Memorial Procession for the Unborn
mourning the 61,000,000 lives lost to abortion

Individuals and families throughout the community come together for the common cause of protecting innocent life.

America has now been witness to the death of more than 61 million babies killed by abortion since its legalization in 1973. To mourn, honor, and remember these little ones, Grand Rapids Right to Life will host a Memorial Procession for the Unborn.

This car caravan will begin at Rogers Plaza parking lot, process down 28th Street to Cascade Road, and then return to Rogers Plaza.

Participants may arrive at 1:30 PM to prepare their vehicles. Window paint and signs for cars will be available. The messages displayed will be a public memorial to the precious lives lost to abortion.

When the procession begins at 2:00 PM, Holy Family Radio (98.3 FM) will air prolife programming for the duration of the procession. Participants and those who are unable to attend are encouraged to tune in and listen.

Gift bags will be given to each vehicle while supplies last.

Diapers and wipes will be collected for distribution to local pregnancy care centers.

Life in the 616

At Life in the 616, a guest speaker will share the circumstances that led to her abortion, and the redemption that allowed her to heal and develop a bright future, a beautiful marriage, and a close relationship with Christ.

Guests will enjoy a cup of coffee and conversations about life issues.

Thursday • February 24 • 4:00 PM
Rock Urban’s Building R • 3710 Chicago Drive SW • Grandville
RSVP online at www.grrtl.org/616

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Follow us on Twitter and Instagram.

Text GRRTL to 22828 to sign-up for weekly e-news.

Visit our Website.
President’s Message from Laura Alexandria

In 2021, people were ecstatic when Texas became the first state in the nation to have its heartbeat law go into effect. They were also thrilled when Arkansas approved a law that prohibited abortions except when medically necessary to save the life of the mother. These laws were possible because citizens in those states elected prolife legislators who wrote prolife bills that were signed into law by prolife governors that will be enforced by prolife attorneys general.

Michigan has tough prolife laws on the books, but they are in danger of being erased by a pro-abortion governor and attorney general who are working to ensure that women retain the legal right to kill their unborn children and that abortionists are able to profit from a woman’s confusion and fear.

2022 will be an important election year in Michigan. We will elect a governor, attorney general, secretary of state, 110 state representatives, 38 state senators, and 2 Michigan Supreme Court justices.

With Gov. Whitmer threatening to pass the Reproductive Health Act, which would remove parental notifications for minors, eliminate a 24-hour waiting period after requesting an abortion, allow abortion facilities to avoid inspection, and get rid of mandatory screenings for abortion coercion, it has never been more vital to vote for life.

The next time you celebrate a prolife legislative victory, remember what made that law possible … then commit to making phone calls, knocking on doors, and distributing information at the polls in an effort to get prolife candidates elected.

Become a 2022 member and support the local prolife effort of Grand Rapids Right to Life.
www.grrtl.org/membership

Created Equal - The Clarence Thomas Story

Clarence Thomas is a controversial figure, but few know his personal odyssey from growing up in extreme poverty in the segregated South to becoming one of the most influential justices on the U.S. Supreme Court.

As an ardent prolife advocate, Thomas has long been a much needed voice of reason on the high court.

Grand Rapids Right to Life is hosting a private screening of the film Created Equal. This documentary tells his story without cover-ups or distortions.

Tickets are only $5 and must be purchased in advance.

Thursday • February 10 • 7:00 PM • $5 per person
Celebration! Cinema North • 2121 Celebration Dr. NE • Grand Rapids
To purchase tickets contact 616-532-2300 or info@grrtl.org.

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Dobbs Case Could Unravel Roe

The most important prolife case to come before the U.S. Supreme Court since 1973 is Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization. Although it will be months before a ruling is known, it is vital to understand what is at stake.

The case involves Mississippi’s ban on abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. The Supreme Court will revisit the key holding of Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, which is that no state may ban abortion before a child can survive outside the womb.

Instead of simply upholding the Mississippi law, the Supreme Court could overturn Roe v. Wade by dismissing viability as a meaningful legal line. This would involve throwing out an established precedent, such as when they reversed their decision in Plessy v. Ferguson, which upheld the practice of segregation.

During oral arguments, lawyers for the abortion facility claimed that viability is at 24 weeks of pregnancy, but science has proven that viability is now possible before 22 weeks.

Regarding what the right to abortion is, the Mississippi solicitor general suggested abortion is a form of contraception. The pro-abortion lawyers argued that abortion is the foundation of women’s rights. That argument is similar to pro-slavery arguments, which asserted that free Americans would be less equal unless they could dehumanize an entire class of human beings.

Whatever the U.S. Supreme Court decides, Grand Rapids Right to Life will always defend life.

Student Opportunity to be a Voice for Life

Students can be a voice for life by participating in the High School Oratory Contest.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three students who prepare and deliver a 5 - 7 minute speech on abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, or embryonic stem cell research. The winner will advance to the state contest.

To participate, students must submit an application by March 1.

Calendar of Events

Memorial Procession for the Unborn
Sunday, January 16, at 2:00 PM
Rogers Plaza, Wyoming

March for Life
Friday, January 21, at 12:00 NN
Washington, DC

Created Equal Film Screening
Thursday, February 10, at 7:00 PM
Celebration! Cinema North

Life in the 616
Thursday, February 24, at 4:00 PM
RSVP Required

Prolife Youth Award
Deadline: March 1
www.grrtl.org/students/youth-award

High School Oratory Contest
Tuesday, March 8, at 6:30 PM
Grand Rapids Right to Life

Conference Book Advertising
Deadline: March 15
www.grrtl.org/advertise

40 Day for Life
Thursday, March 31
GRRTL Prayer Day at Vigil

DJ Zarnosky Life Leadership Award
Deadline: April 15
www.grrtl.org/students/leadership

Legislative Day
Tuesday, May 3, at 9:30 AM
Lansing

Bike & Hike Festival for Life
Saturday, May 7, at 11:00 AM
Johnson Park, Walker

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Grand Rapids Right to Life is able to do abundantly more because of incredibly generous donors. As the new year begins, consider donating items from the list below.

• Forever Stamps are useful for a multitude of mailings.
• Avery 5160 Mailing Labels are a hot commodity.
• Premium Coffee or Bottled Water is a treat for volunteers.
• Card Stock Paper is great for promotional flyers.
• Mini Candy Bars or Chocolates are popular for expos.
• $5 and $10 Meijer Gift Cards provide snacks for gatherings.
• $5 and $10 Staples Gift Cards are vital for color copies.
• Pre-Formed Coin Wrappers help with Coins for Kids drives.
• Disposable Coffee Cups with Lids are needed for events.
• A variety of Sharpie Ultra Fine Markers come in handy.

An easy way to donate is to visit the Grand Rapids Right to Life Wish List on Amazon at www.grrfl.org/wishlist.