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## 2021 Walk for Life



Thank you to everyone who joined us in the cold January weather to proclaim that ALL life is precious during the annual DCRTL Walk for Life! Your support is a great pro-life witness to the Dubuque Area!



Did you miss the Walk for Life? There is a livestream of the program available on the DCRTL Facebook Page. Please check it out!

**Donating...** Are you interested in donating to Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. and saving some money in the process? You can donate appreciated stock to DCRTL and avoid the capital gains tax. Similarly, those who qualify can donate to DCRTL the minimum required distribution from an IRA and avoid paying income taxes on the distribution. If you are interested, please contact the DCRTL office for more information or consult your tax advisor.

*Wish List:*

- ♥ Postage Stamps
- ♥ Scholarship Entries from High School Seniors

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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.



## February

Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	- 40 Days for Life Spring Prayer Campaign Begins - Lenten Pro-Life Prayer Campaign Begins
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Director's Meeting
<b>March</b>	
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>DCRTL Scholarship Submission Deadline</b>
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	Iowa Prayer Rally for Life, Iowa State Capital
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Director's Meeting
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Trip to Planned Parenthood in Cedar Rapids for the 40 Days for Life, Praying/Standing for Life From 10am-12pm</b>
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	World Down Syndrome Day
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mass for the Unborn, Church of the Resurrection, 6:25pm Rosary, 7:00pm Mass</b>
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup>	40 Days for Life Spring Prayer Campaign Ends
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Pro-Life Prayer Campaign Ends

## Mass for the Unborn Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Church of the Resurrection (4300 Asbury Road, Dubuque)  
6:25pm Rosary, 7:00pm Mass

In honor of the **Feast of the Annunciation** & the **International Day of the Unborn Child**, Dubuque County Right to Life is sponsoring a **Mass for the Unborn**. This Mass will be held on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> (exactly 9 months before Christmas) at Church of the Resurrection in Dubuque. The evening will open at 6:25pm with a special pro-life Rosary, & then Mass will follow at 7:00pm. The main celebrant will be Rev. Phil Gibbs, Pastor of Church of the Resurrection. All area priests are invited to concelebrate. **Please join us for this special evening.** Everyone is welcome!

## Thank You!

- Thank you to all who helped make the Walk for Life a success! 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus, Steve Fuerst, Brad Hesselbacher, Katie McGuire, Al Troupe, Ellie Kirby, Teresa Shepard, Kathy Slinger, Pastor Dennis Schmitt, Kaylee Koos, Mark Hoeger, Dave & Kathy Tutton, Eric McKee, and Jacob & Julia Schulfer! A special thank you to Winona State Students for Life group for making the 3 hour drive to attend!
- Thank you to Richard & Ruth Bockes for donating 3 cases of bottled water!
- Thank you to Katherine & Nora Schmalz, Ellie Kirby, Kayla Sass, Zoe Moore, & Barbara Fiske for volunteering at the DCRTL office!

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**Occasion:**

---Easter (to be acknowledged in the April newsletter)

---Memorial Day (to be acknowledged in the May newsletter)

---Mother's Day (to be acknowledged in the May newsletter)

---Father's Day (to be acknowledged in the June newsletter)

---Other -----

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### *A Note From Ashley Stackis, Executive Director*

We have a special opportunity for you to show your love and support of all life through giving a gift in honor or memory of a loved one.

Upcoming occasions to do this include Easter, Memorial Day, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, and of course any other reason you can think of (birthday, anniversary, thinking of you, missing you, get well wishes, happy spring, etc.). No matter the occasion, it is such a unique and beautiful pro-life blessing that will brighten someone’s day! Inside this newsletter you will find a donation envelope – please consider sending in a gift to honor or remember someone. Their name(s) will be acknowledged in upcoming newsletters; with memorial gifts of \$250 or greater, their name will also be engraved on our memorial plaque, which is displayed in our office right as you enter the front door. Thank you, life-loving pro-life friends.

**Abortion Facilities in 2020:** A total of 45 abortion facilities closed or halted abortions nationwide in 2020, leaving one state without an active abortion facility, according to a survey conducted by Operation Rescue. Missouri has become the first Abortion-Free State — at least in practice for now. The embattled Reproductive Health Services Planned Parenthood in St. Louis was the last abortion facility in Missouri. It remains open, but Operation Rescue has confirmed that no abortion appointments

have been available there for months, and none are available anytime in the foreseeable future.

