
- Bottled water
- Scholarship entries from high school seniors

Wish List

Mass for the Unborn



Monday, March 25
6:25pm Rosary, 7:00pm Mass
Holy Ghost Church
(2921 Central Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001)



In honor of the **Feast of the Annunciation** and the **International Day of the Unborn Child**, Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. and the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Mass for the Unborn**. This Mass will be held on Monday, March 25th (exactly nine months before Christmas) at Holy Ghost Church in Dubuque. The evening will open at 6:25pm with a special pro-life Rosary, followed by Mass at 7:00pm. The main celebrant will be Very Rev. Dwayne Thoman, Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish. All area priests are invited to concelebrate. Following Mass, refreshments will be served by the Knights of Columbus, Council #510.

Please join us for this special evening. Everyone is welcome!

Lenten Prayer Campaign

Lent is a season of repentance, which leads to life. Priests for Life urges all Christians to join in saying the Lenten Pro-life Prayer, and making a special commitment to help others to see and defend the dignity of every human life, starting with the unborn. Please say this prayer every day from March 6th – April 20th.

Lenten Pro-life Prayer

Father of all mercy,

We thank you for this season of grace and light.

We know that sin has blinded us.

Draw us ever closer to you, in prayer and penance.

Since you, O God, are light itself,

Give all your people a clearer understanding

Of what is sin, and what is virtue.

Grant in particular that we may see, as never before,

The profound dignity of every human life,

Including the vulnerable unborn children.

Give us grace to defend

Our brothers and sisters in the womb

By our prayers, our words,

And our self-sacrificing actions.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory Of:

- Bill Wilkie, given by Timothy & Joyce Singsank
- Bonnie Fettkether, given by Timothy & Joyce Singsank
- Charlie McCormick, given by Dr. Virgil & Marian Bourek
- David Vorwald, given by Timothy & Joyce Singsank
- Dorrance Manders, given by Jim & Kathy Conlon
- Francis Klaren, given by Timothy & Joyce Singsank
- John "Jack" Mohr Jr., given by Sue Mohr
- John Steger, given by Timothy & Joyce Singsank
- Kevin McDonough, given by Jan McDonough and Bill & Colleen Pasnik
- Lucille Overman, given by Dick & Jean Mescher
- Russ Foust, given by Timothy & Joyce Singsank
- Sonny Weires, given by Jim & Kathy Conlon

In Honor Of:

- Donald Usher's Birthday, given by David & Patricia Usher and Jeff & Deb Usher

When a gift is given in memory or in honor of a loved one, an acknowledgement card is sent to the person or family you designate. With gifts of \$250 or greater, their name is engraved on our memorial plaque which is displayed in our office. Simply send us, along with your gift, the name of the person you are honoring and the name and address of the family to whom you'd like the acknowledgement sent. We'll be happy to send out cards.

Heartbeat Law Struck Down

January 22, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade & Doe v. Bolton, we not only mourned the 60,000,000+ lives lost to abortion but also that a judge declared Iowa's heartbeat law unconstitutional, prohibiting the state from protecting first-trimester unborn babies from abortion. Polk County District Judge Michael Huppert acknowledged that unborn babies do have a heartbeat early in the first trimester. However, despite the scientific evidence of life in the womb, Huppert ruled against the law anyway, saying "A woman's right to decide whether to terminate a pregnancy is a fundamental right under the Iowa Constitution", citing the Iowa Supreme Court 72-Hour ruling which created a phantom right to abortion.

If enforced, the Iowa law would require abortion practitioners to test for the unborn baby's heartbeat before performing an abortion. If a heartbeat is detected, the abortion would be prohibited except in cases of medical emergency, rape, incest or fetal abnormalities deemed to be "incompatible" with life. Because an unborn baby's heartbeat is detectable by about six weeks of pregnancy, the law would prohibit almost all abortions in Iowa (keep in mind a baby's heart starts beating around three weeks after fertilization). This is the earliest abortion ban in the United States. "It is undisputed that such cardiac activity is detectable well in advance of the fetus becoming viable," Huppert wrote. However, he said the law still is unconstitutional because it violates "both the due process and equal protection provisions of the Iowa Constitution."

