



# July 2025

## Clark County Right to Life

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## from conception until natural death

CCRTL Board Meeting July 15, Tues. 6:30-7:45 PM Wendy's 13723 Mill Plain Blvd . Newcomers welcome.

CCRTL Fair exhibit orientation meeting.
July 22, Tues. 5:30-6:30
PM Cascade Park Library Community Rm.
600 NE 136th Avenue
Newcomers welcome.

<u>Clark County Fair</u>, Aug 1 -10. CCRTL exhibit. Email gerry1968@q.com for info/volunteer.

Annual Meeting CCRTL Sept. 10, Tuesday 6:30-7:45 PM Nominate/elect Board/Officers. Wendy's 13723 E. Mill Plain Blvd

<u>40 Days for Life</u> begins Sept. 24 & ends Nov. 2

Memorial for Victims of Abortion, Nov. 7, Friday 1-2PM Clark County Courthouse front steps. Family friendly event. "Pregnant? You are not alone" billboard project continues..



Thanks to our generous donors this message of life and love will be seen by anyone going north on St. John's Rd as they approach NE 78 St from July 7 thru August 10.

The message is simple: if you are pregnant, you are not alone: another heart beating near your heart and there are many hearts in the local community ready, willing and able to help you and your baby before and after birth. 5 weeks cost \$1875. Let's pray minds are changed and hearts healed. Gerry Parmantier, RN retired, Treasurer CCRTL.

### CCRTL exhibit at Clark County Fair needs volunteers



Fair opens Friday August 1 and runs until Sunday August 10. The 6 minute prenatal development video (from Endowment for Human Development..ehd.org) will be moving to the front of the exhibit for easier viewing and hearing...with our popular giveaways: Precious Babies in pockets, Precious Feet pins, newsletters and local pregnancy resource packets. (See side panel for more info.)

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#### Gerry Parmantier reports about this year's Remembrance of Abortion Victims

Over 60 people...young and old, women, men and children...gathered together in front of the Clark County Courthouse on Jan. 17, 2025 ...to grieve the more than 1.2 million children killed by abortion in Washington State since 1970...and their parents whose hearts are broken. William Gilkerson (youngest member of CCRTL Board and active in 40 Days for Life) shared a

poem he composed which ended thus:

"I bid you friend do not despair For God preserves a remnant fair. Yes, 'tis our call, to stand for life Against the pill, the pimp, the knife. Each life has dignity and worth Created for eternal mirth. Though now we suffer in the fight, We go with Jesus, Light of Light."

Gerry Parmantier, retired RN and member of the CCRTL Board of Trustees, told

the story of how he got involved in Right to Life shortly after graduating from the RN program at Clark College in 1975. His wife had attended a CCRTL meeting and he stayed home with their three little ones. When she returned, she told him: "I think they need a nurse in that group." So he started attending meetings and later became President until 1985. Busy with work and family...and fair exhibits, speaking at church and school, newsletters and phone trees. The focus then as now is educating the public about the humanity of the unborn child and the inhumanity of abortion as well as the local pregnancy resources before and after birth. As invitations to churches and schools dwindled a new initiative was started in Bryan, Texas in 2007....40 Days for Life...prayer, fasting and offering alternatives to abortion...prayerful and peaceful in the public right of way outside the local abortion center. And it worked....as of today over 25,000 lives saved from abortion and these are just the ones we know about. Jerry Ross (God rest his soul) got the 40 Days for Life campaign started in Vancouver in 2009 with the challenge: "Let's save some babies for Jesus." And during the first campaign two babies were saved...one we knew about at the time ("My girlfriend and I saw you praying and your banner and decided to give our baby up for adoption.") and one we found out about later ("I'm a grandmother today because your prayer group was at PP Vancouver when my unwed daughter went there for an abortion...she couldn't go through with it.") And hearts begin to heal...a lady stopped to tell us about her abortion over 20 years ago. Our response: "We grieve for your loss." She said, "No one has ever said that to me before." We prayed together and she took the Local Pregnancy Resource packet which contained post-abortion healing information.

(<u>CCRTL Board is interested in having other speakers at the next Remembrance event on November 7, 2025.</u> Interested? Know someone? Email 4life@clarkrtl.org with your speaker and/or topic suggestions.)

In May our CCRTL Board decided to have our next Annual Remembrance of Abortion Victims in November..the month Washington State voters first legalized abortion on demand (first four months) in 1970 and then extended that limit in practice to birth in 1991 just in case Roe v Wade (Jan. 22, 1973) was overturned...which it was on June 24, 2022, thus returning abortion law to each state where education and advocacy will change the culture...then the law. Our goal: every human life from conception to natural death protected by law, respected in fact and supported in need. A favorite prayer.... "O Jesus, let me never be so blind as to think I can see the limits of Your Mercy."