



## Johnson County Right to Life

Educate Engage Embrace

Christmas 2022



For nearly 50 years abortion has been promoted as a “protected right,” but with the overturn of Roe v Wade, the battle over abortion has shifted to the state legislatures where the people can more effectively speak the truth about the humanity of the unborn baby and expose the inhumanity of abortion. The lines of division have been drawn for everyone to see, as some states courageously enact laws to protect life while other states double down with radical efforts to expand abortion. Adding to the landscape of death is the proliferation of chemical abortion and the escalation of propaganda against life-affirming options.

**With the clarity of the Supreme Court’s decision, the work to protect life in Iowa, in many ways, has just begun!** We are blessed by God’s provision of new opportunities for outreach and partnership in our community in order to provide hope and resources for women and their families who have been deceived and harmed by this culture of death.

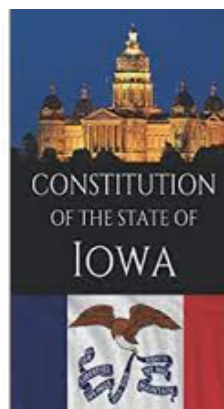
As we prepare to welcome the Christ Child at Christmas, we are reminded that the darkness of our world is not unlike the days of the prophet Isaiah who was living in a time of moral decay and injustice. But in the midst of hopelessness, God revealed His grace by sending a message of hope in the coming of **Emmanuel, God with us**, who would bring salvation, rule with justice, and bring peace. Now is not the time to become discouraged that the battle continues, but to know our God is calling us to be warriors for life and claim His victory of justice and peace!

*“The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.” Isaiah 11:6*

**We pray for that day when those who have been adversaries will be friends and those who walk in darkness will embrace the light of Christ.**

As Christians and Advocates for Life, we are called to share the truth of God’s plan for life, marriage, and family with every heart that will listen. You have blessed our work abundantly with your prayers and donations of time and treasure. On behalf of all of us at Johnson County Right to Life, may the Child Jesus bring you joy, love, and peace this Christmas and in the New Year.

In gratitude for life,  
Sheryl Schwager, Executive Director



### Support the Protect Life Amendment

On June 17th, the Iowa Supreme Court corrected their 2018 decision and recognized there is no fundamental right to abortion in the state constitution. While we rejoice in this decision, we also recognize the need to support passage of the **Protect Life Amendment** to guard against future courts rewriting the people’s constitution and overriding the voice of Iowans. Visit [JCRTL.org](https://www.jcrtl.org) to learn more and contact your legislator.

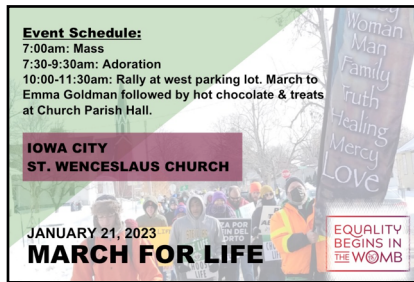
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**Saturday, January 21**

**10:00am**

**St. Wenceslaus Church - Iowa City**



### **March for Life - Iowa City**

Rally at St. Wenceslaus Church in west parking lot at 10:00am. We will march to Emma Goldman Center followed by hot chocolate and refreshments in parish hall.

**Saturday, February 18**

**5:00-6:30pm**

**St. Wenceslaus Church - Iowa City**



### **40 Days for Life Kick-Off Rally**

Learn about the upcoming 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil, February 22-April 2, receive life-affirming community resources, meet fellow prayer volunteers, and enjoy a complimentary chili dinner.

RSVP at [JCRTL.org](http://JCRTL.org)

**Saturday, March 4**

**8:30am-2:00pm**

**St. Wenceslaus Church - Iowa City**



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### **Sidewalk Advocates for Life Training**

The training offers a comprehensive training course in peaceful and prayerful sidewalk advocacy that seeks to reach the woman's heart and supply her needs so she can confidently choose life.

Lunch will be provided and a freewill offering will be taken to cover the cost of materials. RSVP at [JCRTL.org](http://JCRTL.org)

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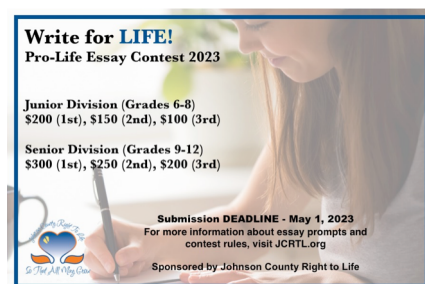
### **Get Involved to End Abortion in Johnson County!**

Participate in the worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies!

Pray for peace in the womb and for God's mercy on mothers and fathers who need His love and healing. Learn more at [JCRTL.org](http://JCRTL.org)

**Submission Deadline, May 1**

**Write for LIFE Essay Contest 2023**



**Junior Division** (Grades 6-8) \$200 (1st), \$150 (2nd), \$100 (3rd)  
**Senior Division** (Grades 9-12) \$300 (1st), \$250 (2nd), \$200 (3rd)

For more information about essay prompts and contest rules, visit [JCRTL.org](http://JCRTL.org)