Pro-life Governor Kim Reynolds signed the law last year. She said, "I am incredibly disappointed in today's court ruling, because I believe that if death is determined when a heart stops beating, then a beating heart indicates life."

The goal of the Heartbeat Law was to prevent the deaths of thousands of unborn babies every year. We are extremely disappointed in the judge's decision, but know we need to continue working tenfold to educate our community about the sanctity of human life.



Constitutional Amendment

Iowa lawmakers moved forward with a state constitutional amendment February 6th to make it clear that there is no right to abort unborn babies. This amendment was introduced out of necessity following the Iowa Supreme Court's ruling of the 72-hour waiting period last year that created a right to abortion.

A state Senate subcommittee passed the Life Amendment, Senate Joint Resolution 9, after listening to a crowd of pro-life and abortion activists testify about the measure. The resolution would add the following language to the Iowa Constitution: "The constitution does not secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion." The language, similar to a constitutional amendment approved by West Virginia voters in 2018, would prevent the abortion industry and activist judges from trying to force state taxpayers to fund abortions through the court system.

Caitlyn Dixson, Executive Director of the Iowa Right to Life Committee, explained, "It is a bill that gives the power of lawmaking back to the people of Iowa through their elected representatives in the Legislature, instead of in the hands of unelected activist judges."

One of our keynote speakers for the annual L.I.F.E. Dinner this year, Martin Cannon, a lawyer for the Thomas More Society, explained that the amendment does not outlaw abortions: "Unlike a Supreme Court ruling that largely takes the matter out of the hands of the people, this amendment does not say that abortion shall be allowed in Iowa or shall not be allowed in Iowa. It simply says that that question is not going to be answered and crammed down one side's throat or the other by this constitution."

Governor Kim Reynolds recently said she supports the amendment. If the resolution passes the state legislature, it would be placed on the ballot where voters also must approve it before it can be added to the Iowa Constitution. Please keep an eye out for future updates of this important constitutional amendment.

Special Thanks

- Thank you Pat Lange for fixing a light in our sign outside of our office!
- Thank you to the newsletter volunteers who helped us label the Diaper Drive postcards in addition to the monthly newsletter!
- Thank you to everyone who helped us spread the word about our February Diaper Drive and to those who donated diapers and wipes!

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Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. is a non-profit, non-sectarian, education organization dedicated to preserving and fostering respect for human life from conception to natural death. We educate the public about the dangers of abortion, euthanasia and infanticide.

March	
Wednesday, 6 th	◦ Lenten Prayer Campaign Begins ◦ 40 Days for Life Begins
Thursday, 7 th	Membership Event: Pro-Life Bingo! Denny's Lux Club, 3050 Asbury Rd., Dubuque, 7:00pm
Thursday, 21 st	◦ World Down Syndrome Day ◦ Board of Director's Meeting
Friday, 22 nd	Trip to Cedar Rapids for the 40 Days for Life!
Saturday, 23 rd	Chelsey's Dream Adoption Seminar, NICC, 9am-2pm
Monday, 25 th	Mass for the Unborn, Holy Ghost Church, 6:25pm Rosary, 7:00pm Mass
Tuesday, 26 th	Newsletter Labeling Hour, DCRTL, 9am
Friday, 29 th	◦ High School Scholarship Application Deadline ◦ <i>Unplanned</i> Movie In Theaters!
Saturday, 30 th	Going Natural Conference, Marshalltown Community College, 9am-3pm
April	
Abortion Recovery Month	
Thursday, 4 th	Membership Event: Project Rachel/Abortion Recovery, DCRTL, 7pm
Saturday, 6 th	Easter Egg Hunt & Crafts, DCRTL, 9am Bring the whole family for lots of fun!!
Friday, 12 th	National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day!
Saturday, 13 th	Annual #ProtestPP: Nationwide Candlelight Vigil
Sunday, 14 th	40 Days for Life Ends
Monday, 15 th	RSVP deadline for the LIFE Dinner – you won't want to miss it!
Thursday, 18 th	Board of Director's Meeting
Saturday, 20 th	High School Scholarship Speech Contest, DCRTL Office, 9am-12pm
Sunday, 21 st	Happy Easter! 
Friday, 26 th	DCRTL's 27th Annual LIFE Dinner! Grand River Center, 5pm
Friday, 26 th - Sunday, 28 th	Healing, Grace, & Glory Retreat, Shalom Retreat Center, Dubuque (Contact Susan: 563-582-6817)