Other noteworthy facts were revealed by this survey:

- There are currently **706** active abortion facilities in the U.S.
- Since Operation Rescue began tracking the number of abortion facilities in 2009, surgical abortion facilities have decreased in number by **255**.
- Since 1991, there has been an incredible **79 percent drop** in the number of surgical abortion facilities nationwide.
- There was a **net loss** of four U.S. abortion clinics overall in 2020.
- The number of Planned Parenthood abortion facilities **decreased in 2020**.
- 2020 was the first year that Operation Rescue tracked the number of facilities that distributed abortion drugs via telemedicine. The survey found that **69 locations**, representing **9.78 percent** of all abortion facilities, now operate telemedicine abortion programs.

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Christmas Pro-Life Blessings for Mary’s Inn Maternity Home! Check out all the goodies we blessed their residents with:



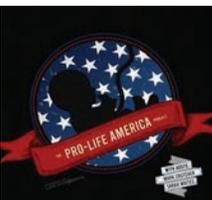
Yours in the service of LIFE,  
Ash

### **DCRTL Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat Needs**

**Rachel’s Vineyard Counselor:** We are looking for a retired or licensed counselor for our retreat team. This individual must have experience and be comfortable in a group setting. It is even more essential that the mental health professional have a strong faith rooted in a prayerful, humble spirit. This individual must be capable of flexibility and working together with others on the retreat team. You will be expected to attend a two day training in August in addition to several weekly meetings. The retreat will be held on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 26, 2021 at the Shalom Spirituality Center in Dubuque. After prayerful consideration, if you are interested, please call Teresa at 563-542-8378. Or if you know of anyone who may have interest, please forward along this information.



### **The Pro-Life America Podcast by Life Dynamics**



Exciting, provocative, and sometimes controversial, this pro-life podcast covers abortion and the ongoing cultural civil war in a way you’ve never seen it before. Hosts of this podcast are Mark Crutcher and Sarah Waites. Mark is the founder and president of Life Dynamics, author, and long-time activist for the unborn who has always thought outside the box when it comes to ending abortion.



Find a full list of their 38+ episodes with varying topics here:  
[lifedynamics.com/category/pro-life-america-podcast/](http://lifedynamics.com/category/pro-life-america-podcast/)

## Judge Makes Sandra Merritt Pay Planned Parenthood \$13 Million in Attorney Fees



Despite the fact that Liberty Counsel has appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals regarding the verdict in the civil lawsuit against Sandra Merritt for her undercover investigation of Planned Parenthood's trafficking of human baby body parts, U.S. District Court Judge William Orrick III issued an order on December 22, 2020 granting the abortion giant over \$13 million in "attorney fees and costs," in addition to more than \$2 million in damages awarded by the jury. Judge Orrick ignored Merritt's request to wait until the Ninth Circuit ruled in the appeal before issuing any further orders. Instead, the court has now awarded Planned Parenthood over six times the amount of the original jury verdict in attorney fees and costs.

Merritt and colleague David Daleiden, the founder of Center for Medical Progress, produced videos in 2015 exposing Planned Parenthood's illegal trade in aborted baby body parts after a 30-month undercover operation. The videos showed top-level Planned Parenthood executives haggling over prices of aborted baby body parts and discussing how they change abortion procedures to obtain more intact organs.

Throughout the six-week trial, Judge Orrick specifically influenced the way the jury considered the issues and blocked them from watching many of the recorded conversations in the undercover videos. Orrick also told members of the jury they couldn't look at this as a First Amendment case, where freedom of speech and the press could be considered as a defense. However, Merritt and Daleiden acted according to the parameters of California recording law and no other citizen journalist or journalism organization has ever been charged with a crime for undercover recordings made in the public interest. The San Francisco jury decided in favor of the abortion giant on each count, including RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations), and awarded more than \$2 million in damages.

Liberty Counsel's Chief Litigation Counsel Horatio Mihet said, "Today's decision adds insult to the profound injury inflicted by Planned Parenthood on those who exposed its misdeeds. Planned Parenthood deserves scorn and criminal prosecution for its barbaric practice, not millions of dollars in reward. We are asking the higher courts to right this wrong as part of our ongoing efforts to vindicate Sandra Merritt for her courageous work in exposing the truth about Planned Parenthood."

[www.lifenews.com/judge-makes-sandra-merritt-pay-planned-parenthood](http://www.lifenews.com/judge-makes-sandra-merritt-pay-planned-parenthood)

## Lenten Pro-Life 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 February 17<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

## From our Library...

DCRTL has a **HUGE** up-to-date educational library, consisting of books, magazines, booklets, CD's, and DVD's, all available to rent for **FREE!** Below we are featuring a newly released adult book, as well as a wonderful children's book. Just stop on by our office to check out our huge selection, rent something you are interested in (and maybe grab something for your children or grandchildren too) and return them when you can. It is as simple as that!

