

Ashtabula County Friends for Life



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President's Note:

Included in this newsletter is information on Euthanasia (trying to take lives), and news of the development of COVID vaccines (which were often tested using aborted baby's cells). Read on to get the latest in Pro-Life news. Please get involved – donate, pray, or volunteer and consider attending regular meetings held at Gateway Church, 2300 Austinburg Rd. Ashtabula.

Your FFL Board President,

Crystal Latimer (440) 466-7441



Coming Events

Sunday, Sept. 19 – Candlelight Vigil 2PM

Sat, Sept. 25 – Breakfast Mtg, Best Friends 9:30

Thurs, Nov 18 – Dinner w/ Friends@Kardohely's

Saturday, Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, January 18 – Reg. FFL meeting, 7PM

Friday, January 21 – Nat'l March for Life, DC

Tuesday, March 15 – Reg. FFL meeting, 7PM

Tuesday, April 26 – Nat'l Pro-Life T-Shirt Day

Candlelight Vigil

Our 15th Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held on Sunday, **September 19**, at Zaback-Willaims-Ducro Funeral Home at 500 West Prospect in Ashtabula. We will gather at 2:00 pm, the day after *National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children* (Sat., Sept. 18). This is the first vigil to be held in the fall instead of January to take advantage of the more agreeable weather. This year's speaker will be Pastor Craig Adams from Gateway Church.

Dinner with Friends

Our annual Fall dinner meeting will be held on Nov. 18th at 5:30 PM at Kardohely's Restaurant, 1730 West Prospect, in Ashtabula. We will meet in the back room and order off the menu. Please RSVP.



March for Life, 2021

At the time of this writing, it is unknown if there will be a local March for Life (except for Cleveland). If there is, it will be posted on Facebook and emails sent out. If you desire information about transportation to the National March for Life in Washington DC, call (440) 466-7441 in November and you will be provided with info at that time. FFL has several "scholarships" available to help with the cost.

40 Days for Life

From Sept. 22nd to Oct. 31st, you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 AM to 7 PM during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm, 12000 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland, 44120 or Planned Parenthood, 2530 Rockside Road, Bedford Hts., 44146, or Family Planning, 462 Chardon St., Painesville, 44077. (Lake County RTL)



Setting up at the Fair – Kaitlyn, Karen, Mary from Ohio Right to Life, Cathie and Crystal

Ashtabula County Fair

We had a wonderful time at the fair, August 10-15. For the first time, we had a double booth area to accommodate the Truth Booth, provided by Lifeworks, Ohio. It played a repeating video of babies in the womb. We added 54 names/emails to our list and heartily welcome all you newcomers!



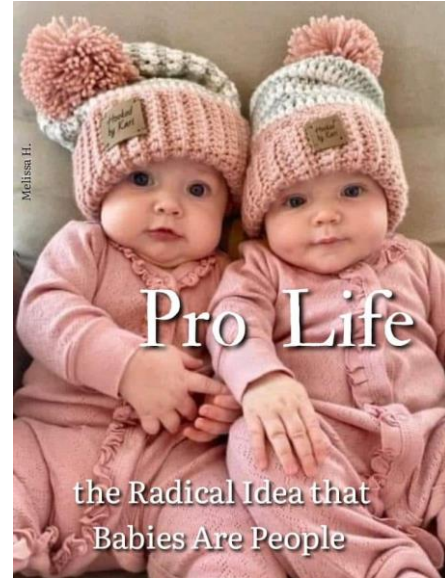
Truth Booth at the Fair (on left) – A big thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their help at the fair (setting up and manning the booth).

FFL attends Pro-Life Training!

Justice For All trainer, **Kaitlyn Donihue** led a workshop explaining to booth volunteers how to speak to others about pro-life issues. It was AMAZING! So many of us in FFL wondered what Kaitlyn could say that would be new to us, but we were surprised and learned so much! We were taught how to talk about the issue of abortion in a way that is both loving and persuasive. Kaitlyn would love to set up a training event at your church or youth group or Christian School or Bible study or even for a group of friends in your living room (at no cost, although donations are accepted). Please contact Kaitlyn Donihue at 517-435-8812 or email at kaitlyn.donihue@jfaweb.org with any questions or to schedule a workshop. I encourage everyone to speak with their church leadership to look into setting up a time for Kaitlyn to come in and speak. It is two hours well-spent!

