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National Night of Prayer for Life

Tuesday, December 8, is the National Night of Prayer for Life on the celebration of the Immaculate Conception.

This year our night of prayer will be held in both Dubuque and Dyersville:

Church of the Nativity (1225 Alta Vista St., Dubuque, IA 52001)

- 6:00pm-9:00pm
 - 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Liturgy of the Word with homily Celebrated by Deacon Steve Whiteman
 - 6:30pm Period of Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 8:00pm Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary
 - 8:45pm Benediction & Dismissal

Basilica of St. Francis Xavier (104 3rd St SW, Dyersville, IA 52040)

- 6:00pm-9:00pm
 - 6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Liturgy of the Word with homily Celebrated by Deacon Keith McCarraher
 - 6:30pm Period of Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 8:00pm Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary lead by Jean Mescher
 - 8:45pm Benediction & Dismissal

It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the Unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these feasts. It honors Mary and prays for her assistance in establishing a Culture of Life, to preserve liberty, to protect the faith and to beg her Son to revive our land. We will be united with churches across the country in prayer to end abortion and to restore God's blessings of Life, Liberty and Faith in America.

Please join us for a few hours, for one hour, or for even just a few minutes. Whatever your schedule allows! People of all faith traditions are invited and encouraged to participate!



Wish List:

- Postage Stamps
- Bottled Water
- Toilet Paper

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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.



December

Tuesday, 1 st	#GivingTuesday
Friday, 4 th	Final day to order Butter Braids
Tuesday, 8 th	National Night of Prayer for Life, 6-9pm -Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, Dyersville -Church of the Nativity, Dubuque
Thursday, 17 th	Board of Director's Meeting
Friday, 18 th	Butter Braid pick-up: DCRTL, 1:30pm-4pm
Thursday, 24 th	Christmas Eve (DCRTL Closed)
Friday, 25 th	Merry Christmas! (DCRTL Closed) 
Thursday, 31 st	Happy New Year's Eve (DCRTL open from 9am-12:30pm)

January

Friday, 1 st	Happy New Year! (DCRTL Closed)
Saturday, 2 nd	Madison, WI March for Life
Thursday, 21 st	Board of Director's Meeting
Friday, 22 nd	Anniversary of Roe v. Wade & Doe v. Bolton
Saturday, 23 rd	DCRTL Walk for Life

Butter Braids!

The perfect opportunity is available to ALL, to purchase the most delicious pastries (EVER!) while supporting our youth in their pilgrimage to the 2022 March for Life in Washington DC! Monies raised will provide scholarships to the top essay winners, as well as to students who need financial assistance to attend the March. These pastries are perfect to have on hand for a quick treat or of course breakfast during the busy holiday season. What's your favorite flavor?

- ◆ **Apple**
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- ◆ **Strawberry cream cheese**



Whichever one(s) you choose, we promise you'll be satisfied! To order your Butter Braids, contact the DCRTL office at 563-556-5960 or via email at dcrtl@dcrtl.org.

Final Order Deadline: Please call or email your order by Friday, December 4

Pick-Up Date & Time: Please pick up your order on Friday, December 18 at the DCRTL office, between 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Cost: \$13/each (\$5.50 of that will go directly towards the March for Life Scholarship Fund)



A Note From Ashley Stackis, Executive Director

Check out this wonderful note below that was given to a member of DCRTL after she displayed a “Pray to End Abortion” sign in her yard. It can be so easy to dwell on the negative comments or gestures towards our pro-life beliefs because we often don’t hear of the supportive, positive comments. It can be incredibly reassuring when we do receive them though!



other forms of communication when it comes to being pro-life vs. pro-choice. It’s comforting to see support for the pro-life movement in the midst of so much darkness. When we all stand up together in support of babies and their mothers, we can make a BIG difference in changing hearts and saving lives. Even if it’s simply planting seeds now, I pray that someday those seeds will grow in fruition from the consistent efforts of the pro-life movement. We are a movement of love. We are a movement of truth. Together we are making a difference, every single day. Please don’t let anyone tell you differently! God bless you for standing up for the most innocent among us. I hope you and your family have a blessed Christmas season – a time to remember that it was a baby who changed the world. **Merry Christmas!**

Lately I’ve witnessed so much back-and-forth either in the news, social media, or

Yours in the service of LIFE,
Ashley



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L.I.F.E.
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Our goal for the 2020 L.I.F.E. Dinner fundraising mailer was \$100,000, which would sustain DCRTL for the coming year. **As of November 10, 2020 we have raised \$82,624.** If you haven’t sent in your donation yet, we would be incredibly grateful for your financial support, especially during this unprecedented time. Our mission to educate is only accomplished thanks to your generosity, support, and prayers. You are each vital members of our organization and a light in helping to spread the culture of life in our community. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your support!

