



# Life Matters

Discussing life matters,  
because life matters

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<https://coalition-for-life-of-iowa.square.site/>

## Changing Lives

Lots of things have been happening in the pro-life realm on the government side of things. We need to pray for good outcomes.

There will once again be a matching donation challenge through the end of this year. We are looking at more ways to get the pro-life message out in the future, and most means of doing so cost money. We love the things we have done so far, but we know there is much more that needs to be done. If you feel called to contribute to this noble cause so you can play a part in saving lives and transforming hearts, please consider donating to us. If you donate before the end of the year, your donation will be matched.

We are entering the month that often plays the movie, It's a Wonderful Life. Many people love this movie. It expresses a pro-life message by revealing the truth that each of us matter and are loved. We each have purpose.

- Coalition for Life of Iowa's Board of Directors

# Upcoming Events

**Second Tuesdays**  
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**CFLI Board Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays)  
& CFLI Working Meetings (as needed)**

Get involved in our organization!

**Where:** Contact us.

**More info:** [coalitionforlife@gmail.com](mailto:coalitionforlife@gmail.com)

**Nov 30 – Dec 1**  
1-hour time slots

**40 Days for Life ~ Prayer Vigil**

Join us in praying for an end to abortion in a peaceful prayer vigil!

**Where:** Sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood  
3425 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA

**More info:** <https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids>

~ 2022 ~

**Sat, Jan 22**  
9 a.m. – 12 noon

**Cedar Rapids March for Life**

Bring the pro-life message to Cedar Rapids this January!

**Where:** St. Matthew's Church to Planned Parenthood and back  
2310 First Ave NE to 3425 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA

**More info:** [http://lifeiowa.org/March\\_for\\_Life.html](http://lifeiowa.org/March_for_Life.html)

# Deceptive Reports

Years	State of Iowa						Linn County					
	Surgical	Medical	Other	Spontaneous	Total Induced	Total	Surgical	Medical	Other	Spontaneous	Total Induced	Total
2004	4369	1653	-	911	6022	6933	417	123	-	35	540	575
2005	4128	1753	-	952	5881	6833	383	125	-	32	508	540
2006	4812	1916	-	836	6728	7564	422	121	-	42	543	585
2007	4443	2206	-	821	6649	7470	311	127	-	38	438	476
2008	3719	2767	-	665	6486	7151	333	223	-	28	556	584
2009	3163	2666	4	563	5833	6396	330	161	1	48	492	540
2010	2871	2522	6	535	5399	5934	279	135	0	42	414	456
2011	2406	2402	7	610	4815	5425	202	146	0	27	348	375
2012	2324	2314	10	517	4648	5165	192	186	0	47	378	425
2013	2087	2329	7	594	4423	5017	200	120	0	45	320	365
2014	1855	2162	3	537	4020	4557	196	147	1	11	344	355
2015	1801	2179	9	488	3989	4477	186	178	0	10	364	374
2016	1468	2251	3	538	3722	4260	133	129	0	10	262	272
2017	1166	2095	8	435	3269	3704	106	121	0	4	227	231
2018	903	1945	1	1409	2849	4258	100	153	0	132	253	385
2019	1138	2404	24	1639	3566	5205	117	198	4	197	319	516
2020	835	3222	1	1162	4058	5220	84	313	0	188	397	585

I like to track statistics. Abortion statistics are no different. Around this time of year, the Vital Statistics of Iowa gets published. I normally only look at the induced abortion numbers for the state, the numbers in Linn County, and sometimes the rest of the regions of the state. I don't pay as much attention to the spontaneous ones, since those are miscarriages. We would love to see a reduction in miscarriages, too, but unlike abortion, there isn't intentional killing going on when something happens spontaneously.

A few years ago, I saw what looked like an anomaly, but it takes another year or two to be certain. I consider this long enough. The numbers getting reported suggest that many more induced abortions are being done, but getting reported as if they were miscarriages.

Look at the table at the top of this page. Now pay attention to the blue columns as the years transition from 2017 to 2018. The statewide numbers nearly triple, and the county numbers are more than 30

times higher in 2018 than in 2017. Granted, the numbers were dropping leading up to that point. But even if we average the years before 2018 and average the years after 2017 and perform a ratio, we see a drastic difference. The state still has more than double the number of miscarriages, and Linn County has more than five times as many miscarriages as before.

