

**KNOX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE  
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Check out these websites:  
**Illinois Federation for Right to Life**  
[www.ifrl.org](http://www.ifrl.org)  
**National Right to Life Committee**  
[www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)  
**Knox County Right to Life**  
[www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org](http://www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org)  
**Women's Pregnancy Center**  
[wpcenter@centurytel.net](mailto:wpcenter@centurytel.net)

**Don't Forget...Mark Your Calendar:**

**March 14 – KCRL Meeting – Mt Calvary Lutheran Church - West Fremont St 7:00 PM**

**April 2 KCRL Pancake and Sausage Breakfast and Bake Sale – Knights of Columbus Hall – 8AM – 1:00**

**April 11 – KCRL Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Church of the Nazarene - 1501 Webster – 7:00 PM**

**June 25 – Interdenominational Prayer Service - First Church of the Open Bible – Mercedes Harris, speaker.**





## **Note from our president:**

I have been reflecting on the number of politicians and influential people absolutely pushing for more and more abortions, as if babies were our enemy.

Call me cynical but many, many people are making a lot of money with abortions and not just the providers. Politicians need big money to run their campaigns. Also, companies offering to pay for their employees to have abortions may not be totally altruistic. It is probably much cheaper to pay for the abortion than to pay for the birth and family leave. Businesses are not very far sighted. When you think about it, they are killing their future too. Fewer babies, fewer future customers.

We must look to our future. Killing off the next generation is killing our future. If they were recommending that we pull up all the seedlings in the forest, there would be such an outcry and rightly so. Why? Because killing the seedlings is killing the forest; maybe not today or tomorrow but eventually. What would happen to the population of bald eagles if we destroyed their eggs? No bald eagles in the future. Look at China who has been killing their future for many years. Now they are realizing that they have a huge population of aging citizens with a much smaller population of young. They have changed their one child policy, but it may be too late.

*Mary Norton, President*

## **Pancake Breakfast**

Every year, Knox County Right to Life sponsors several events that help to educate our community about the value of human life, from conception until natural death. We bring in speakers, host workshops and help support pro-life rallies and bus trips.

To spread the Pro-Life message, we depend on your generous donations and fundraisers. One of our major fundraisers will be held on Sunday, April 2nd. Our local Knights of Columbus will again host a PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST for KCRL. Our menu will consist of big pancakes, delicious sausage, applesauce, and a variety of beverages. This event has always been a success thanks to the many volunteers that make it a reality and all our faithful supporters who attend. We have decided to leave the cost of the breakfast the same as years past at \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children (12 and under) and \$15.00 for a family. We are writing to ask you if you would like to assist our Pro-Life Mission by helping serve at this breakfast. We need three shifts of servers to serve the food from the steam tables. First shift from 8:00-10:00; second shift from 10:00-12:00 and third shift from 12:00 until finish. NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED. For more information or to volunteer to help serve, please call Pat Conklin, 309-343-2852.

Thank you. *Lori Mason and Pat Conklin* 

Knox County Right to Life invites you to join them for a delicious

# Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**  
**8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**



**Suggested Donation**  
**\$5.00 Adults**  
**\$2.00 Children under 12**  
**\$15.00 Family Maximum**



Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, applesauce, juice, milk and a bottomless cup of coffee!

**Knights of Columbus Hall**  
**1556 E. Fremont St., Galesburg, Illinois**

**Take a break and let us do the cooking! Hope to see you there!**

## **Helen Rupert**

A dear friend of all of us involved with Knox County Right to Life, Helen Rupert, passed away on February 10, and she will be greatly missed. We are dedicating this year's breakfast to her memory. Helen was the guiding force in putting together the breakfast and bake sale for many years. In addition to this project, Helen initiated the Christmas ornament fund raiser. She inspired the idea of having pro-life flags displayed at several area churches. Her husband, Bob Rupert, and she were the initiators of the idea to put on a pro-life pastors dinner as a kickoff to the Festival of Life, and her roast beef dinners were a big draw. If you drive by the Knights of Columbus hall, you can see the sign she made with her own hands that reads "Abortion Stops a Beating Heart". Helen's influence will continue for a long time.

*Dave Lindstrom*

## **The Modern Day Back Alley Abortionists**

Please Take One Minute to Google: [Live Action Petition](#) to File Your Opposition to: Walgreens, CVS and Rite Aid—The Modern Day Back Alley Abortionists. In the year just prior to Roe v Wade there were just 39 (according to the CDC) deaths of women due to "Back Alley Abortions". Yet Roe v. Wade was enacted to protect the life of mothers from the death resulting from "Back Alley Abortions". Walgreens, CVS and Rite Aid have decided to dispense Mifepristone as part 1 of a 2-drug protocol to produce at home abortions. Already there have been two dozen deaths from women taking Mifepristone to produce an abortion. Hundreds of other women have incurred health issues from taking it. With an increased use of Mifepristone the number of deaths will obviously increase beyond these numbers. An increase in injuries to women's health can also be expected. There will be further background information on the dangers and harms of these non-prescription abortion drugs at the Live Action website. Even if you have signed the petition before, please sign again. We need to keep the pressure on these companies until they realize that dispensing non-prescription drugs, often to the unwary, unprepared and uneducated and underage, that this is not "health care" for the child nor the women, not health care that we expect from our neighborhood family pharmacies. At the website you may be asked to also donate to Live Action. You do not need to donate. Your petition will go through whether you do or don't.