#GIVINGTUESDAY

Tuesday, December 1st

- ◆ #GivingTuesday is a global giving movement that has been built by individuals, families, organizations, businesses and communities in countries around the world. Millions of people have come together to support and champion the causes they believe in and the communities in which they live.
- ◆ We have two days for getting deals – Black Friday and Cyber Monday. On #GivingTuesday, we have a day for giving back. Together, people are creating a new ritual for our annual calendar. #GivingTuesday is the opening day of the giving season.
- ◆ Every act of generosity counts, and each means even more when we give together. Everyone has something to give. You can give time or expertise, monetary donations large or small, or simple acts of kindness.

We hope that you will consider Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. this #GivingTuesday. Our mission wouldn't succeed without our volunteers or donors.

We are eternally grateful for each and every one of you!



ATTENTION FAMILIES! Christmas Craft & Treat Packets

Last month's Thanksgiving Packets were such a hit that we decided to provide Christmas Packets to families as well! These are a great way to spend an evening, which will warm your heart, and your kids', talking about the truly important things in life. We will even provide some hot cocoa packets and mini marshmallows for you to enjoy during this precious 'heart-warming' time together!

Each packet will include:

- A coloring sheet
- An activity sheet
- 'Warms My Heart' craft kit
- A hot cocoa packet & mini marshmallows

Stop by the DCRTL office (2205 Carter Road, Dubuque) any time Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm to pick up a packet for each of your children to enjoy!



Christmas Pro-Life Blessings to Mary's Inn Maternity Home



MARY'S INN

Due to COVID-19 we won't be hosting a Christmas Party at the DCRTL Office this year, BUT we are still going to bless another pro-life organization in the area.

This year, we are raising donated items for Mary's Inn Maternity Home. Mary's Inn is a maternity home for single mothers in crisis pregnancies of any age and of any (or no) faith. It is a safe haven where they

can stay while learning the skills they need to make a better life for themselves and their babies. Mary's Inn opened their doors in June of 2015 and continues to welcome women today.

Mary's Inn's Wish List:

- Diapers size 3 & 4 (no generics please as they cause rashes)
- Diaper wipes for sensitive skin
- Pads for moms (any size)
- Lysol wipes

Please drop donated gifts at:
DCRTL Office Mon. - Fri.: 9am - 4pm
by **Friday, January 8th**. Thank you!

Respect Life Essay Winners

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, our area students won't be marching with hundreds of thousands of other pro-lifers from across the nation at the National March for Life in Washington DC this January. BUT, students still got the opportunity to write a pro-life essay describing their knowledge of and commitment to defending LIFE. This year's theme was "I Am Pro-Life Because...". Below are the top Middle and High School winners, as well as the overall 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. **Enjoy!**

Middle School Winners:

- Marquette (Bellevue):** Lilliana Tracy
- Mazzuchelli (Dubuque):** Erin King
- Seton (Farley):** Jacinda McDermott
- St. Joseph (Hazel Green):** Adeleine Roland

High School Winners:

- Marquette (Bellevue):** Molly Muenster
- Wahlert (Dubuque):** Johnny Freund

Overall Winners:

- 1st Place: Kaylee Koos (Marquette High School)
- 2nd Place: Lucy Ward (Mazzuchelli Middle School)
- 3rd Place: Ella Schmidt (Wahlert High School)



I am Pro-Life Because... By: Kaylee Koos

On October 18, 1998, my mother unexpectedly went into labor with my twin sisters. She was airlifted by helicopter to Iowa City where they were unable to stop her contractions. As Allison and Kaitlin emerged prematurely from my mother's womb, they opened and closed their mouths, as if attempting to fill their tiny lungs with air, before passing away minutes later in my parents' arms. My twin sisters, who would have been 22 years old this year, were born and died at 21.5 weeks gestation. They had all ten fingers and toes, tiny fingernails, perfect little faces, and their eyelashes were beginning to form. They weighed around one pound each and were no larger than my father's hand. My parents bathed them, dressed them, and gave them a proper burial. With the abortion laws in some states, babies like my sisters are being killed every day. Through my family, my schooling, and my faith, I have grown ever aware of the evil, unnatural, acts of abortion that only cause pain and death.

