The next meeting of the Baraga Youth Fraternity for boys 8-18 years old is next Sunday, October 13th from 2:00pm-7:00pm, beginning and ending at the Parish Hall. Last month, we had 16 boys and 5 dads! This time we’ll learn orienteering skills at Au Quaal Park, pray the Rosary around the cemetery, have dinner, learn more about Bishop Baraga, and end with a fire. Dads, grandpas, and uncles are encouraged to participate with their boys!

Jennifer Rapalino is working to set up a Homework Help day at Ishpeming middle school Mondays from 2:40pm-3:40pm. All you need is a willing spirit and an ability to help and encourage! The school will run a background check on you. Students will be in a common area of the school and no one will be alone with a student. They expect 10-12 students each time. Contact Jennifer at ishpenmgcatholicleadership@gmail.com or (906) 204-6474 if you want to serve in this way!

Our next Young Adult Brunch for 18-39-year-olds will be Saturday, October 19th from 9:00am-noon in my residence at St. John’s. We had a dozen people last time, with many kids running around too. The rectory is kid-proof, so it’s OK to bring the little ones. Bring something to pass if you want, and I’ll make an egg bake.

That is also the day of the St. Joseph Guild Bazaar in the Parish Hall. They always put on an excellent lunch with an awesome display of crafts and items for sale. Come enjoy the time together!

We’re making plans for Halloween night and Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. Our plan is to have a bonfire here during trick-or-treating from 4:00pm-7:00pm, with s’mores and apple cider, followed by Mass for All Saints here at 7:00pm. Costumes are welcome at Mass! There will also be Mass Nov. 1st at 8:00am at St. John’s, 2:00pm at MCMCF, and 5:30pm here. I’m looking forward to leading a high school retreat on Saturday, November 2nd for students from both Ishpeming Parishes and any friends they want to invite. We’ll have fun while focusing on what it means to belong to the Church and how the saints show us so many ways of following Jesus. Please encourage your youth to come!

Thanks to everyone who contributed so far to the 52nd Upper Peninsula Catholic Social Services Appeal. A large portion of the funds raised goes to support the education of our seminarians (currently 13 of them)!. It also supports many ministries, offices, and charitable works of the Diocese of Marquette. Our assessed UPCSA goal is $22,478. We surpassed our goal last year, and any overage comes back to St. Joseph Parish. I’ll mail out a letter and materials this week to those who’ve not yet pledged. Thank you for your generous giving to support the work of the Church in the U.P.!

In his love,
Father Ryan

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The Upcoming Events for the week are as follows:

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

October 6 – Parish Brunch, 12:00 PM
October 7 – Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
October 8 – St. Joseph Guild Meeting, 7:00 PM
October 9 – GroupLink, 6:00 PM
October 12 – Blessing of Pets, 10:30 AM

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: JON 1:1–21; 11/LK 10:35-47
Tuesday: JON 3:1-10/LK 10:38-42
Saturday: JL 4:12-12/LK 11:27-28
Sunday: 2 KGS 5:14-17/2 TM 2:8-13/ LK 17:11-19

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**ST. JOSEPH BAZAAR**

The date of St. Joseph’s Fall Bazaar is Saturday, October 19th. The white elephant sale is very popular and it draws in a lot of people. So, again we need help in obtaining items for the sale. If you are downsizing, clearing out stuff, consider bringing it in for the white elephant table. You can drop off items into the Father Ouellette Room and I will check from time to time and put in a keeping place. No clothing or shoes, please.

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**HEALING PRAYER SERVICE**

On Tuesday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. a Healing Service will be offered at St. Peter Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to come, but especially all who are suffering. Trained prayer teams will be available to pray confidentially for various needs. Come and receive the Lord’s strength and peace!

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**ROSARY COAST TO COAST**

**WHAT: ROSARY COAST TO COAST 2019**
WHERE: St. John the Evangelist
WHEN: October 1
TIME: Rosary begins PROMPTLY at 4:00 P.M.

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In 2019, the Spiritual Battle has intensified with a need for Intensified prayers for: Our country and political leaders, a respect for life and the natural conception to natural death, The sanctity of marriage and family, and religious freedom. Even our Catholic Church is in turmoil, dealing with deep divisions. It is in this environment that a Call to Spiritual Arms is being issued again and with even greater urgency to prayer warriors across the country and the world. Blessed Mother at Fatima told us to pray the Rosary every day and pray for the conversion of sinners. There is power in that prayer! For more information go to: rosarycoasttoacoast.com