In the News

FFL tries to stay out of politics, but we also believe in giving credit where credit is due. The Ashtabula County Republican Party recently included this in one of their announcements via email –



They give a link that says – Follow the Friends for Life Page. Many thanks to the GOP for promoting life!!! If anyone would like to pass along a positive comment or pro-life action by the Democrat Party, I'd be happy to give them credit as well.

Tidbits

Since 2010, in Ohio, 26 pro-life initiatives have been signed into law, one half of Ohio's abortion facilities have closed and there has been a 29% drop in abortions across the state. (Ohio Right to Life)

Birthcare and HIP Merge

Birthcare has been dissolved and is now completely absorbed by H.I.P. (Helping Independent Parents), providing assistance for families. They provide formula, diapers, wipes, clothing (0 to 2T), car seats, strollers, and many other items. They also offers food, pull-ups, and clothing for children in sizes 2T & up. H.I.P. is part of G.O. Ministries and provides support for the whole family. If you know any family who is struggling, please put them in touch with G.O. Ministries at (440) 997-0040. Each August, G.O. Ministries provides back to school shoes & clothing and in the winter, boots and coats. If you've never been, please check them out.

Late Term Abortion Horrors

The abortion industry and its friends in the media frequently claim pro-lifers who claim babies can be aborted up to birth are exaggerating. But data from various states is proving the pro-abortion narrative false.

Kentucky has indicated that, while a pregnancy lasts about 40 weeks, the lives of two preborn babies were violently ended by abortion in the state at 37 and 38 weeks gestation in 2017.

For years, Michigan recorded multiple abortions committed at over 28 weeks, but did not specify the gestational age beyond this description. Two of these were committed in 2020, one each in 2019 & 2018, three in 2017, eight in 2016 and 21 in 2015. Tragically, Minnesota's 2020 abortion report also recorded one abortion committed at 35 weeks gestation. In 2018, clinical estimated fetal ages of babies aborted were as follow: two at 31 weeks, one at 36 weeks and one at 39 weeks.

A new case brought by Thomas E. Dobbs, State Health Office of the Mississippi Dept. of Health, is being heard this fall before the US Supreme Court *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Org.* centers around a Mississippi Law which prohibits abortions beginning at 15 weeks gestation. Abortion at this point in pregnancy generally involves a dilation and evacuation, or D&E, abortion. This procedure comes with an increased risk of complications to the mother and is particularly gruesome, even by industry standards. The procedure is so brutal that one abortionist claimed the term "butchers" might be accurately applied to abortionists. In an amicus brief submitted in support of the State of Mississippi, the American Center for Law and Justice was quick to note the cruelty of 15-week abortions and all late-term abortions, pointing out, "The notion of a Constitutional right to late-term abortions is in grave tension with the eighth amendment" which bars 'cruel and unusual punishment.' "Abortion at and after 15 weeks typically employs extremely cruel and barbaric methods to slay the child in the womb," the legal group stated. "What is done to babies in the womb in post 15-week abortions would violate the eighth amendment if done to convicted criminals. Plainly, a state could not constitutionally employ 'dismemberment abortion' to execute prisoners, no matter how grievous the convict's crimes might be. Yet, the court below held that this Court's

precedents required it to immunize the same grotesque practice when perpetrated against innocent human children prior to birth, ACLJ wrote, adding it would "violate animal cruelty laws if done to them."

Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court case that legalized abortion across the nation, said that states could not prohibit abortion up to the end of the second trimester or the 24th week of pregnancy, when some Justices determined a baby might survive outside the womb. This so-called "viability rule" was arbitrary, & as Live Action News previously documented, was in conflict with citations made by pro-abortion organizations in amicus briefs filed in the case. The fact is that preborn children are viable in the womb, so long as they remain in their appropriate environment - a place of safety where they can be nourished.

Roe's companion case, *Doe v. Bolton*, cleared the way for states to permit abortion in all months of pregnancy for "health reasons." "Health" can mean physical, emotional, psychological, familial. These provisions - which are rarely mentioned by media outlets - provide broad leeway to perform abortions in practically every case.

If the Court rules in favor of Mississippi in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Org.*, more preborn babies at both "previable" and "viable" stages will be protected from this kind of barbarism.

