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## Grandparent's Day Breakfast & Activities

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00am — 12:00pm**  
**Holy Ghost Church**  
(2921 Central Avenue, Dubuque)

### Calling all families!

Spend the morning of Grandparents Day with us for a lovely breakfast, bracelet/keychain making, and coloring of pro-life prayers in the basement of Holy Ghost Church before or after 9:30am Mass! Come and go as you please—activities will be available and breakfast served all morning. What a great opportunity to share our love of life with all generations in our family. This event is open to absolutely anyone from any church—join us to make special memories with those you love!

Please RSVP ahead of time if possible (appreciated for knowing how much food to make) by calling DCRTL at 563-556-5960. Breakfast is \$5 for adults and you simply pay at the door. **See you there!**

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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.

<b>August</b>	
Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Service at the Memorial to the Unborn in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at 6:30pm, followed by a Mass for Life at St. Joseph's Church in Key West at 7:00pm
<b>September</b>	
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Membership Event: <i>Unplanned</i> Movie Showing, DCRTL office, <b>6:00pm</b>
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparent's Day Breakfast and Activities, Holy Ghost Church, Dubuque, 8:00am-12:00pm
Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Director's Meeting
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	Student March for Life Registration & Down Payment Deadline
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	40 Days for Life Begins Around the World
<b>October</b>	<b>Respect Life Month</b>
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	Trip to Cedar Rapids to Pray Outside of Planned Parenthood for the 40 Days for Life Vigil
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Membership Event, TBA, 7:00pm
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup>	Chaperone/Adult March for Life Registration & Down Payment Deadline
Saturday, 5 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	Life Saver Sunday in Area Churches
Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	Respect Life Sunday: Life Chain in Dubuque & Dyersville, 2-3pm
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	-Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity -Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Director's Meeting
Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	Post Abortive Panel, Peosta Community Centre, 4pm—5pm
Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-Life Awareness Speaker, Sarah Swafford, in Several Area Schools
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	DCRTL Handing Out Educational Lollipops at the Dubuque Fairgrounds' Annual Trunk or Treat, 5:30pm—7:30pm
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup>	-Post Abortive Bible Study, DCRTL office, 6:00pm—8:30pm (every Sunday thru Dec. 15) -Share Your Family Day

## A Note From Ashley Stackis, Executive Director



Our biggest outreach every year is when we host an educational booth at the Dubuque County Fair. This year there were approximately 70,000 fair-goers!

This is a huge initiative of ours of which I've found my love and pleasure in being able to educate everyone who walks by. If you aren't aware of our booth, it's bright, vibrant, inviting and lovingly pro-life. I may be biased, but we definitely have the best booth there every year. I have many stories for you from when I was at the booth as well as stories from when volunteers were at the booth, so you can witness how we're changing hearts and saving lives by our presence through your support.

A tall and slender young man, maybe in his mid-twenties, stopped by our booth and was very quiet, but you could tell he was thinking deeply. He stood there without saying a word, just looking at the fetal models with his hands in his pockets. He walked further into our booth, still looking and taking it all in. I met him at the table and showed him of our precious hands and feet pins, which depict the exact size and shape of a baby's feet and hands at 10 weeks in the womb. He finally said something, through the tears rolling down his cheeks, he told me "this is really hard to look at". My heart ached instantly as I knew he must have lost a baby to abortion. I often wonder if it was seeing the truth of the humanity of an unborn child at our booth that he for the first time really digested what had happened to his baby. I can only pray that he finds healing and forgiveness if he had a part in it, and that we have impacted him with the empowerment of truth that he can now be a witness for life.

A woman older than 70 told of her many friends who have suffered regret from their abortions. So many men and women are hurting behind closed doors and it's a great reminder to remember how we say things. We are a movement of love, no matter what.

