



**Missouri Right to Life, National Right to Life,
and pro-life people across the country are united
against Planned Parenthood and the evils of abortion**

While some try to create contention and controversy among pro-lifers, Missouri Right to Life, National Right to Life, and other pro-life organizations will stay focused on the battle to protect women and save babies.

The following are a few real battles we are fighting:

First is the atrocity of the St. Louis Planned Parenthood continuing to break Missouri laws and operate without a license. The Missouri Department of Health has uncovered their substandard medical care which has resulted in multiple emergency ambulance calls where women were rushed to a hospital. Pray for our Attorney General and his staff of lawyers as they work to present the truths to the courts.

Second, the opponents of HB 126 are delaying enforcement of this critical bill that will ban abortion when there is a heartbeat or when the baby can feel excruciating pain during an abortion. They have also challenged a ban on abortion of babies based on race, sex, or a Down Syndrome diagnosis. The Court is clearly biased for the pro-abortion agenda and denies all medical facts. Pray for our Attorney General and his staff of lawyers as they work to present the truths about babies' heartbeats, pain capability, and the value of life of special needs babies.

In Washington D.C., the pro-abortion Democrats continued their attack on President Trump and our pro-life laws.

First, the sham investigation of President Trump has come to the full committee of the House under pro-abortion Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi. Make no mistake, this attack on President Trump is based solely on trying to undermine his campaign for the 2020 election. President Trump has worked on many levels to put in place pro-life protections for women and babies. He has defunded Planned Parenthood from receiving our federal tax dollars. In addition, he has appointed many pro-life judges on the federal courts and two U.S. Supreme Court Justices who will adhere to the original intent of the U.S. Constitution. Pray for President Trump, his family, and his attorneys as they fight to stand for America against the pro-abortion leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Second, under the leadership of pro-abortion Pelosi, the U.S. Congress passed out of committee H.J. Res. 79, a measure that purports to erase the seven-year ratification deadline that Congress included in the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) resolution submitted in 1972. NARAL Pro-Choice America and National Right to Life both say that the ERA would likely be employed to invalidate laws that are protecting unborn children. Pray for our pro-life Congressmen and women as they stand against the pro-abortion leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Missouri Right to Life will continue our work with pro-life leaders as we stay focused on the battles at hand. This is a historic time in Missouri. Abortion numbers are dropping and one lone abortion clinic is teetering. We are doing a great work together, and we will not be distracted by deceptive reporting.



**Missouri Right to Life
"Show Me Life" Pro-Life Action Day**

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

**Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.
Rally at 12 Noon**

**Missouri State Capitol
1st Floor Rotunda**

- Come to Jefferson City for Pro-Life Action Day to lobby your legislators and encourage them to pass pro-life legislation.
- Join the Noon Rally for inspiration, information, and instruction for the best pro-life action.
- Help continue the life-saving work to protect all innocent human life in Missouri!

WEAR RED FOR LIFE!

Transportation is available from many areas of the state.

Contact the Missouri Right to Life State Office, 573.635.5110, or visit www.missourilife.org for further information.



<https://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/2019/11/president-trumps-wonderful-record-on-judges/>

President Donald Trump's wonderful pro-life record on appointing judges

For many years, National Right to Life and its state affiliates have labored intensively and diligently to elect pro-life candidates, who then enacted pro-life laws – only to see Planned Parenthood, the Center for Reproductive Rights, or a local abortion facility challenge those laws in court. Far too often, the challenges were successful because some judges legislate from the bench rather than follow the U.S. Constitution.

During the 2016 presidential campaign, with a vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court due to the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, Trump released a statement acknowledging Scalia's legacy, adding, "His career was defined by his reverence for the Constitution and his legacy of protecting American's most cherished freedoms. He was a Justice who did not believe in legislating from the bench, and he is a person whom I held in the highest regard and will always greatly respect his intelligence and conviction to uphold the Constitution of our country."

The presidential candidate also made public a list of persons from which he said he would pick nominees for vacancies on the Supreme Court, saying those on the list were "representative of the kind of constitutional principles I value."

On November 6, 2019, NRLC Executive Director David N. O'Steen, Ph.D, NRLC Federal Legislative Director Jennifer Popik, J.D., and NRLC President Carol Tobias had the wonderful opportunity to attend an event at the White House at which President Trump showcased the achievements of his administration in federal judicial nominations.

The President told those in attendance that, working with the Republican-controlled U.S. Senate, he now has 158 judicial nominees confirmed to the federal bench, including two Supreme Court justices, 44 circuit court judges, and 112 district court judges.