MARCH FOR LIFE 2019



"We stand between America and the darkness, and we will march until that darkness is banished forever and all of our children can stand together in the sunlight." - Ben Shapiro



Vice President Mike Pence

MARCH FOR LIFE



We had students join us on the 2019 March for Life pilgrimage from the following schools:

- Algona High School, Algona, IA
- Aquin Catholic Elementary School, Cascade
- Beckman Catholic Junior High, Dyersville
- Cascade Junior High, Cascade
- Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School, Dubuque
- Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School, Garner, IA
- Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School, Dubuque
- Newman Catholic High School, Mason City, IA
- Seton Catholic School, Farley
- St. Mary's Catholic School, East Dubuque, IL
- Wahlert Catholic High School, Dubuque
- Washington Junior High, Dubuque
- West Hancock High School, Britt, IA



A Note From Ashley Stackis, Executive Director



We have two copies of the Gosnell Movie in our educational library at the office. If you didn't get the opportunity to see the movie in theaters and would like to check it out please stop by!

On the anniversary of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, we mourned the 60+ million lives that have been lost to abortion, while others fought to expand abortion and end the lives of more children on the face of "women's rights" and for that you should be outraged. New York now allows abortion up to birth and has redefined a "person" as a "human who has been born and is alive". They fought for this and they won. This law effectively expands abortion-on-demand up to birth, thanks to the new, ambiguous "health" exception for late-term abortions which translates to "anything goes"; allows non-doctors – including nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and midwives – to perform abortions; and repeals protections for children born alive during botched abortions. But for any reason that the mother's life is validly in jeopardy (preeclampsia, hemorrhage, etc.) after 24 weeks, the baby is completely capable of survival, meaning a medical professional could either induce labor or perform a C-section with the end result of an ALIVE mom AND baby. It takes much less time to birth a baby than it does to kill a baby through abortion, so common sense would prevail that an abortion would actually put the woman's life in much greater jeopardy than simply giving birth.

We weep for our culture and for the babies whose skulls will be broken so that they can be removed from their mother's wombs lifeless, or torn apart limb from limb. Not that size matters, but we are talking about the slaughtering of 7 pound babies here with toes and curly hair. And the NY legislative chamber erupted in celebration when the law passed. To add insult to injury, the One World Tower in New York light up pink as well. It is built on the same ground where thousands of innocent Americans – including eleven unborn babies – lost their lives on 9/11. The new building is supposed to stand as a symbol of America's resilience in the face of evil, a memorial to those who lost their lives. Yards away from the building, the 9/11 memorial explicitly honors the "unborn child" of each of those eleven pregnant women who died on that infamous day. And yet, New York Governor Cuomo – who considers himself a Catholic – had the gall to use this self-same building to "celebrate" a profoundly divisive and extreme law that will ensure that far more innocents will lose their lives in the coming years in New York.

New York has sent our country a barbaric invitation to recognize the humanity of the pre-born baby lost in abortion. And that baby at

39 weeks has the same value, dignity, and humanity at 8 weeks, 16 weeks, or 24 weeks. At no point do we increase in dignity during gestation; we simply grow. Once we dehumanize a person, we become very capable of killing him or her, and this new law puts that reality on full display.