(Live Action) August 13, 2021

The Fetal Organ "Chop Shop" Exposed

These types of documents are the most morally disturbing that I've ever seen in my time at Judicial Watch." Judicial Watch is representing the Center for Medical Progress in a FOIA request battle for information on a federally-funded human organ harvesting project at the University of Pittsburgh. The 252 pages of documents received thus far reveal shocking details of the university's quest to become a "tissue hub" for human organ harvesting. As Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton noted in the Weekly Update, the documents show that "the NIH ... gave nearly three million dollars to the University of Pittsburgh's quest to be a tissue hub for human fetal tissue ranging from 6 to 42 weeks. "By the way," Fitton added, "42 weeks is typically two weeks past a normal pregnancy." Specifically, the 2015 funding proposal states that the university's dispersal of "fresh samples," collected from a total of 77 cases could have been

“significantly ramped up” to 725 cases with the support of federal funds. As Fitton reminded viewers, “they’re talking about organs from dead human beings obtained through elective abortions.” Fitton noted that the University’s proposal boasts of a lab equipped with a “‘butcher boy band saw’ for sectioning bone,” as well as a “frozen section room that has a digital video feed to and from the operating rooms [that] allows for instantaneous discussions with the surgeons as well as immediate show and tell for them.” “So the University of Pittsburgh was upset that they didn’t have your tax dollars to harvest the organs from hundreds of unborn babies who were killed through abortion,” Fitton explained. “To make it worse,” he continued, “there’s a racial target for harvesting. Of its planned aborted subjects, Pitt desired 50% to be minority fetuses. The proposal suggests that the subjects be diverse because Pittsburgh is diverse,” he explained. “This is pretty terrible stuff, to put it mildly,” Fitton concluded. (Judicial Watch) 8/18/2021

Abortion Pill Reversal

For frequently asked questions about abortion pill reversal, go to <https://www.abortionpillreversal.com/abortion-pill-reversal/faq>

Euthanasia in the News

End of Life Brochures: and other pro-life materials. www.LutheransforLife.org, 888.364.LIFE

Euthanasia in the US

States that Allow Assisted Suicide – California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maine, New Jersey, Oregon, Vermont, Washington



A Glimpse into Euthanasia in Canada

Sadly, a woman known as “Madeline” has been approved for euthanasia because she cannot afford the care that she needs for her medical condition.

“Madeline” says that she does not want to die by euthanasia but she is being forced to “beg for her life”. Her medical condition requires certain foods and nutritional supplements that are not covered by the government and that she cannot afford. The family of Joan Rohoway, who is dying in Surrey, BC, was recently threatened with removing their legal right to care for their mother (Joan) because the family opposes euthanasia. An Oncologist said that Joan asked for euthanasia during their discussion about treatment options. Joan’s family stated that she does not support the concept of euthanasia and she was heavily sedated during the conversation with the Oncologist. Two Fraser Health Authority (FHA) workers threatened to remove legal guardianship if the family did not permit euthanasia. A few days later, when asked by other health workers about “MAiD” (Medical Assistance in Dying) Joan responded, “absolutely not, I want to stay here” (with family). The 2020 Health Canada euthanasia (MAiD) report shows that euthanasia is out of control in the country and Bill C-7 only made it worse. The report indicates that there were 7,595 reported assisted deaths in Canada, representing 2.5% of all deaths. It is not a surprise that Joan Rohoway and “Madeline” are both from British Columbia, where 4% of all deaths were from euthanasia. The report also indicates that more than 1,400 people listed loneliness and isolation as their reason for asking for euthanasia. The two most common reasons people asked to be killed by (MAiD) were loss of ability to engage in meaningful life activities and loss of ability to perform activities of daily living. These are disability-related concerns, underlining the reality that pain is not the primary reason people ask to be killed. Canada’s federal government and the Quebec government have both established committees to discuss the further expansion of euthanasia in Canada. They are discussing euthanasia for incompetent people who requested death in their advanced directive, euthanasia for children and the rules to implement euthanasia for people with mental illness alone. The current Canadian government is committed to more killing. (Euthanasia Prevention Coalition) July 13, 2021 **Editor’s note – I checked the Google Dictionary definition of euthanasia - the painless killing of a patient suffering from an incurable and painful disease or in an irreversible coma. The practice is illegal in most countries. This is not always true as shown by the article above!**