### For adults....

#### **This is When We Begin to Fight, by Steve Karlen**

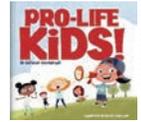
Steve Karlen never expected to find himself in the middle of the most bitterly debated controversy in human history...especially if there was a baseball game on TV. But when a friend found herself facing a crisis pregnancy, it launched Steve on a journey from the couch to the center of a statewide firestorm as the hospital affiliated with his beloved alma mater secretly plotted to open a late-term abortion center next to campus. *This is When We Begin to Fight* tells the inside story of how God used an ordinary guy to help lead a grassroots band of prayer warriors into spiritual battle against one of the most powerful entities in their state - all while struggling with infertility and miscarriage at home. This book will take you on an adventure and dare you to consider what God will do when YOU answer His call to stand up for the least of our brothers and sisters.



### For children....

#### **Pro-Life Kids!, by Bethany Bomberger**

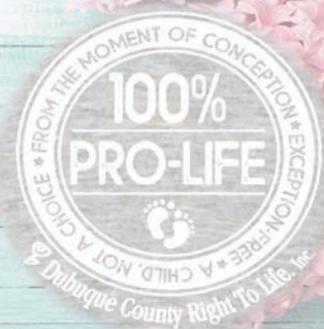
PROLIFE KIDS! is a ground-breaking children's book created by Bethany Bomberger, an adoptive mom and educator. (She's also the co-founder and Executive Director of The Radiance Foundation.) It is an adorably illustrated journey that reinforces the value of every human life, in and out of the womb. It's a tool that includes helpful resources that can be used by anyone who is looking to share an age-appropriate pro-life worldview to children. It was created, primarily, for children in K-5th grade although both younger and older children can learn valuable lessons from the book, too. PROLIFE KIDS! powerfully illuminates what millions around the world celebrate every day—that life has purpose.



## Is there a new Mom in your family, community, or church?



Honor her and celebrate new life in a special way. Donate \$25 or more and we'll send a custom designed DCRTL onesie (size 12 months) to the new Mom on your behalf with a congratulatory card. Just mail DCRTL a donation with a note that includes the new mom's name & mailing address. We'll take care of blessing her with this beautiful gift!



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Dubuque County Right to Life awards up to \$10,000 worth of scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to attend college.

## 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.

Please go to [www.dcrtl.org/scholarships](http://www.dcrtl.org/scholarships) for more information and to apply. **The deadline to apply is Friday, March 5, 2021.** Finalists must be available to participate in a speech presentation at the DCRTL office on the morning of Saturday, April 3, 2021. Contact Ashley Stackis for more information at 563-556-5960.

## Memorials & Honorariums

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### In Honor Of:

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- **Carmen Recker's Birthday**, given by Charles & Ann Recker
- **Madonna Portz for Christmas**, given by John & Lisa Portz and Kevin & Joan Hedrick

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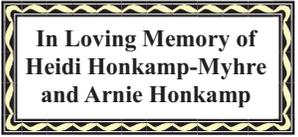
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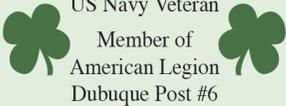
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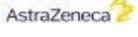
## Charlotte Lozier Institute Analysis on COVID Vaccines

Below is a quick reference chart produced by the pro-life Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI) which examines whether 8 leading COVID vaccines are either produced or tested using cells obtained through abortions. CLI offered the following statement: “CLI’s expert scientific analysis finds that many leading vaccine candidates supported by Operation Warp Speed do not use abortion-derived cell lines in their production. This is encouraging news. Unfortunately, some vaccine developers have unnecessarily put American families in a difficult position by choosing to use controversial human fetal cell lines in production or testing, or by a lack of transparency. Many developers already opt to use animal cell lines, non-fetal human cells, yeast, or chicken eggs instead. We urge all developers to avail themselves of these options going forward. Doing so will reduce vaccine hesitancy for those who oppose the use of fetal cell lines, thereby increasing the public health impact of the vaccine. CLI will continue to provide the public with access to timely & accurate information so that individuals & families can weigh all factors – including secular science & religious traditions – & make vaccine decisions in line with their conscience.”