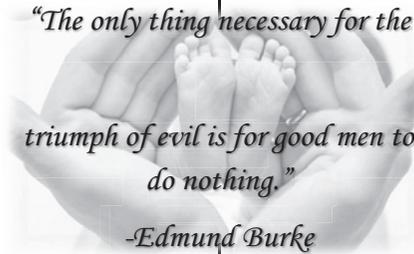
There is no sugarcoating it. The barbaric nature of abortion--and infanticide--is front and center right now in America. New York's legalization of brutal late-term abortion is not an isolated case. We have watched, in horror, over the past few weeks as Planned Parenthood's push in states like Virginia, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Vermont is in full swing to roll out the most depraved abortion policies we have ever seen. Aborting babies in the third trimester, allowing non-physicians to perform abortions, and even killing babies outside of the womb if they happen to survive an abortion. **The fact is, abortion is just like infanticide. Both kill children and are equally evil and wrong. And, abortion isn't just wrong later in the pregnancy, it's wrong from the moment of conception.** Yet, these pro-abortion politicians are digging in their heels to defend both.

Virginia Delegate Kathy Tran defended her new bill in committee that would remove restrictions on third trimester abortions. During questioning, she admitted this would allow for abortion "for the physical or mental health" of the mother up to the final moments before birth, EVEN if the mother is in labor! Disgraced VA Governor Ralph Northam expressed support for the bill in a chilling tone, taking it a step further in a description that can only be labeled as infanticide: **"So, in this particular example, if a mother is in labor, I can tell you exactly what would happen, the infant would be delivered. The infant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother."** This bill would allow a mother and doctor to kill a newborn child even AFTER delivery. Our world is indeed very evil and I fear this is only the tip of the iceberg.

President Trump recently stood firm against infanticide in his State of the Union address, calling out the Virginia Governor and describing the governor's infamous comments as tantamount to the "execution" of babies after birth. Trump also asked Congress to "defend the dignity of every person" by passing legislation to prohibit late-term abortion, as the pro-abortion politicians sat stone-faced, in utter silence, to show their disapproval. "Let us work together to build a culture that cherishes innocent life," said the president in a bipartisan appeal. **THANK YOU President Trump!** →

In conclusion, it has never been more necessary to stand up for children threatened by abortion and infanticide than it is now. So when are you going to take up your torch?

The time is now. The time for sugarcoating or walking around the truth is over. Until everyone comes together for what is right, we will continue to lose this battle. Every single day thousands of children will die between now and when we



"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

-Edmund Burke

do. My hope is that the widespread outrage is not lost, but channeled. I hope New York and the states following New York's path are the answer for many people in the years to come when they are asked, "Why did you get involved in the pro-life movement?" So please, take up your torch.

Yours in the service of
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THE FILM

From Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman, the writers/co-producers of *God's Not Dead*, comes a film that speaks to one of the most polarizing topics of our day. *Unplanned* brings us an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate. After reading Abby Johnson's best-selling book of the same title, Cary and Chuck were moved to bring this inspiring true story to the big screen, giving voice to a woman who has been on both sides of the abortion conversation.

Unplanned is the most important movie you'll ever see on the most controversial issue of our time. No matter which side of the fence you're on, no one will leave this film unmoved by Abby's journey.

Unfortunately our March newsletter has to be finalized before we've received confirmation of movie showings for *Unplanned*. Once we know of them we will immediately advertise on our Facebook page as well as sending an email of the details – theater, date, time, etc. **If you don't receive emails from us but would like to be added to our email distribution list to receive this information, please email dcrtl@dcrtl.org and we will be happy to add you.**

Go to <https://www.unplannedfilm.com> to see the trailer – you absolutely will not want to miss seeing this. It is just as monumental as the Gosnell Movie.

THE STORY

Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she deeply believed in.

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby to join her former enemies at *40 Days For Life*, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS – THE DEADLINE IS THIS MONTH!

Dubuque County Right to Life awards up to \$10,000 worth of scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to attend college. A written speech, log of service hours, and a recommendation letter are required. Please go to www.dcrtl.org/scholarships for more information and to apply. **Deadline is Friday, March 29, 2019.** Finalists must be available to participate in a speech presentation at the DCRTL office on the morning of Saturday, April 20, 2019. Contact Ashley Stackis for more information at 563.556.5960.