**Further Background Supporting the Petition Drive** against Walgreens, CVS and Rite Aid Pharmacies. The Abortion Pill kills babies and kills or injures women. It is not Health Care (Article excerpted From Life News). Earlier this year, the Biden administration's Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an alarming rule change to allow dangerous life-ending chemical abortion drugs to be ordered online or purchased in a retail pharmacy without ever seeing a doctor in person, turning brick-and-mortar pharmacies and post offices into abortion centers. This reckless policy is the latest in a long line of decisions by the FDA that have put the profits of abortion industry over both federal law and the health and safety of mothers and babies who are directly threatened by chemical abortion drugs.

On Nov. 18, 2022, four national medical associations and four doctors, who care for pregnant and post-abortive women, sued the FDA for its decisions to approve and subsequently deregulate chemical abortion drugs. Since the FDA first approved mifepristone in 2000—the first of a two-drug regimen to cause chemical abortions, we now know even more about the harms these drugs cause to women and girls, and their unborn babies. ...Despite weak reporting requirements, we know of at least 28 deaths of pregnant women and more than 500 life-threatening complications associated with mifepristone—on top of thousands of serious adverse events. Chemical abortions are four times more dangerous to the mother than surgical abortions and can cause serious complications. Compared to surgical abortions, women who use chemical abortion drugs are 50 percent more likely to require emergency care within 30 days of use.

The FDA also failed to comply with its obligations under federal law to study the impact of the drugs on adolescent girls and failed to prove their safety under the labeled conditions... Under the FDA's new tele-abortion protocols, pregnant women are denied chance to be first clinically screened in-person by a doctor to rule out potentially life-threatening contraindications like an ectopic pregnancy or to accurately determine the age of the baby.

*Dick Conklin*

## **From weDIGNIFY**

The following is quoted directly from weDIGNIFY's newsletter. (weDIGNIFY is the Illinois students for life organization)

### **ILLINOIS PUSHES FOR MORE ABORTIONS**

Abortion Industry Uses Illinois as an "Abortion Island"

While many Midwestern states protect life and mothers from abortion, Illinois **allows abortion through 9 months of pregnancy and minor girls can have abortions without their parents ever knowing.**

In January, Illinois passed even more extreme laws that:

- Bring more doctors to Illinois to perform abortions – ***even if they lost their medical license in another state for performing illegal abortion.***
- Allows ***non-physicians to perform surgical abortions*** if they do not use general anesthesia and
- Allows birth centers to perform abortions.

Because of Illinois' extreme laws, more abortion clinics are coming – including in Champaign – just 8 minutes from the U of I campus.

The owner of the Champaign clinic works at a clinic that **lost its license**, then after opening under a new name **performed an abortion on a woman who was unable to consent because of drug use.**

State laws matter more than ever. That is why the March for Life Chicago is moving to the Illinois state capitol, Springfield.

Join us in standing against these extreme laws at the Illinois March for Life on March 21<sup>st</sup>."

(WeDIGNIFY, February 2023)

## **Women's Pregnancy Center**

The Women's Pregnancy Center has been operating since 1995. I have been the Director since March 2022 after a line of 3 amazing God-fearing women. We serve women during their pregnancies to earn material needs for themselves and their baby. Not only do we meet material needs, thanks to the generous donations of the community, but also their spiritual and emotional needs. Not every woman that seeks our assistance is open spiritually. The Lord guides us according to His will in their lives. Pregnancy can be an unexpected blessing for some women, and they are not sure if they can take on that role. We help them have someone to talk to about those feelings and support them in making positive life decisions. Abortion is not the only option but seems to be the only one that the world around seems to push on women in these times.

We work with the guidance of the Holy Spirit each day. None of the things we do at the Center can be done without the blessing of God on it. The Holy Spirit guides our actions and helps us build relationships with women in an unexpected pregnancy and even those that just come in because they need help with material things. Being His hands and feet to this world is the greatest life blessing.

We rely on the blessing of God to keep the material and financial needs of the Center met each month. We greatly appreciate the support from the community in meeting the needs of our clients. Just an announcement that we will have a BINGO fundraiser at the Knights of Columbus hall on May 13th. Check out our Facebook page and fliers for more information closer to May. God bless.

Respectfully submitted,

***Dawn M Walter***

Director, Women's Pregnancy Center