While working at the fair booth on Tuesday night a young woman came into our booth looking all around. She seemed like she maybe wanted to talk. When I welcomed her, she told me with a big smile on her face that she was a new mom! She told me her son has made her life so much better and has given her so much joy. I asked her if she'd thought about not having him and she said yes. I asked if her son was at the fair with her and she said yes, and then went to get him. He was the most beautiful little boy I have ever seen! She told me he was a gift that made her whole world. I told her she gave him the greatest gift of all – LIFE. I'll never forget the happiness on her face! I welcomed her to stop in at DCRTL if she needed resources or to just talk.

Pregnant mothers would excitedly explain to their children the size of their unborn child using the models. One mom who stopped at the booth last year was pregnant with twins and enjoyed looking at our twin fetal models, and now this year she stopped back to the booth with her twin boys in the stroller! How precious!

The children really enjoyed looking at the size of their feet compared to the feet pictured on the educational lollipops and pencils which had the exact shape and size of an unborn baby's feet at 10 weeks in the womb. Time and time again the parents would tell me how their children still have their little babies that we hand out every year, from the past SEVERAL years. They would also share how their kiddos insisted the very first thing they do when they get to the fair would be to go directly to our booth for a baby. I even heard it for myself as I was leaving my shift, walking through the fairgrounds near the food booths, how a little one was ecstatic about going to get a baby. I knew exactly where she was going, none other than the Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. booth!



One woman stopped by to ask how to address the topic of abortion with her three best friends, who are all pro-abortion. She used to simply lean pro-life until she saw the truth of abortion from watching the movie *Unplanned* and now she's unabashedly pro-life. Awesome! One of the volunteers also mentioned that many people who also stopped by during her time at the booth had said the *Unplanned* movie made a difference as well!

We had a gentleman share his story of his triplet children. He is now going to be a grandpa for the first time and he is 72 years old. One of his children lives in Australia and he and his wife are going to visit when the baby arrives. His story is so beautiful, what a great witness for life!

Again, thank you so much for everyone's support – the week at the booth is absolutely heartwarming to know we are making a difference in the hearts of everyone who walks by.

Yours in the service of LIFE,

*Ash*

Upcoming events!

## PRAYER Service & MASS for Life

Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm Prayer Service at the Memorial to the Unborn in Mt. Olivet Cemetery  
(10556 Military Road, Dubuque)

7:00pm Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Key West  
(10204 Key West Drive, Dubuque)

Please join us for a Prayer Service and Mass for Life! The prayer service will begin at 6:30pm at the Memorial to the Unborn. Following this service, we will proceed by path to St. Joseph's Church. The Sacrifice of the Holy Mass will be concelebrated by several area priests, with the main celebrant, Rev. Rodney Allers. A light meal will be provided in the church basement following Mass. Everyone is welcome! People of all faith traditions are encouraged to attend. See you there!

## September Membership Event: *Unplanned* Movie Showing

The *Unplanned* Movie overcame censorship and media bias to shock Hollywood this past spring. It also spurred a 30% INCREASE in participation at 40 Days for Life vigils! Planned Parenthood and abortion industry supporters were unhinged by this movie. The reason was simple – *Unplanned* shows two abortions. The film's success – both at the box office and on the streets – is a testament to the short life of the little boy who inspired the movie but will never be able to see it. The 13-week-old baby boy who was aborted right before the eyes of Planned Parenthood director Abby Johnson is the reason this movie exists. **He changed her heart. He changed everything.** The scene depicting the end of this little boy's life is unforgettable. And it's a reminder that even the shortest life – unwanted, unknown, and unloved – has meaning.



Please join us on Thursday, September 5, at **6:00pm** to watch *Unplanned* at the Dubuque County Right to Life office (2205 Carter Road, Dubuque).

Please note the membership event is starting early due to the length of the movie!

We hope you can join us!