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DCRTL's 27th Annual L.I.F.E. Dinner: *Friday, April 26, 2019*

Our special guests are **Tom Brejcha**, founder, President & Chief Counsel of the Thomas More Society, and **Martin Cannon**, Thomas More Society Senior Counsel



Thomas Brejcha
President and Chief Counsel

Tom Brejcha has been litigating cases in federal and state courts over the last four and a half decades. For the last 17 years, he has served as president and chief counsel of the Thomas More Society, defending the sanctity of life, religious liberty, and family values.

Tom grew up on Chicago's South Side, attending Catholic schools and graduating with honors from Notre Dame. He won a competitive Root-Tilden Scholarship to New York University Law School where he was Note & Comment Editor of the *NYU Law Review* and was elected as Class Representative for other members of the Class of 1968.

Serving as an Army Captain in Vietnam during 1969-70, Tom was awarded a Bronze Star and an Army Commendation Medal. Then he enrolled on the GI Bill to pursue further studies at the Sorbonne and Alliance Francaise in Paris. Coming home, he became a successful business litigator in two private law firms, handling antitrust, securities, labor, and other cases, two of which reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1986, Tom volunteered to assist the principal named defendants in the infamous *NOW vs. Scheidler* case. The *NOW* case was so vast and complex that it crowded Tom out of his business law practice. When his law partners told him to "quit the case or quit the firm," he resigned his law partnership and co-founded the Thomas More Society with Joe and Ann Scheidler in March, 1997. *NOW vs. Scheidler* went before the U.S. Supreme Court three times. The pro-life defendants prevailed on the merits by decisive margins of 8-1 in 2003 and then again by 8-0 in 2006 (Justice O'Connor retired before the decision was handed down or else it would have been 9-0). The case finally drew to a close (28 years after its filing!) when the U.S. Court of Appeals in Chicago finally rejected the abortion forces' last appeal from the lower court's award of some \$65,000 as reimbursement for the pro-lifers' out-of-pocket costs (filing fees, witness fees, etc. – a fraction of their actual total costs). The opposition's objections were rebuffed as groundless and even "preposterous." *Mirabile dictu!* Four weeks later, *NOW* actually paid in full!

Tom has testified before U.S. Congressional Committees (Judiciary, Ways & Means), as well as before state and city legislative and regulatory committees. He has appeared on many national and local broadcast shows and other media, such as Fox News' Bill O'Reilly and Sean Hannity shows, MSNBC, CNN, Relevant Radio, EWTN, CBN, the 700 Club, and Chicago Tonight. Many groups have given him awards for his legal work as well as for his pro-life and religious commitments, including Catholic Charities, Pro-Life Action League, National Lawyers Association, Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation, Illinois Citizens for Life, Illinois Students for Life, Chicago Catholic Citizens, and others.

He has been a featured speaker at conferences sponsored by the March for Life, National Catholic Bioethics Council's U.S. Bishops Conference, SpeakOut Illinois, Law of Life Summit, National Council of Catholic Women, American Bar Association, National Lawyers Association, and more.

Tom lives in Evanston, IL with his wife, Deborah, a recently retired high school Spanish teacher and amateur painter. They have two sons, Matthew, a marketing executive based in the Chicago area, and Peter, a lawyer in Los Angeles.



Martin A. Cannon

Senior Counsel

Martin A. Cannon, Jr. has been a trial lawyer since 1988, after he earned his Bachelor of Science and Juris Doctor degrees from Creighton University.

Martin has successfully defended over 40 cases revolving around Leroy Carhart's abortion clinic in Bellevue, Nebraska, and additional cases relating to the clinics in Omaha, now closed. Martin and fellow Thomas More Society attorney Matthew Heffron defended Fr. Norman Weslin against federal criminal charges arising at the Bellevue clinic, obtaining his release after a jury trial.

