

TWO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PLAN MARCH FOR LIFE IN DECORAH, IOWA

On May 1, 2021, students, community members, and pro-life supporters will gather at St. Benedict's Prayer Garden at 10 am for a pro-life rally and march through downtown Decorah.

The idea started when South Winneshiek High School sophomore Kalissa Schmelzer wanted to bring the National March for Life back to her community. "For as long as I can remember, I have wanted to participate in a March for Life event. Then I thought, why not bring the march to us? When it was time to choose my leadership project for 4-H County Council," Schmelzer states, "I decided that I could do a local March in Decorah. I then asked Holly to help with the project." Schmelzer teamed up with South Winn junior Holly Schmitt to make the event happen. They then got in touch with their youth minister Yvette Andersen and began planning.

After months of planning and preparing, Schmelzer and Schmitt are excited to announce their March for Life date and schedule.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2021, at the St. Benedict's Prayer Garden in Decorah, Iowa. An optional Mass will be held at 10 am, and sign making and music will begin at 10:30 am. Jerusalem Road and It's Electric Entertainment will be providing music and entertainment until 12 pm, when speakers will start. The speaker lineup includes Father Robert Gross, event organizers Kalissa Schmelzer and Holly Schmitt, and guest Christina Timp. At 12:45 pm, the march will begin through downtown Decorah, passing by the Winneshiek County Courthouse and Water Street.

Schmitt later said, "For updates on our March for Life, you can follow our event pages on CFOS Parishes Facebook page. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at the March, you can contact Yvette Andersen at the CFOS Parish Office, 563-562-3045. We would like to thank you for your support and we hope to see you at the march!"

March for Life

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Decorah, Iowa

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Join us for a day of celebration & prayer
at the St. Benedict Prayer Garden

BRING A LAWN CHAIR & STAY THE WHOLE DAY OR COME FOR WHAT YOU CAN!



10:00am Mass

10:30am Music & Sign Making

- Jerusalem Road
- It's Electric Entertainment

12:00pm Rally & Speakers

- Prayer
- Student Organizers
- Christina Timp

12:45pm March

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If you have any questions or would like to volunteer contact Yvette Andersen at 565-562-3045