## THANK YOU!

- Thank you to Cathy Ludwig for making bracelets and key chains for our booth at the fair!
- Thank you to David Roth for coordinating the Family Movie Night, the Pro-Life Outdoor Stations of the Cross, and the upcoming Grandparent's Day Breakfast & Activities!
- Thank you David & Karen Roth for leading the Pro-Life Stations of the Cross, as well as Mary, Bob, and Kaitlyn Schroeder for baking cookies for the wonderful event!
- Thank you to Al Schroeder for your support and help with all of our IT needs!
- Thank you anonymous donor for the toilet paper and paper towels!
- Thank you Melissa Glover for the diapers, wipes, formula, and sippy cups!
- Thank you Bill Grothus for the 3 books of stamps!
- Thank you to the Dubuque Advertiser for donating the cards that DCRTL includes with a rose to funeral services of our members (or family members of our members) who have passed away.

## National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

On **Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**, in honor of the **National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**, we encourage you to please take some time to say the below prayer to help humanize our aborted brothers and sisters and to deepen your own commitment to ending the injustice of abortion. You are also encouraged to carry on the spiritual mission of the Day of Remembrance throughout the year by visiting the memorial site that DCRTL has in Mt. Olivet Cemetery to offer prayers of mourning for the victims of abortion.

### *Prayer of Mourning for Victims of Abortion*

Almighty Father, we pray today to remember those precious unborn babies whose lives were cut short because our nation failed to recognize their value and to protect them.

We thank you for the beautiful words Our Lord Jesus spoke in His Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted." And so we do mourn the loss of so many unborn lives. And yet we find comfort in your love and compassion and in our conviction that Jesus loves the little children.

We pray that these victims of society's callous policy of expediency are now safe in your loving arms, and that they know that we love them, and mourn that they never had the opportunity to show the world who they are.

Lord, we know that at this very moment, in abortion clinics all over America, precious unborn babies are in danger of a horrendous death. We pray in fervent hope that someone will intercede for these little ones to spare their lives. But in the event their mothers choose abortion, we pray that you, as Father of all, will take these little ones into your arms.

Lord, we pray for our nation, that with Your grace and the tireless work of those of us who value each and every human life, the United

States will reject abortion and become a country that appreciates and welcomes every child, no matter the circumstances of his or her conception.

We pray for the mothers of these babies that they come to recognize the tragedy of the choices they made and to turn to you for forgiveness and healing.

We pray for the fathers of these babies that they mourn the loss of their fatherhood and the duty they had to protect their children, and that they turn to you and ask for forgiveness.

We pray for the doctors, nurses and clinic staff involved in the death of these babies, that they turn away from the abortion industry and open their hearts to learn compassion for the innocent unborn victims of abortion.

On this day, Lord, more than forty years after the sad day that Roe v. Wade legalized the killing of unborn babies, we ask You to give us renewed energy and hope that our nation will once again know a day when all life is sacred and protected in law.

We ask all these things in the name of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

Upcoming events!

## *Memorials & Honorariums*

### *In Memory Of:*

- Judith Braun, given by Virgil & Marian Bourek
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### *In Honor Of:*

- Jim & Mary Lou Ball's Anniversary, given by Dan & Barb Nicholson
- Sr. Marian Einck's birthday, given by Liz Rediger
- Rev. Duane Thoman's Retirement, given by Dan & Barb Nicholson
- Pat & Carol Walsh's birthday, given by Joyce Honkamp

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.

## Join Us at the World's Largest Pro-Life Event!



The 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the infamous Roe v. Wade decision that decriminalized abortion will be observed in our nation's capital with the annual National March for Life where hundreds of thousands of people stand for the right to life. Since 1994, DCRTL has led pilgrimages to this event. Saving lives by ending abortion and promoting a culture of life is why we march each year. But we need YOU to be a part of this effort!

Would you like to be a part of this year's pilgrimage? Approximately 250+ people from our area will be participating. There is room for you, your friends, and family! We really hope you can join us.