In 1996, Martin assisted in successfully defending a young couple, through two trials and in the Nebraska Supreme Court, against a move by the State of Nebraska to withdraw life support, against their wishes, from their brain injured daughter.

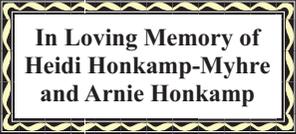
Martin was the lead author of Thomas More Society Omaha's friend-of-the-court brief filed this last May defending marriage in Nichols v. Nichols.

Since moving to Iowa, Martin has assisted Iowa legislators in drafting and debating the fetal pain bill that passed the Iowa House. He also engaged in effectively presenting the case against webcam abortions before the Iowa Board of Medicine.

Recently, Martin defended sidewalk counselor Peggy McGinty against hollow criminal trespass charges initiated by Planned Parenthood. He assisted the 40 Days for Life group in Red Oak, IA, by establishing their right to assemble on the public right of way in front of Planned Parenthood after the pro-lifers had been wrongfully forced across the street. That clinic and another in nearby Creston have since closed.

Martin's primary purpose has been to keep the pro-life counselors out on the sidewalks around abortion clinics, where they continue their tremendous impact.

Please join us at the L.I.F.E. Dinner on Friday, April 26th to get fired up! Learn how to capitalize on our victory now that Planned Parenthood is gone from Dubuque. Their departure is a victory for life, but the educational battle we face at DCRTL is never ending.

 <p>In Loving Memory of Heidi Honkamp-Myhre and Arnie Honkamp</p> <p>Joyce Honkamp</p>	 <p>Pray for an end to abortion.</p> <p>Larry Friedman</p>	<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p>of Bud Portz</p>
<p>iFix2 Repair iPhone & iPad Glass Facebook: iFix2 Brendan Dolehide Technician brendandolehide@gmail.com 563-564-3143 1365 Valentine Dr. • Dubuque, IA</p>	 <p>(563)556-5250 or (563)557-3123 www.partnersofclarityclinic.com 3365 Hillcrest Road Dubuque, IA 52002</p>	 <p>JOHN DOLEHIDE, D.O. Urology, Medical Associates 563-584-3490 Dubuque, Iowa</p>
 <p>"If people spent an hour a week in Eucharistic Adoration, abortion would be ended." <i>Mother Teresa of Calcutta</i> Sign up for an hour or to sub at the Power of Prayer Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Call Melissa Tittle at 563-564-6365</p>	<p>Nowhere on earth are we more welcomed or loved than by Jesus in the Eucharist.</p> <p>Blessed Mother Teresa</p>  <p>St. Joseph Guardian of the Redeemer Perpetual Adoration Chapel East Dubuque, Illinois</p>	 <p>BIRTHRIGHT "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth...and the right of every child to be born." 221 West 9th Street, Dubuque, Iowa 563-556-1991 or 800-550-4900</p>



www.worlddownsyndromeday.org

March 21st is celebrated around the world as World Down Syndrome Day! First observed in 2006, World Down Syndrome Day was placed on the 21st day of the 3rd month, to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome causing Down syndrome.

In some countries, the abortion rate for Down syndrome can be as high as 90% in the United Kingdom, 98% in Denmark and 100% in Iceland. In the United States, 67-85% of children who are diagnosed with Down syndrome in utero are aborted. In an effort to stop the discrimination against children with Down syndrome, four states have enacted legislation to prohibit the eugenic practice of Down syndrome discrimination abortion. They are Indiana, Ohio, North Dakota, and Louisiana. Unfortunately the statutes are currently not in effect for Indiana or Ohio due to legal challenges, but they are thankfully in effect in North Dakota and Louisiana.

Join us to create a voice for advocating for the rights, inclusion and well-being of people with Down syndrome on March 21st. Each year the voice of people with Down syndrome, and those who live and work with them, grows louder.



It has been a month since New York legalized abortion up to the moment of birth...and the abortion industry is aggressively moving **to legalize late-term abortion and infanticide EVERYWHERE**. It's a disturbing and frightening time in our nation's history.