President Trump has appointed more

circuit judges at this point in his presidency than any president in recent history. Fully 25% of all active judges on courts of appeals have been appointed by President Trump.

The President delighted the appreciative audience by saying he is on track to have more judges confirmed this year than in his first two years combined.

The nomination and confirmation of so many judges who respect and carefully adhere to the text of the Constitution bodes well for the lives of unborn children.



<https://www.foxnews.com/us/pro-life-group-mom-college-pregnant-parenting-rights>

Pro-life group helps young mom finish college, educates students on 'pregnant and parenting' rights

A national pro-life group launched a campaign to inform college students who are pregnant or are already parents of their rights on campus -- and they got to inform one mom about how they're going to help her finish school.

Students for Life of America (SFLA) helped Ruth Asmarzadeh, a college student who was unable to finish her degree at Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado after she says her Title IX rights were violated. She became pregnant in 2016 and said she was pressured to get an abortion. Ultimately, Asmarzadeh chose to have her child.

"I don't like to imagine my life without my son or my education," she told Fox News. "In fact, it breaks my heart knowing at one point I had to choose between the two."

Ruth and her son, Eli, received a scholarship from Students for Life of America to help her finish school as part of the pro-life group's "Pregnant on Campus Initiative."

She said she felt "helpless" when she lost her financial aid and wasn't able to reschedule her exams, so she reached out to the pro-life organization, which helped her get financial aid back -- and threw her a baby shower. This week, SFLA surprised her with \$6,000 to ensure she could finish her education.

SFLA president Kristan Hawkins called Asmarzadeh, who is currently working three jobs, to let her know about the surprise after the group launched

a national campaign, the "Pregnant on Campus Initiative," to help pregnant and parenting students get the resources they need on campus.

"One of the things we always say at Students for Life is no woman should have to choose between her education and her child," Hawkins told Asmarzadeh. She also informed Asmarzadeh about the fundraising page reaching the amount she needed to get her degree and "the job of her dreams."

"Thank you. I'm honored and grateful for all of this," Asmarzadeh said, as her son, Eli, could be heard talking in the background. "I'm sure he will be very thankful when he's able to understand one day. Thank you."

SFLA also informed Asmarzadeh's college that her Title IX rights were violated as part of the campaign to let other students know they cannot be discriminated against or face the loss of scholarships, housing, athletic eligibility, or an opportunity simply because of their pregnancy or parental status.

As part of the "Pregnant and Parenting Bill of Rights," Hawkins said the first step is to educate students about their rights on campus, especially given the pressure of abortion in higher education today. Then the intention is to provide them with support, including legal assistance from Alliance Defending Freedom.

"Pregnancy should mark the beginning of a new life, not the end of an academic career," Hawkins said in a statement. "Know your Title IX rights."

Asmarzadeh says she feels empowered by SFLA's help and hopes to one day give back as a licensed counselor. She plans to return to school during the spring semester.



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We wish you a Merry Christmas!

Will you still have a job a mission?

Okay, now what?

Since our inception over forty years ago, Missouri Right to Life has been dedicated to education, grass roots activation, electing pro-life legislators, and passing pro-life laws. The tireless efforts of Missouri Right to Life volunteers and staff over those many years have helped bring us to a place we have often dreamed of.

We are close to being an abortion free state.

Even as I write those words, I get goosebumps. It's humbling to be a small part of an organization that has played a critical role in bringing us to this point in history. Now, I know better than to count my chickens before they're hatched (I didn't mean for that to sound ironic; it just came out that way).

The Planned Parenthood surgical abortion clinic on Forest Park Avenue in St. Louis is still open. There's speculation as to whether they're performing abortions or not. But they're still open. There's speculation as to whether they will be able to renew their license or not. But they're still open. There's speculation that the new Fairview Heights Planned Parenthood mega clinic may allow the Forest Park location to close. But they're still open. Our work continues.

But.....what if they *do* close? What will we do? Will our work continue? What will you do?

As long as abortion is lauded as a good thing, we have work to do.

As long as Missourians can go to Illinois or Kansas for their abortions, we have work to do. We're going to have to work hard to make sure our successes are not reversed. The abortion industry will not leave Missouri quietly.

We have pro-abortion legislators who are trying to bring back the Equal Rights Amendment that, on abortion, would turn all of America into New York and would overturn all our pro-life laws across the United States. Our work is far from over.