One of the first lessons in my sophomore Biology I class last year introduced us to cells. We discussed the different organelles that make up a cell, and how the cells themselves specialize to form tissues, then tissues form organs, organs form organ systems, and organ systems form organisms. We also learned how a cell is considered the basic unit of life. This year, as a junior, I decided to take Anatomy and Physiology, which we began with a lesson reviewing cells. We further discussed cells as a basic unit of life, how they divide through mitosis, and how they specialize to form certain tissue types, how those tissues form organs, etc. Like any process, mitosis takes time. Since a cell is considered the basic unit of life, the fetus inside the uterus is living and growing right from the start. Even at the very moment of conception, the child's gender, ethnicity, hair color, and eye color are determined. At just three weeks after conception, a heart-beat is detected, and by four weeks the brain, eyes, lungs, spinal cord, and kidneys have begun to develop. I have heard people refer to embryos as "clumps of cells" and, in a way, they are correct. We are all clumps of cells that have been given the proper time to undergo mitosis.

Saint Theresa of Calcutta once said, "We must not be surprised when we hear of murder, of killings, of war, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left of us but to kill each other?" The unnatural ways of abortion and the operations that take place behind the purposeful veil of misconception are not easily thrown out of the woman's mind after killing her own child. Following an abortion, women are 34% more likely to develop anxiety disorders, 37% more likely to have depression, 110% more likely to abuse alcohol, and 155% more likely to commit suicide. As Lila Rose, founder and president of the anti-abortion organization 'Live Action' once said, "As women, we deserve better than this". Over 60 million lives have been sucked, ripped, poisoned, and pulled right out of their own mothers' wombs since 1973. Imagine the outrage that would result from a mass genocide of 60 million dead bodies lying limp on a battle field. Similarly, we must fight the genocide that occurs through abortion.

I am Pro-Life because I believe in the rights of those who are unable to speak for themselves. I believe everyone, no matter their age or circumstances, has the right to life. I believe not only the children, but also the mothers themselves, deserve better. There are other alternatives besides abortions, including adoption. There are loving homes available and waiting for these children. We must do what we can to protect every human life. Every life is given by God and has a purpose in God's eyes. Children are a gift that we must do our best to help protect.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



Available to: Graduating high school seniors who plan to attend college.

Scholarship Amount: Up to \$10,000 is available to be awarded between the applicants, at the discretion of the judging committee.

Expectations:

- Students must submit a written copy of an original speech (5-10 minutes in length) on the topic "The Slippery Slope: Abortion, Euthanasia, & Assisted Suicide".
- Students must submit evidence of service hours logged in the cause of protecting human life.
- Students must submit one (1) recommendation letter describing individual commitment to some aspect of the DCRTL mission.

Submission: The application, written speech, log of service hours, and recommendation letter must be uploaded to the DCRTL website (www.dcrtl.org/scholarships).

Deadline: Submissions of the application (written speech, log of service hours, and recommendation letter) are due by Friday, March 5, 2021.

Finalists will be chosen by the quality of their written speech, as well as logged service hours and recommendation letter. If chosen as a finalist, the student must be available to participate in a speech presentation on Saturday, April 3, 2021 from 9am-12pm, at the DCRTL office, located at 2205 Carter Road, Dubuque, Iowa.

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We will have a beautiful Memorial Christmas Tree displayed in the front of our office, decorated with handmade angel feather ornaments, each one in remembrance of someone special. If you would like us to display an ornament to remember that someone this Christmas season, please fill out the below memorial slip and mail to DCRTL (2205 Carter Road, Dubuque, IA 52001).



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Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

I/We would like this to remain anonymous

A perfect gift! Grab one for yourself and/or gift it to someone special. Perfect for a birthday, a get well wish, a thank you gift, thinking of you gift, or a Christmas gift. We're only asking for a \$10.00 donation per tumbler. Please feel free to pick up at your convenience, during our office hours, as there will be plenty available in our front entryway. Just simply drop a \$10 donation (per tumbler) in the donation box. Thank you!