But God uses these moments for His glory, and Planned Parenthood's **strategy is backfiring**, exposing the brutality of abortion to tens of millions of people. God is using the barbaric and chilling tone of abortion supporters to draw new people into the pro-life movement. In fact, there will be the largest-ever Lent 40 Days for Life campaign EVER in 377 cities starting on March 6th! The abortion industry continues to declare war on vulnerable moms and babies, but we are not helpless. **Please sign up to pray for an end to abortion.**

Planned Parenthood may be gone from Dubuque, but it is still our duty and responsibility to help surrounding cities fighting the fight we won. Please don't settle because the immediate threat is gone. It's not time to take it easy – we need to keep the momentum going. Just because we don't see them in our town doesn't mean that women here aren't traveling to the surrounding cities for an abortion...because they are.

So please join us in standing up for life on **Friday, March 22nd** to pray outside of Planned Parenthood in Cedar Rapids. After we will enjoy a nice lunch together at Chick-fil-A.

Schedule:

8:30am – Depart from the DCRTL office (2205 Carter Road, Dubuque)

10:00am – 12:00pm – Pray unceasingly outside of Planned Parenthood

12:15pm – Enjoy a nice lunch at Chick-fil-A

2:30pm – Arrive back in Dubuque (approximate time)

Please contact our office (563.556.5960) to sign up to join us on this journey. We are looking for volunteer drivers to assist us in this small pilgrimage as well as prayer warriors to join. If you would like to join and/or drive, please call to let us know so we have enough space for everyone in our caravan. Feel free to bring a foldable chair as we will be praying for two hours, plus warm layers of clothes as it will be pretty chilly outside.

Not able to attend but still want to join in this initiative? Please remotely pray for the unborn during the two hours that we will be outside of Planned Parenthood. Thank you!

4th Annual Adoption Seminar for Chelsey's Dream

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Northeast Iowa Community College, Peosta, IA

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Chelsey's Dream Foundation is committed to not only providing financial support to families who adopt but also educational opportunities to support them through their journey.

Mike Berry is the keynote speaker for the Adoption Seminar. Mike is a nationally known speaker, author, & blogger. He is passionate about reaching adoptive, foster & special needs parents around the globe with a message of hope and transformation.

Who should attend this free seminar?

- Pre-adoptive parents
- Post-adoptive parents
- School counselors
- School administrators
- Teachers
- Para-educators
- Family counselors
- Family therapists



If you are interested in attending please pre-register by contacting Heidi Linden Haas. You can email her at heidi_linden01@yahoo.com or call her at 563-451-3775.

This seminar is free to attend. Donations to the Chelsey's Dream Foundation are welcome and appreciated but not required.

Going Natural Conference

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Marshalltown Community College, Marshalltown, IA

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

PURPOSE:

To present a scientific analysis of the chemistry of sex, fertility and relationships.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Discuss how ingestion of chemicals can distort attraction of the sexes
- Describe differences in male/female brain
- Explain how pheromones affect attraction
- Describe various methods of natural family planning/contraception used throughout history
- Explain basic reproductive physiology
- Describe the mechanism of action of chemical contraceptives
- Compare and contrast different methods of natural family planning
- Describe fertility awareness methods used for conception/resolving infertility
- Differentiate between common medical practice and an NFP-only practice
- Identify factors leading to the revamping of a medical practice

SPEAKERS:

Vicki Thorn, Jamie Rathjen, M.A., Monica Minjaur, D.O., Fr. Ray Atwood, M. Div., Robert Pranger, M.D.

INTENDED AUDIENCE:

Engaged and married couples, counselors, teachers, students, clergy and religious, DREs, CREs, pregnancy help centers, doctors, chiropractors, nurses, pharmacists, technicians, social workers, etc.

If you're interested in attending, please contact Linda at (641)485-4510 or email coalitionforlife@gmail.com to register.

\$35 non-student (early registration by March 22)

\$40 non-student (after March 22 and at the door)

\$20 student (financial scholarships available upon request)



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