There's a new Congressional committee looking into "state efforts to undermine access to reproductive rights (aka abortion)." They stated that lawmakers "will examine Missouri's onerous restrictions as a case study showing how states -- emboldened by the Trump administration's harmful policies -- are eliminating access for their residents."

Our work is far from over.

We have to work hard to make abortion not just unavailable in Missouri, but unthinkable in Missouri. To do that, we need to win people's hearts. And we cannot do that without God. We need to let Him lead us and guide us in this "brave new world." We can't do it. But He can!



Steve Rupp

Thanks for all you do for Life and God bless!

Steve Rupp

The Basics

A compilation of recent and noteworthy information on the abortion issue.

Diary of an Unborn Baby



Day 1 *Fertilization: all human chromosomes are present, and a unique life begins*

Day 6 *The embryo begins implanting in the uterus.*

Day 22 *The heart begins to beat with the child's own blood, often with a different blood type than the mother's.*

Week 5 *Eyes, legs, and hands begin to develop.*

Week 6 *Brain waves are detectable¹. The mouth and lips are present, and fingers are forming².*



Week 7 *Eyelids and toes form. The baby now has a distinct nose and is kicking and swimming³.*

Week 8 *Every organ is in place⁴; bones⁵, fingerprints² begin to form.*



Week 9 & 10 *Teeth begin to form, fingernails develop⁵; baby can turn head⁵ and frown².*

Week 11 *Baby can grasp object placed in hand³.*

Week 17 *Baby can have dream (REM) sleep⁷.*

MORE THAN NUMBERS

There have been **nearly 61 million abortions** in the U.S. since 1973.

There were over **800,000 abortions** in 2017. That is nearly **2,400 abortions per day, 98 per hour, 1 every 34 seconds.**

Of all pregnancies that resulted in either live birth or abortion in 2017, **18.4% resulted in abortion.**

The War on The Unborn

+ and **+** each = 1 Million Lives

Abortions in the U.S. since 1973:

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American Casualties from every war since 1775:

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Unless otherwise noted, information on fetal development taken from Keith L. Moore and T.V.N. Persaud, *The Developing Human*, 5th ed. (Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders Co., 1993). 1. O'Rahilly & Müller, *The Embryonic Human Brain*, 2nd Ed, 1999. 2. Flanagan, *The First Nine Months*, 1965. 3. Valman & Pearson, *BMJ*, 1/26/80. 4. Nilsson, *A Child is Born*, 1990. 5. Rugh & Shettles, *From Conception to Birth*, 1971. 6. P.E. Rockwell, *Markle v. Abele*, U.S. Supreme Court, 1971. 7. *AMA News*, 2/1/83. Full citations available upon request.



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**“I am only one, but still I am one.
I cannot do everything, but still I can do something ...”**



These determined ladies, (l-r) Jamie Pataky, Dina Klabunde, Louise Koeschell, and, seated, Nancy Landis are forming a new MRL chapter in Union, Missouri. Way to go, valiant warriors for life!



Missouri Right to Life State Board Member Peggy Bull discusses the beautiful and wondrous development of human babies at the Old Tyme Apple Festival on Oct. 5, in Versailles. Pictured are (l-r) Peggy Bull, Patricia McGinnis, and Brandy Bailey. Brandy's and Patricia's little ones love holding the fetal models that are so popular at every MRL booth. There is no way to number the babies that have been saved because of the Lord's hand in MRL's work at countless educational booths. We are thankful for every one of them!

**Thank you for being one of those
who says, “I will do something!”**



MRL members and PAC volunteers visit with Missouri's First Lady at Governor Parson's re-election campaign announcement. Those attending are (l-r) Ellie Dillon, Pam Fichter, First Lady Teresa Parson, Maggie Bick, Jan Boyle, and Ellen Korte.



MRL-Hannibal Chapter's Celebration of Life Banquet is always a well-attended event, but this year surpassed expectations! Above (l-r) MRL Ex. Director Susan Klein, Hannibal Chapter Chairman Geri Graves, and guest speaker Jill Alberti pause for a quick photo. Left, Jill shares her inspiring message with the guests at the banquet.

Planned Parenthood opens new mega killing center in Fairview Heights, Illinois



Just days before Planned Parenthood's latest killing center was expected to open, Missouri State Senator Bob Onder and Pam Fichter, MRL-Eastern Region Chairman and past State President, speak at the Expose Planned Parenthood Rally.