Some details are subject to change, but the general schedule is as follows:

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| <b>Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup></b> | Depart in the evening from Dubuque & Dyersville      |
| <b>Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup></b>  | Arrive to DC; Attend the pro-life Mass               |
| <b>Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup></b>    | March for Life Rally; March; Night Tour of Monuments |
| <b>Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup></b>  | Free Day; Depart for home after Mass in the evening  |
| <b>Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup></b>    | Arrive at home around noon                           |

Call DCRTL today to register for this AMAZING, joyous, empowering, hope filled pilgrimage. The total cost to join us for the trip is \$400/person which covers bus travel and hotel. Registration and a down payment of \$150 is due by **Friday, October 4, 2019** for adults/DCRTL members/ those in community. Registration and a \$150 down payment for students of local schools is due by **Friday, September 20, 2019**.

*Since 1973, over 60 million lives have been lost to abortion. Join us in standing up for LIFE until the hearts, minds and laws of America reflect protection for unborn children.*

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

## Trip to Cedar Rapids

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. 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.

Please join us in standing up for life on **Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** to pray outside of Planned Parenthood in Cedar Rapids. This is the perfect way to start Respect Life Month! After, we will enjoy a nice lunch together.

### Schedule:

- 8:15am** – Please arrive at the DCRTL office (2205 Carter Road, Dubuque)
- 8:30am** – We will depart from the DCRTL office
- 10:00am – 12:00pm** – Pray unceasingly outside of Planned Parenthood
- 12:15pm** – Enjoy a nice lunch
- 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 drive and/or join, please call to let us know so we have enough space for everyone in our caravan. Feel free to bring a foldable chair.

*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!*

## Post Abortion Bible Study:

### ***Surrendering the Secret*** ***Healing the heartbreak of abortion***

By Pat Layton

It's time to heal the heartbreak of Abortion! Without question, abortion can be one of the most traumatic experiences in a person's life. You are not alone. Millions upon millions of women hide the heartbreak, shame, and loss of a past abortion. It's time to heal!

*Surrendering the Secret* is a powerful 8-week Bible study that helps hurting women find the path to healing and freedom through the hope of Scripture; meaningful hands-on experiences; unique journaling exercises; and confidential, caring community. This unique resource is perfect for any woman who has experienced the heartbreak of abortion.

**Dates:** Sunday evenings, from October 27 – December 15

**Time:** 6:00PM – 8:30PM

**Location:** Dubuque County Right to Life Office (2205 Carter Road, Dubuque)

**Cost:** \$15/person, which covers your book and materials



**We are here, We can help.**

**Today you are making the bravest decision, because you are choosing to heal from the abortion you had. *Surrendering the Secret* will gently help you take the steps needed for healing. You are not alone!**



### ***A Note from Teresa***

Hey everyone, I have some exciting news! DCRTL is hosting a post abortion bible study in late October that I will be leading, and the name of the study is "Surrendering the Secret". Yesterday (8/13/2019) I went through Leadership Training with Pat Layton, the author of the bible study, and 35 other women. I found out that DCRTL is the first Right to Life organization to have a trained leader, and I am the only trained leader in the entire state of Iowa! There are currently 119 leader locations across the United States. After our training yesterday, there will be 154 and growing. How exciting! This ministry is truly amazing. The training will really help us to reach post abortive women and help them heal. This is so important, because when a post abortive woman is healed, she is going to share her story which sheds the light of truth on the horrors of abortion. The more women who are healed, the more babies will be saved!

So please tell family, friends and Church family about this wonderful ministry.

Blessings,  
Teresa

### **Items for the Bible Study we are in need of:**

- Glue sticks
- Antibacterial hand wipes
- Chocolate hugs and kisses



Upcoming events!

## More Bang For Your Buck!

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.



