

A CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR OUR SEARCHING SOULS

CHRIST OUR LIFE

September 26 & 27, 2026 Casey's Center Des Moines, Iowa ChristOurLifeIowa.com



Bishop William Joensen

The bishop of the Des Moines Diocese is recognized and esteemed not only for his intellect and wisdom, but for his warmth as a spiritual leader.



Bishop Joseph Espailat

Known as the beloved rapper priest from the Bronx, Bishop Espailat challenges and awakens deeper faith in youth and adults alike.



Father Robert Spitzer

Scientist and host of EWTN TV's "Father Spitzer's Universe" shares compelling research he has gleaned from studying over 1,500 near death experiences.



Sister Medhin Tesfay

Sister Medhin works with Mary's Meals in Tigray, Ethiopia, tirelessly providing daily school meals in a region of Africa devastated by civil war and drought.



Chris Stefanick

Known internationally as an acclaimed speaker, author, TV host, radio personality and Founder of Real Life Catholic, Chris inspires love and respect for the family.



Gabriel Castillo

Host of the podcast, "Children of Mary," passionate author of "The Power of the Rosary," this evangelist initiated True Faith TV, reaching many millions.



Crystalina Evert

Founder of Women Made New Ministries, Crystalina has spoken to over one million people about the virtue of chastity, healing and God's perfect plan for human sexuality.



Charbel Raish

Experiencing a dramatic encounter with Christ led to this Catholic's dramatic story, "How Islam Led Me Back to Christ," as well as the founding of Parousia Media.



Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow

As the founder and CEO of Mary's Meals, Magnus' organization is proud to now feed over 3 million hungry children and sustain children's lives in 16 countries.



Steve Angrisano

A music missionary...musician, storyteller, composer and speaker, leads thousands daily in the Divine Mercy Chaplet online and once again inspires our faith at COL.



Doubting Thomas, Caravaggio, 1602-1603

FOR OUR SEARCHING SOULS

All Weekend Pass: \$30 Adult In-Person or Livestream

No Charge: 23 and under In-Person or Livestream

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Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!

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DES MOINES, IOWA



TENTATIVE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 26th

7:00 am Doors open/Vendors open
7:50 am The Holy Rosary Gabe Castillo & friends
8:20 am Praise Band
8:40 am Announcements: Co-Chairs Marilyn and Ellen; Jon Leonetti
8:55 am Music Prelude
9:00 am The Holy Mass Bishop Joensen, homilist
10:15 am Break Steve Angrisano & band
10:35 am Welcome Address Bishop William Joensen
10:50 am Chris Stefanick
11:35 am Announcements
11:40 am Sister Medhin Tesfay
12:25 pm Announcements
12:30 pm Lunch Break

1:15 pm LUNCH BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Mary's Meals (Casey's Center)
Extended High School/College Breakout (HyVee Hall)

2:00 pm Love Gods Will
2:10 pm Speaker TBD
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Emily Schmid and Steve Angrisano & band
3:25 pm Ellen and Marilyn
3:35 pm Break
4:00pm Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow
4:40pm Stretch Break
4:45 pm Crystalina Evert
5:30 pm DINNER

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE DINNER BREAKOUT

7:00 pm Bishop Joseph Espaillat
7:45 pm Steve Angrisano & Band
7:50 pm Eucharistic Procession, Adoration and Benediction
(Bishop William Joensen and Bishop Joseph Espaillat)

Sunday, September 27th

7:00 am Doors Open
8:00 am The Holy Rosary Crystalina Evert & friends
8:20 am Praise Band Steve Angrisano
8:45 am Announcements Co-Chairs Ellen and Marilyn; Jon Leonetti
9:00 am Charbel Raish
9:50 am Steve Angrisano & Band
10:00 am Father Robert Spitzer
10:45 am Break
11:00 am Gabe Castillo
12:15 pm Mass Prelude
12:30 pm The Holy Mass Bishop Joseph Espaillat, homilist

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE TRACK

12:30 pm Pizza, Refreshments & Music
1:10 pm Emcee Father Max Carson
1:15 pm Chris Stefanick (35 min)
1:50 pm Music Father Max Carson
2:00 pm Crystalina Evert and Gabe Castillo
2:40 pm Music Father Max Carson
2:50 pm Bishop Joseph Espaillat
3:30 pm Break; Stretch
3:50 pm Speaker TBD
4:30 pm Music Father Max Carson
4:40 pm Mary's Meals
5:10 pm Charbel Raish
5:45 pm Closing prayer and Dismissal
(return to Casey's Center)

Vendors and Exhibitors will be open at 7 am Saturday and Sunday!

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All Tickets Non-refundable

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- Visit our website: ChristOurLifeIowa.com

- Purchase after Mass in your parish beginning August; opportunities vary among parishes

Come for all or stay for some

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