A Planned Parenthood clinic that was built in secret has sparked protests from pro-life demonstrators who call the clandestine construction "an embarrassment" and a "sign of desperation."

Fox News reported that Planned Parenthood said it kept the construction secret over fears that contractors and utility providers might pull their services. Other abortion sites have encountered problems during construction when the public realized it would be an abortion business.

Hundreds of pro-life activists gathered outside the building -- outside the iron fence -- on October 9 for the Expose Planned Parenthood Rally as preparations were being finalized to open the

newest site to commit abortions.

Pro-life leaders from both sides of the Illinois/Missouri state line took part in the rally.

"This facility behind us is not a victory for Planned Parenthood, it is a sign of desperation," Mary Kate Knorr, the Executive Director of Illinois Right to Life, told the *Belleville News-Democrat*.

Kathleen Wilson, a frequent pro-life demonstrator who lives in the area, told the *News-Democrat* that the clinic "is an embarrassment for our community, for our state."

Memorials & Honorariums

In memory or in honor of a loved one or a friend, these gifts were made to Missouri Right to Life.

In memory of ~

SPC Steven P. Farnen
Carl Gramlich

Jean Howard
Salvatore N. Riggio M.D.
Baby Taylor Trokey

In honor of ~

Rev. Chuck Tichacek

Given by ~

Family & Friends
Mary Suter
Thomas Van Leer

Vickie Lee Dow
Mike & Carol Travers
Pauline Fick

Given by ~

MRL-Lincoln County
Chapter

Missouri Right to Life thanks those who honor their deceased loved ones or who celebrate an important event by making a gift to MRL.



Ever heard of Alexis McGill Johnson? Probably not.

She's the latest Acting President and CEO of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

She worries. She works hard. She's trying to keep those baby-killing places open.

She worries about President Trump. And the pro-life United States Senate. She worries about the upcoming elections.

And YOU -- she worries about you! She's heard of you and your type.

She knows that you're the head of your house. And that your house thinks life is precious.

That it should be protected.

She worries about what you'll do about the President, the Congress, the babies, the elderly, the infirm.

She worries. She works hard. She wants you to go away.

We're not worried. God protects us. YOU support us. Pro-life America will not go away!

At this important time in history, we ask you to consider a special year-end gift to Missouri Right to Life.

Just use the envelope enclosed in this MRL News and send your gift today. It will be so gratefully received!

We know that we can count you among those that will not go away when life hangs in the balance!

ELECTION OF MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE DELEGATE-AT-LARGE

Every two years, MRL members elect a Delegate-At-Large to represent them on the Board of Directors. This is in addition to the participation encouraged at the chapter, region, and state board levels. It is again time for members to elect their representative to the board.

To cast a vote, please check the box next to a name. Vote for only one candidate. If there are two members in household, boxes are provided for each. Use this ballot to vote; do not copy it. Your name, address, and member number appear on the back of the ballot.

The candidates nominated to serve the 2020-2022 term are:

1st
Voter

2nd
Voter

Each member may vote for only one candidate.

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Carl Schimek. Carl has been active in pro-life activities since 1973. He has served as MRL-Southwest Region Treasurer (1994-present) and planned/coordinated the MRL booth at the Ozark Empire Fair since 1994. He has served in various officer positions in IL, NM, UK-England, and MO (Knight of Columbus, 28 years) and as a board member and 2nd Vice President of Voice for Life - Springfield Cape Girardeau Diocese.

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Pam Manning. Pam is currently the *Missouri Right to Life News* editor. In the past she has served on the Eastern Region-MRL board for 18 years, including several years as its chairman. She has served on the MRL State Board for over 30 years, including four years as president. She has served as the 2nd and 3rd Congressional District MRL PAC coordinator and was the MRL PAC chairman for six years. She is the current Delegate-At-Large.

The ballot must be received by December 31, 2019. Clip and return it to MRL at:

Missouri Right to Life, P. O. Box 651, Jefferson City MO 65102



**Friday
January 24, 2020**

Missouri Life Caravan will again be traveling to Washington D.C. for the March for Life. Information/registration is on the MRL website, www.missourilife.org. Trips from other areas of the state are also planned. Contact the State Office at 573.635.5110 for information.

You Might Want to “Just Say No” to Girl Scout Cookies

January is Girl Scout cookie season in most of our state.

You might think that by ordering some thin mints or trefoils, you are supporting young women in healthy pursuits. But think it over before purchasing those munchies.

