

2025 Oratory Contest Results

Our annual Pro-life Oratory Contest was held February 24 in the St. John's Lutheran Church basement, with eight different participants from six different county schools. Savannah Baughman, a senior from Sidney Christian Academy, took home first place; Corrina Holtzapple, a senior from Anna High School, was second. Our panel of judges was impressed with the amount of research the students invested into their speeches and the overall courage demonstrated by each participant. The students are able to choose from four topics: abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or stem cell research. It takes a special young adult to be able to deliver a speech in front of a crowd, especially on such controversial topics. Both Savannah and Corrina were invited to participate in the state contest, which is being ran this year by our former director, Anne Schmiesing. It is being held on Saturday, May 3 from 1-4 p.m. at the Troy Hayner Cultural Center. Thank you to St. John's Lutheran Church for allowing us to use their facility, to our judges for their time and attention to detail, and all our participants!



Pictured above, left to right:

Shae Gaier (current director), Corrina Holtzapple, Mackenzie Rose, Zipporah Bezy, Faith York, Jayden Gaerke, Savannah Baughman, Madison Snider, Justin Smith, Anne Schmiesing (former director)



Pictured above:

Savannah Baughman, 2025 Oratory Contest winner

Garage Sale Success!

Our annual Right to Life Garage Sale was held the first week of April at St. Remy Hall in Russia and was another great success! Our director had the opportunity to help sort and organize donations and witnessed firsthand the packed hall and tent. This event would not be possible without the selfless direction of Maria Hoehne and the volunteers who help throughout the week and all those who donate goods for the sale. Thank you all for your generosity.



May-June Prayer Intentions

For those suffering from life-altering diagnoses; for the federal Supreme Court's upcoming decisions on parents' rights



Trump Administration Eyes \$5,000 Baby Bonus to Boost Birth Rates

Reporting for LifeNews.com on April 22, 2025, Steven Ertelt noted the focus of the Trump administration to increase birth rates, possibly through cash payments to the mothers of newly born babies. The early details of this plans can be found below.

The Trump administration is exploring a \$5,000 “baby bonus” for new mothers as part of a broader effort to reverse declining U.S. birth rates.

The proposal, still in early stages, aims to provide financial relief to families and encourage higher birth and marriage rates, aligning with concerns raised by administration officials and allies about population decline.

The initiative... has been discussed in recent White House meetings with policy experts and advocates focused on raising birth rates. The cash payment would be granted to American mothers after delivery, though details such as funding and eligibility remain unclear. Other ideas under consideration include expanding the child tax credit, set to expire at the end of 2025, which could revert to \$1,000 per child if Congress and President Donald Trump do not act.

Vice President JD Vance has been a vocal proponent of addressing declining birth rates, a trend he highlighted during his 2021 Senate campaign and the 2024 election cycle.

U.S. birth rates, which rose slightly in 2024, have fallen from 3.65 births per woman in 1960 to 1.66 in recent years, raising concerns about an aging workforce and economic sustainability. Billionaire Elon Musk, a Trump ally, has warned that population decline could lead to the collapse of civilization, a sentiment echoed in some administration circles. Critics argue the baby bonus may face logistical and political hurdles, including securing congressional approval and addressing concerns about affordability. Supporters, however, see it as a bold step to support families amid rising costs. The White House has not publicly confirmed the proposal, and officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The discussions come as the administration navigates a range of domestic priorities, with birth rate policies emerging as a key focus. While no formal plan has been announced, the baby bonus idea has sparked debate online, with some praising its potential to ease financial burdens and others questioning its feasibility.

Although well-intentioned, SCRTL believes the initiative needs appropriate guardrails to avoid incentivizing pregnancy outside of the traditional, stable family structure.

IN MEMORIAM

Right to Life continues its work for the protection of all human life, in honor of those who have offered time, prayer and other resources to this cause during their lifetimes.

In memory of: Walter Elsass

In whose name memorial donations were made in December 2024.

May he rest in eternal peace.