**Do your children or grandchildren use Snapchat?...or read Teen Vogue?**



Teen Vogue has completely sold out to the abortion industry. The magazine encouraged its young readers to engage in risky, life-destroying behavior by teaching them how to get an abortion. CBN News reports the magazine posted a series of images on Snapchat promoting abortions among teens. The messages do not encourage teens to consider their options, including parenting and adoption, or explain the possible risks. Instead, they treat the killing of an unborn baby as a normal, viable option. They also tell young girls how to skirt parental consent laws to get an abortion without their parents' knowledge. Teen Vogue began promoting its new pro-abortion campaign, "How to Get an Abortion if You're a Teen," in an article in June, according to CNS News. Then mid-August it pushed the message even harder on Snapchat, which is very popular among American teenagers AND pre-teens. eMarketer estimates that **92 percent of children ages 12 to 17 use the social media site.**

"Having access to abortion should be your right, regardless of your parents' beliefs," Teen Vogue tells young girls. "Unfortunately, not every state legislature agrees so the first step is knowing your state's rules when it comes to parental consent." Though the magazine did encourage teens to tell their parents if they are pregnant, it also instructed teens on how to hide an abortion from their parents. "There is another legal option in many states that would let you get an abortion without parental approval called a judicial bypass procedure — but it takes time and involves testifying before a judge," the magazine states. "In any case, you can also contact your local abortion fund if you need help paying for it on your own."

These messages are part of a larger campaign by abortion activists to end parental consent and parental notification laws. Currently, 37 states require some form of parental involvement before a minor aborts her unborn baby. Parental consent laws do help minors, and they have strong public support. They can help protect young girls from sexual abusers who often use abortion to cover up their crimes. The laws also help protect vulnerable teens from making a hasty, uninformed decision to abort their unborn babies — something they may later regret. And research shows that these laws help save unborn babies from abortions. A Gallup poll found 71 percent of Americans favor laws requiring parents' involvement in a minor's abortion decision. But these protective laws are the latest target of the abortion industry. **This year, Illinois, Massachusetts and Rhode Island are considering bills to end their parental involvement laws.** They're putting the life of children (and their babies) in the hands and direction of an abortion clinic, instead of their parents' guidance. Shame on those states.

Please be aware of the phone applications or magazines your children or grandchildren read as the abortion industry is targeting the young children and young adults through means of which you may not be aware of.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2019/08/13/teen-vogue-uses-snapchat-to-instruction-teens-how-to-hide-abortions-from-their-parents/>

## Democratic Candidates and Abortion



In the second Democratic debate held in Detroit at the end of June, there was much fighting and arguing between the candidates, but one topic of discussion was conspicuously absent – abortion. There was little to no discussion of the issue, aside from attempted jabs and side remarks. This seems odd for the party whose platform unabashedly supports the “right” to kill preborn children. The only notable mention of abortion was when Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA) attacked former Vice President Joe Biden. Harris attacked Biden’s previous support for the Hyde Amendment, saying Biden “made a decision for years to withhold resources to poor women to have access to reproductive healthcare.” Biden rebutted, claiming that the Hyde Amendment had a different intent and he claimed “I support a woman’s right to choose. I support it’s a constitutional right.” After deciding to run for president, Biden flipped his stance on the Hyde Amendment, in his words, “Because there was not full federal funding for all reproductive services prior to this point.” The Hyde Amendment is a federal budget rider that prohibits tax dollars from being used for abortions.

Apart from this small tussle, **there was no discussion whatsoever about abortion.** In the first Democratic debate of 2019, all of the presidential candidates on stage reaffirmed the radical stance prohibiting limits on abortion, most even calling for taxpayer money to be funding those abortions through their proposed healthcare plans. All the candidates seemed to be jockeying for position as the “most extreme” on the abortion issue.

The second debate was promoted as a means of discovering the real differences between the candidates. Given this premise, there was little need to mention abortion at all, because abortion appears to be the one issue on which all of the candidates agree. Every single Democratic candidate for president supports no restrictions on elective abortion up until the moment of birth, sometimes even after birth, and they all think that American taxpayers should be the ones providing the funding.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2019/08/13/every-single-democrat-seeking-the-presidency-supports-abortion-up-to-birth/>

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