Welcome to the Newest Elected DCRTL Board of Directors



During the month of November, elections were held all over the nation – including right here at DCRTL! Congratulations to your newest elected members of the

Board of Directors: Laura Dolehide, Jessica Pennington, Cassie Schetgen, and Martha Schmid! We are so excited and fortunate to have such a delightful group of pro-life advocates who are willing to dedicate their time and efforts on our Board for a three-year term.

Maybe once or twice a week, we send out a DCRTL event reminder via email. It is a great way to stay informed of local happenings. Would you like to be added to our DCRTL Happenings Email list? Just call our office at 563-556-5960 or email us at dcrtl@dcrtl.org to get added!

Thank you!

- Thank you to everyone who donated towards the John Deere Birdies for Charity Fundraising initiative! \$834.75 was raised for DCRTL!

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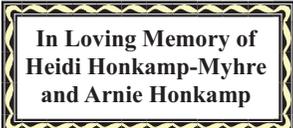
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Memorial to the Unborn

A message from Steve Hardie:

To All You Committed Pro-Lifers,

The Memorial to the Unborn was originally constructed in 2002, and as you can see by the photos, has now seen its better days. It is in need of a substantial amount of work to bring it up-to-date. The trees and plants have reached the limits of their life span. It has become quite difficult and time consuming to maintain the stream and pond and the surrounding environment (I know. I've done it for these many years).

A couple of years ago Pat Leonard, Mt. Olivet Manager, called me to advise me of his most pressing concern: The water runoff from above the stream was constantly moving the mulch, pine cones and other debris down into the stream and "gumming up" the pond skimmer and pump.

Was there some way to divert the water and debris? When the Memorial was built it was considered "state-of-the-art", but, alas, time and weather has taken its toll. After much discussion with Pat and a landscaping company, we feel we now have a solution. A solution that will greatly enhance the overall appearance of the Memorial, update the pond and filter systems, and provide for a very low maintenance environment. With your support, we could begin now to strip the area of all (or most) existing plants, mulch, river rock, and stones so that the site would be ready for work and completion early next May. Instead of high-maintenance features, we would favor running grass from the roadway all the way up to the edge of the stream and pond. Interspersed along the length of the stream would be occasional outcroppings of limestone boulders to soften the edges and create interest. The stream and pond would be re-constructed utilizing current technologies to present a clear pool with pumps and filters protected from the elements. There would be some plants/bushes, but they would be very limited and would have to be very low maintenance varieties.

This may be difficult to envision and unfortunately, local landscape designers have limited capability to provide nice, neat, colorful artist's conceptual drawings to better describe their scope of work. While this image does not represent the exact scope of our plan, it does give a feel as to how limestone and water might be featured:

I would be glad to meet with you to provide more details about the plan. This work is not inexpensive. The approximate cost would be \$20,000 - \$22,000. I hope that you can commit to giving a financial contribution towards this project. I ask you to please be generous.

Please mail your tax-deductible check, payable to DCRTL, to:
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Please note 'Memorial to the Unborn' in the memo line

Thank you!



❄️ IMPORTANT LIFE NEWS ITEMS: ❄️

❄️ COLORADO:

Voters in Colorado have rejected a pro-life ballot measure that would have banned abortion after 22 weeks. The measure was defeated, with approximately 60% of the vote opposing the measure. Any doctor who committed or attempted to commit an abortion after 22 weeks would have been charged with a misdemeanor and faced fines, except in the case of danger to the mother's health, which is actually never medically necessary. As shown in the picture to the right, babies born as young as 21 weeks have survived with medical assistance.



Abortion at 22 weeks is most often committed by D&E dismemberment abortion, in which an abortionist uses a Sopher clamp to tear the legs and arms off of the baby before crushing her skull. The inhumane and violent act is committed on children who can likely feel pain and may be old enough to survive outside the womb or undergo prenatal surgery. Another form of late-term abortion is induction abortion, which takes about three or four days in total to carry out. The abortionist injects feticide into the preborn child to stop her heart and then dilates the mother's cervix. If all goes as planned, a few days later the woman goes into labor and delivers her deceased baby. If a pregnant woman's life is actually at risk, an emergency C-section would be faster and safer for mother and baby.