After 50 Years...Gruesome Full-Term Abortion Clinic is CLOSED

On April 23, 2025, Sarah Neely reported for Operation Rescue the AWESOME news that an abortion clinic in Colorado permanently shut its doors earlier that month. The abortionist, Dr. Warren Hern, is infamous for completing abortions up until birth. Here are the details.

Boulder Abortion Clinic, one of America's most infamous late-term abortion businesses, is permanently closed. The clinic's webpage now reads in large letters, "Closed. No Longer Scheduling Patients," followed by a letter from abortionist Warren Hern.

"Operation Rescue has some thirty years of history with this clinic – everything from activism on the sidewalk, documenting abortion injuries, filing complaints, and other legal efforts to expose wrongdoing, including one patient death," says Troy Newman, President of Operation Rescue. "We cannot praise God enough for the closure of this monstrous killing center."

Hern founded the clinic in 1975 and has likely committed hundreds of thousands of abortions since then, proudly specializing in gruesome, full-term killings.

Earlier this year, Hern announced his retirement on the 52nd Anniversary of Roe and the 50th Anniversary of opening his ghastly clinic. At the time, Hern stated that despite his retirement, Boulder Abortion Clinic would still offer abortions "through 32+ weeks gestation," but it looks like he could not make good on that promise.

According to volunteers with the 40 Days for Life Boulder campaign, which has been on the sidewalk there for 17 years, there was a noticeable decline in patient activity over the last three weeks. Hern attempted to hire another abortionist, Benedict Mills, but it seems he could not handle the horrific job of a full-term abortionist.

"There is a devastating hardness of heart required to kill a child at nine months in the womb," adds Newman, "and only a handful of abortionists in this country have achieved that level of stone cold evil. Warren Hern is one of them, and we pray no one ever follows in his murderous footsteps."

In the letter currently posted on Hern's website, he refers to abortion as a "sacred commitment," saying he must now leave it to others, as if he is handing down some noble legacy.

"Hern has murdered countless children," says Newman. "His 'legacy' is one of blood and violence against the most innocent among us. Still, in the face of such evil, we know the victory of Christ marches ever on. Hern's stronghold of death in Boulder will be no more. Christ's victory over death will last forever. We continue to pray that Hern will come to know Christ and to understand the absolute need for Christ's forgiveness and mercy that we all must seek."

Congress Has A DOGE Wish: Dig In To Reckless Spending At Planned Parenthood

Since the beginning of the new Trump Administration, DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency) has been searching through government programs, rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse where it is found. Congressman Andy Biggs, of Arizona, is hoping DOGE will take a deep look at the monster Planned Parenthood as evolved into. The exact details can be found on page 4, courtesy of Leif Le Mahieu on Apr 1, 2025, for DailyWire.com.

DOGE wish/Planned Parenthood continued

Arizona Congressman Andy Biggs is calling on Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency to investigate Planned Parenthood after a report revealed the “outrageous salaries” paid to executives of the federally-funded abortion giant, according to a letter first shared with The Daily Wire.

Biggs sent a letter on Tuesday to Musk asking DOGE to look into the financial practices of Planned Parenthood, which received around \$699 million in taxpayer dollars from 2022-2023. The letter comes in response to a report from the American Life League highlighting the top-dollar salaries of Planned Parenthood executives.

“The staggering financial abuses within Planned Parenthood demand investigation,” Biggs wrote, according to a copy of the letter shared with The Daily Wire. “A recent report reveals that Planned Parenthood affiliate CEOs are making well into the six figures, with some earning nearly a million dollars per year, while the organization continues to kill unborn children.”

Biggs’ letter cited an article from The Daily Wire which first reported on the American Life League’s analysis. According to the conservative watchdog, the average salary of a Planned Parenthood CEO increased from \$317,564 to \$352,661 — an 11% increase — between 2020 and 2023. This means that Planned Parenthood CEOs are paid three times as much as the average nonprofit CEO.

...Other Republicans who signed onto the letter included Reps. Mary Miller (IL), Mark Harris (NC), Clay Higgins (LA), and Andy Ogles (TN).