

Awards from the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa & Parish Mission Renewal

Organization	Grant’s Purpose	Awards	Details
Iowa Catholic Radio	Podcast Room	\$3,500 Foundation \$1,000 Parish Mission Renewal	Iowa Catholic Radio seeks to evangelize through a media platform designed to help people discover the full truth about themselves and the relevance of the Catholic faith. ICR is in the process of amplifying that message and its outreach with an expansion plan to ultimately establish a statewide network.
Pulse Life Advocates	Video Conference Rm	\$3,500 Foundation \$1,000 Parish Mission Renewal	Pulse hopes to reach parishes with pro-life ideas, support and resources using the educational tools they developed by hosting quarterly meetings with parish and school pro-life groups throughout the Diocese. Their primary focus this year is reaching more youth with the pro-life message.
Council Bluffs Youth Group	Space for multi-parish use	\$973.55 Foundation \$4,026.45 Parish Mission Renewal	The Fully Alive Youth Group was born from a trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2023. The young disciples built strong friendships and wanted to continue their faith growth together. We currently meet twice a month and rotate between parishes in Council Bluffs. They would like to move into a permanent space at the St. Francis rectory.

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Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Shelter	Mattresses & bedding	\$5,000 Foundation	This request is to replace the mattresses in Catholic Charities’ Emergency Shelter in Council Bluffs. Their goal is to provide a safe and clean living environment in the shelter for women, men, or children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking. The mattresses in the shelter are over 12 years old and need to be replaced.
Mary’s Helping Hands	1st yr necessities	\$15,544 Foundation	The purpose of this grant is to sponsor 21 infants by providing essential clothing for their first year of life, ensuring they have the necessary items to thrive during their earliest, most formative stages. The cost to support one baby for an entire year is \$702.
Shelby County Catholic School	Start Transitional Kindergarten	\$9,917 Foundation	To provide the very best foundation for the youngest learners in Shelby County, they sought grant funding to help cover the cost to get a Transitional Kindergarten Program up and running.
St. Patrick Parish, Missouri Valley	Security Upgrades	\$10,000 Foundation	They sought support to install livestreaming equipment, commercial-grade security cameras, and a fob-entry door system with remote access for three key entrances to their facility. These upgrades are essential to better serve their 206 registered families—comprising 640 individuals—and meet their spiritual and practical needs.

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Sacred Heart Parish, West Des Moines	NCYC Support for Students with Need	\$4,500 Parish Mission Renewal	They hope to increase the availability of the National Catholic Youth Conference for an encounter with Jesus for teens who would otherwise not be able to attend.
Assumption Parish, Granger	TVs & Computers for Adult & RE Programs	\$6,678 Parish Mission Renewal	The parish will purchase Smart TVs and laptops for their Faith Formation staff serving people of all ages, and to assist with the technology strategy as defined by the parish.
Christ the King Parish & School, Des Moines	White Boards for Adult & Youth Programs	\$33,610 Parish Mission Renewal	The parish and school will get 10 interactive boards to transform learning and engagement. This technology will impact students, youth, and adults, bringing lessons to life and creating more inclusive, dynamic, and participatory environments across all their educational programs.
Holy Trinity Parish Des Moines	Hearing Assistive Devices	\$2,650 Parish Mission Renewal	Holy Trinity will purchase hearing assist devices that work within its existing sound system to aid parishioners and other Mass attendees in fully participating in the Mass.
Ss. John & Paul Parish Altoona	Hearing Assistive Devices	\$5,887 Parish Mission Renewal	Ss. John & Paul Parish wants to address the unintentional exclusion of valued parishioners—particularly their founding members and others with hearing loss—by improving accessibility across their parish facilities.
St. Catherine of Siena Des Moines	Dialogue Series Support	\$5,000 Parish Mission Renewal	This grant will support the second iteration of the St. Catherine of Siena Dialogue Series, a catalyst for transformative spiritual growth, inviting all participants to enlarge understanding, deepening spirituality, and working for the common good.
St. Columbanus Parish Weston	Speaker Support	\$814 Parish Mission Renewal	This grant request will support the cost of a speaker to engage parishioners. The request included support of the equipment needed for this event and for bible studies.
St. Mary Parish Red Oak	Summer Movie Series	\$1,500 Parish Mission Renewal	Their vision is to create a family friendly event to engage both existing parishioners and facilitate connections with prospective parishioners. These events would have a bring-your-own lawnchair or blanket-type atmosphere with their religious education youth selling concessions to raise funds for National Catholic Youth Conference.
St. Patrick Parish Bayard	Lenten Retreat Series	\$5,000 Parish Mission Renewal	St. Patrick’s Ladies Guild will support a series of Lenten retreats in 2026.
St. Theresa Parish Des Moines	Projector for Worship Space	\$2,199 Parish Mission Renewal	St. Theresa needs a projector for its worship space in order to better meet the needs of some of their parishioners in the experience of Mass and other programs hosted in that space.