A few things to consider:

- Girl Scouts USA (GSUSA) and local councils encouraged and celebrated girl members' participation in the 2017 and 2018 pro-abortion Women's March.
- Girl Scouts' G.I.R.L. 2017 mega event, “the largest global gathering of girls and influencers,” featured prominent abortion rights supporters Chelsea Clinton and Barbara Pierce Bush.
- Girl Scouts' curriculum for girls, sold and promoted by every local Girl Scout council, recommends pro-abortion role models/organizations such as Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem, Geraldine Ferraro, Hillary Clinton, Amnesty Intl., Population Council, ACLU, and National Organization For Women.

- GSUSA and local Girl Scout councils' on-line content honors and promotes pro-abortion politicians (Hillary Clinton), activists (Margaret Sanger), celebrities (Emma Watson), and media sites (Teen Vogue).
- GSUSA confirms that its local councils and troops may collaborate with Planned Parenthood.

Because of significant, well-researched information about Girl Scouts USA activities and affiliations, Missouri Right to Life issued a policy statement in 2013 and later updated it:

Because Girl Scouts USA promotes, both directly and indirectly through other organizations, policies and behaviors clearly contradictory to the goals and purposes of Missouri Right to Life, Missouri Right to Life urges citizens to consider carefully whether to participate in Girl Scouts or support them in any way.



Recently updated information is available on Missouri Right to Life's website, www.missourilife.org. On the homepage, the drop-down box for “Policies” lists Girl Scouts USA which includes several helpful documents.

The website <http://mygirlscoutcouncil.com> is another helpful, well-researched source.

American Heritage Girls is a good alternative for families wanting a wholesome group for their young girls. Many troops are in Missouri and may be found on their website, www.americanheritagegirls.org.

Encouraging “faith, family, and fun,” their vision statement notes that American Heritage Girls is the premier national character development organization for young women who embrace Christian values and seek family involvement.

That's a vision we can all support!



Wishing you

Blessings
this Christmas & Always

The Pro-Life Christmas Story: We Are Stronger Than Our Circumstances

~ The Radiance Foundation

Imagine. Waking up to find that your wife is pregnant...and you had nothing to do with it. And then, an angel appeared to you telling you that she carried the Hope of humanity within her and you were to name him “Jesus”. This could never have been part of any foreseeable plan for a newly married man. How would he cope with a pregnant wife and a marriage that had not yet been consummated? In a culture of undeniable (and real) gender inequality, where women were horribly stoned for adultery, he could have divorced her and publicly shamed her.

Joseph could have chosen disgrace, but he chose grace instead. He decided to be stronger than his circumstances.

Imagine. You’re a young virgin bride who has yet to intimately know your husband, and you’re told by an angel that you have been chosen to carry the Savior of the world within your womb. She didn’t plan this. But her consent triggered events that would radically change her life, her husband’s life, and ... the world. How would she explain this miraculous conception to her husband? How could she even accept that something like this was even possible?

She could have chosen to reject it all. She could have justified it because the timing wasn’t “ideal” or felt that their material poverty was sufficient reason not to bring a child into this world. But she decided to be stronger than her circumstances.

Mary and Joseph lived in a violent culture under Roman rule (where infanticide was a common practice) and a ruthless appointed “King of the Jews”—King Herod—who was furious at

the prospect of a child becoming the King of the Kings. Herod was a deeply unstable man who had his own family members (including his wife and firstborn son) and many others killed. He was so threatened by what the life of this humanly unplanned but Divinely planned child represented, that he ordered all male children (two years of age and younger) in Bethlehem and the surrounding areas to be slaughtered. With God’s divine intervention, Mary and Joseph escaped the brutality of a foolish King hell-bent on destroying the Son of God.

A devoted husband and his courageous wife had to trust each other and trust the Lord that He would guide them through this earthly uncharted journey. Their lives had purpose. Their unborn son’s life had purpose. Mary saw motherhood as a gift, not a burden. She embraced it despite all of the unknowns. And Joseph could have chosen abandonment over fatherhood, but he chose adoption instead. What an illustration of how fathers matter even when the bond isn’t biological.

Courage unleashes miracles. This Christmas, may we be reminded of the faith and vulnerability that is required in our own journeys. May we never forget that Christmas is the beginning of God’s love story for us and completed in the ultimate act of selfless love — Christ’s self-sacrifice on the cross and miraculous resurrection. May we know, in a deeply personal way, how much God loves us enough to offer eternal salvation and the opportunity to be strong, through Him, even in our weaknesses.

Merry *Christmas*!