❄️ LOUISIANA:

Louisiana voted to pass Amendment I, known as the "Love Life" amendment, with more than 65% of precincts reporting. This pro-life amendment will prohibit state taxpayer dollars from being spent on abortion, will help prevent judges from blocking pro-life laws passed by state legislators, and will help ban abortion in the state should Roe v. Wade be overturned. "It's important to understand that Amendment I is not a ban on abortion," said Jackson in an op-ed for The Advocate. "It simply keeps abortion policy in the hands of our legislators rather than state judges." In July, the Supreme Court struck down a law authored by Jackson that would have required abortionists to have admitting privileges to a local hospital in case of an emergency.

❄️ UNI STUDENTS FOR LIFE:

Northern Iowa Student Government (NISG) Senate recently denied a pro-life group recognition as an official campus organization. The NISG Senate cited the group's pro-life views as "hate speech," and the student body Supreme Court upheld the Senate's ruling upon appeal. "The [Student Senate] never gave a reason for why they denied us," Sophia Schuster of Dyersville, Iowa, president of UNI Students for Life, told TFL. "They didn't have any grounds to deny our application, and if you look at what they said during their deliberations, it seemed they misunderstood what the pro-life movement stands for." Indeed, transcripts of the Senate's public debate include opponents likening UNI Students for Life to the KKK and accusing pro-lifers of spouting a "very fringe position" deemed "hurtful and hateful." "This is a hate group," asserted one student senator. "This is hate speech. This is hateful rhetoric that is infringing on basic human rights of health care, and we cannot, we cannot support diversity and be complicit in its destruction at the same time." "Not all opinions are equal," concurred another. "There really is no middle ground here."

On Oct. 25, University of Northern Iowa President Mark Nook overturned the campus ban on UNI Students for Life, citing a free speech and religious liberty law that The FAMiLY Leader and allies championed through the 2019 Iowa Legislature. "As of this moment," Nook wrote in his decision, "UNI Students for Life is a fully recognized student organization at the University of Northern Iowa, with all rights and responsibilities afforded any and all registered student organizations." As for UNI Students for Life, Schuster said the group is glad to have the controversy behind them. "It's a nice burden to have off our shoulders. But now we have to focus on what the group is supposed to be doing – advocating, outreach, and education. We have important work to do, changing hearts and minds on campus."

Sophia Schuster was a 2019 DCRTL scholarship recipient and we are incredibly proud of her commitment to LIFE! Keep up the GREAT work, Sophia!



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SALVATION ARMY

Perhaps the most surprising group holding to immoral ideologies is the Salvation Army. Most of us are aware of the good work done by them, but few people are aware that they promote contraception (which can be abortifacients) and approve of abortion in certain cases. The Salvation Army's International Headquarters states their position:

"The Salvation Army believes that termination can occur only when carrying the pregnancy further seriously threatens the life of the mother; or reliable diagnostic procedures have identified a foetal abnormality considered incompatible with survival for more than a very brief post natal period. In addition, rape and incest are brutal acts of dominance violating women physically and emotionally. This situation represents a special case for the consideration of termination as the violation may be compounded by the continuation of the pregnancy....A serious commitment to the protection and care of the unborn calls us to a commitment to the prevention of unwanted pregnancy through means such as access to reliable birth control..."



DCRTL believes that all life is sacred, no matter the circumstances of conception nor the "judged" quality of life after birth. Should an innocent child be handed capital punishment for the crime of his father? Or should a child's life be cut short because she may have a disability? This Christmas season, please consider dropping a note in the kettle (example below) rather than giving money to the Salvation Army.



Dear Salvation Army,

According to your International Headquarters, the Salvation Army approves of abortion in cases of rape, incest, health of the mother, and fetal deformity. As a "no exceptions" pro-lifer, I can't, in good conscience, contribute to your kettle. If your position were different, I would most certainly donate to your cause. Please reconsider your position. Thank you!

Spiritual Adoption — development of baby UPDATE

Week 33

Baby is starting to coordinate breathing with sucking and swallowing!



Week 34

Baby is starting to drop deeper into mom's pelvis as they prepare to make a grand entrance!

BABY IS AS BIG AS A BUTTERNUT SQUASH!

Week 35

Baby's hearing is fully developed and baby will respond best to high pitched noises!

BABY IS AS BIG AS A PINEAPPLE!

Week 36

Baby's skin is now smooth and soft, while their gums have become rigid!

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