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### Analysis of COVID-19 Vaccine Candidates

Includes vaccine candidates that received “Operation Warp Speed” funding or have been submitted to the FDA for emergency use approval

 Sponsor(s)	 Status	 Development/ Production of Vaccine	 Lab Testing
	Emergency Use FDA Application Approved		
	Emergency Use FDA Application Approved		
	Phase 3 Trials		
	Phase 3 Trials		
	Phase 3 Trials		
	Phase 1/2 Trials		
	Phase 1/2 Trials		
	Phase 1 Trials		

#### Key



Does not use abortion-derived cell line



SOME tests DO NOT use abortion-derived cells, SOME DO



DOES USE abortion-derived cell line



Currently undetermined

See here for a chart of all vaccines being tested and more detailed information about each: <https://s27589.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/COVID-19-Vaccine-Candidates-and-Abortion-Derived-Cell-Lines.pdf>

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## Rest in Peace Joseph Scheidler



The Pro-Life world is mourning the death of Joseph M. Scheidler, widely known as the “Godfather of Pro-Life Activism,” who passed away on Jan. 18, 2021. Joe began his life’s work fighting abortion in 1973, shortly after the Roe v. Wade decision, and founded the Pro-Life Action League in 1980 to recruit and equip pro-life Americans to be a voice for unborn children in their own communities throughout the country and the world. Countless pro-life volunteers and leaders alike credit Joe with having inspired them to join the movement. “My father’s proudest accomplishment was the pro-life work of those he inspired to take an active role in the fight against abortion, the greatest injustice of our time,” said Eric Scheidler, Joe’s oldest son, who serves as the League’s executive director. “For years, people have been telling me about the talk or protest where they met my father, and how his words and example prompted them to do more than just talk, but to take responsibility for addressing the injustice.” Joe’s career as a pro-life activist took him to every state in U.S. and countries on four continents, as well as through countless court battles, including the notorious NOW v. Scheidler RICO case, the longest case in U.S. federal court history and the only one to make three trips to the US Supreme Court, including 8-1 and 8-0 rulings in 2003 & 2006 that fully vindicated him. His book *CLOSED: 99 Ways to Stop Abortion*, a centerpiece of the NOW v. Scheidler trial, became the manual for pro-life activists all over the world.

## Abortion is Still the Leading Cause of Death Worldwide

Abortion maintained its position as the leading cause of death globally for 2020, with 42.7 million preborn human beings killed, according to Worldometer. This number is slightly up from the 42.4 million preborn babies who died by abortion in 2019. According to Breitbart, Worldometer — which has been voted one of the best free reference websites by the American Library Association — tracks major global statistics annually. Based on those statistics, there were more deaths from abortion in 2020 than all deaths from cancer, malaria, HIV/AIDS, smoking, alcohol, and traffic accidents combined. Worldometer’s abortion statistics are based on the number of abortions published by the World Health Organization, which actually promoted DIY “self-managed” abortions amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Global deaths from COVID-19 totaled 1.83 million in 2020.

## IOWA CONSTITUTION UPDATE

The people of Iowa, not the state Supreme Court, should decide how Iowa regulates abortion. In June 2018, the Iowa Supreme Court created an unlimited “right” to abortion in Iowa by striking down an Iowa law providing for a three-day reflection period before an abortion is performed. To reach their decision, the Court “discovered” a fundamental right to abortion in the Iowa Constitution.

- The Court’s decision is **even more radical than Roe v. Wade**, opening the door to abortion in Iowa at any time, for any reason, right up to birth. Just like New York.
- The decision means **every pro-life law ever passed or that could be passed in Iowa could be declared “unconstitutional.”**
- Dissenting judges worry the decision is “a stepping stone” to making taxpayers fund abortion.

**No mere law can stop Iowa’s rogue court. The surest way to overturn this radical ruling is a state constitutional amendment.** We support a Protect Life Amendment (PLA) that would simply clarify that our state Constitution does not recognize, grant, or secure a right to an abortion.

The PLA had been passed by the Iowa Senate in 2020, but unfortunately did not pass in the Iowa House of Representatives. The Iowa Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders are again presenting the PLA this legislative session. The amendment must pass both chambers of the Legislature in two consecutive General Assemblies (2021-2022 & 2022-2023), and then if passed it would be on the ballot for a vote of the people of Iowa for approval likely in the Fall of 2024.

**Pro-life forces are at work all over the state educating the public on this very important effort, and DCRTL will keep you informed of developments in this “Iowa Protect Life Amendment UPDATE” section of the monthly newsletter. In the meantime, please contact your legislators to tell them how you feel about the Protect Life Amendment to the Iowa Constitution. Thank you!**