We know that women who seek webcam abortions tend to get the pills, take one, go home, take the other, and are left alone to deal with the consequences. If anything goes wrong, they are instructed by Planned Parenthood to go to a hospital, since Planned Parenthood can't and won't deal with the mess they've created, neither in the life-threatening cases nor the less serious matters. To cover up the abortions, they instruct clients to lie, which is never good for medical matters. By not admitting to inducing an abortion, doctors see what looks like a miscarriage. If any women get the abortion pills via the

mail, they would also likely appear to have miscarriages.

This practice is making the statistics meaningless. We almost have to add the unfortunate and tragic deaths of children in miscarriages to the totals of the children intentionally killed by abortion, because the abortion industry isn't allowing us to have clean and accurate statistics.

With NaProTechnology able to greatly reduce the number of recurring miscarriages, I would have loved to see those numbers remain clear as the use of NaPro spreads. We should expect a drop in the numbers over time. But now we have tons of pill-based abortions dirtying up the numbers.

If that's not the case, then something happened between 2017 and 2018 that has a very serious health consequence, and we need to figure out what that was. This is too big to ignore. But it seems far more likely that the growth in "miscarriages" is due to the abortion industry's lies. 🍷



## Government Update

### National

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case that will directly challenge *Roe v. Wade*. Please pray about this case until the ruling. Then, please pray for the rest of the coming year. We will need serious prayer. We want the best preparations beforehand, the justices to hear the best arguments, and the most justice in the ruling that they will work on through June. Many possible outcomes (good or bad) can lead to even more need for prayer.

Although 40 Days for Life avoids any activity that the IRS considers as "political", the classification of political activity involves supporting particular candidates or parties for office. So, when a case as important as this comes up, 40 Days for Life has chosen to have a mini-campaign (non-political), where we do what we normally do during 40-day periods. But we will pray over a 2-day period leading into and on the December 1<sup>st</sup> date when the case is heard.

### Texas

There has yet to be a ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court regarding the Texas case. This has enabled Texas to continue to protect more lives. Please continue to pray for a good outcome in this case, as well.

### Iowa

The State of Iowa has officially approved the second version of the maps for the redistricting that occurs each decade. We hope that lawmakers for the decade ahead will make more strides in protecting every human life.

### General

We are nearing the start of the 50<sup>th</sup> year of legalized abortion in the United States. That will begin on January 22, 2022, when we recognize the 49<sup>th</sup> full year of legalized abortion since the *Roe vs. Wade* ruling. It will end on the 50<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of legalized abortion in 2023.

Aside from legal matters, the more we do now, the sooner we can end the scourge of abortion in our state, nation, and world. When we become complacent or do some token amount for a cause like this, it continues to destroy lives, both in those it takes and those it ruins.

Evil always seeks ways to turn people away from God. One serious way of doing this is to get people to no longer recognize those of us who are made in God's own image. Evil hates God and all of us who are made in God's image. So, if people are convinced that the world is better when we destroy the image of God by killing others, that's a grave matter. Many people promote the killing by trying to push for there to be no legal consequence for causing such a grave injustice, even if they don't get involved with any particular abortion. Our legal system presently defaults to allowing these evils. Only through action can it stop continuing. 🕊️



## Pro-Life Challenge



Please pray for God to work in the lives people, in particular:

Jenifer (pro-lifer with health issues);  
Çantana (pro-lifer);  
Northern Minnesota's PP sites; a good start for UNI Students for Life; lawmakers & judges

## VOLUNTEER



## Help Us!

Use your skills to help pro-life efforts, and invite friends and family to attend our events. Invite them to help us out. Many hands make for light work!



## Mary Daley

We mourn the death of Mary Daley who died on November 10, 2021. Mary Daley helped co-found the Coalition for Life of Iowa with Sue Martinek. She served on the board for many years. Mary also served as the vice president for several years. She moved out of the Cedar Rapids a few years ago.

Mary's dedication to the pro-life cause went beyond just the Coalition for Life of Iowa. She was led the Sanctity of Life committee at St. Matthew's church in Cedar Rapids. She would also travel to such places as Des Moines to assist Iowa Right to Life. In her later years, she continued as a prayer warrior for life from each of the nursing homes where she would live over the years.

Mary maintained a great balance of activism. She would contact

her lawmakers about pro-life matters. She would also make sure to pray very regularly for the cause. She was a good example for all of us. Even though she hasn't been actively involved on our board for several years, she will be missed.

Mary's funeral was at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Mason City on November 18<sup>th</sup>. She will be greatly missed. We are grateful for her pro-life work. Whenever someone does who starts something like the Coalition for Life of Iowa, it renews the desire to make sure we continue what she helped start, and to make it the best it can be.

Please keep everyone affected by Mary's death in your prayers. We are grateful for the things she did for the pro-life cause. 🙏

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