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Iowa's Catholic bishops to celebrate Mass together

The annual legislative Mass is to pray for wisdom and in thanksgiving for legislators' service to the people of Iowa

The annual legislative Mass celebrated by the four diocesan bishops of Iowa will be Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral. Des Moines Bishop Richard Pates will deliver the homily. All are invited.

The Mass, organized by the Iowa Catholic Conference, is intended to bring Catholics together with state legislators to pray for wisdom in decision-making for all those who serve in government.

“We encourage everyone to come to the legislative Mass to pray with our legislators,” said Tom Chapman, executive director of the conference. “We will also pray in thanksgiving for their service to the people of Iowa.”

The Diocese of Des Moines includes 83 parishes in 23 counties in central and southwest Iowa.