UPCSA PLEDGES TO DATE: $20,050.00
(61.2% of $32,748 goal)
Thank you for caring and sharing!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Dan Landmark, Pam Evans, Fran Horn, James “Gator” Greene, Russ Balcomb, Bruce Sanders, 13 - Parish Brunch Saders, Tammy Schertner, Peter Filzetti, Bruce Jenkins, Rosemary Pruett, Wesley Compton, Paul Mariotti, John Lasdoor, Norbert Beauchamp, Pat Bray, Jim Ayotte, Melissa Weymier, Sr. Bernadette LaFortes, Rita Lasdoor, Nick Nice, Alphonse and Marinella Hekilla, Allen Kitchie, Ann Connors, Linda Dehner Gransinger, Phillip DeChaumere, Sherry Peters, Edelyn Vellela, Ron Ketchem, Doug Cox, Margaret Borlace, John Ruesing, Ed LaFond

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
Saturday, November 2 – 6:00 PM
Ushers: Jim Butner, Eric Dompiere
Altar Servers: Elle & Evan Brand
Lector: Ed LaFond

EMCS: Dcn. Steve Schaffer, Sherri Bertani, Mary Loy

Sunday, November 3 – 11:00 AM
Ushers: John Wirtanen, Ralph Gardner, Don Szelnia
Altar Servers: Andrew & Matthew Ostola; Clay Tasson, Cohen Ostola
Lector: Sydney Edington

EMCS: Dcn. Steve Schaffer, Ralph Quayle, Becky Ostola, Angela Johnson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Ishepingo St. Vincent de Paul store is desperately in need of volunteers to sort donations. With some of their regulars out for various reasons, they are unable to keep up with donations. Even an hour a week would help. Stop in and ask for Amanda, the manager. Any time you can give is needed and appreciated. Help us help others!

SWPD THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

This weekend, Volunteers are handling out bags for our annual November Food Drive. Items needed include: cake mix and frosting, sugar cookie mix and icing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes (canned), turkey gravy, and panise mix. Envelopes are also included for monetary donations (payable to SWPD St. John and St. Joseph Conference). Please bring your donations to Church anytime before November 17th. Thank you for your continued support with our ministry!

YOUTH ENCOUNTER

Youth Encounter - November 8-10, Fortunate Lake in Crystal Falls - A retreat put on by young people for young people. Youth Encounter is a system to build Christian community among the youth. A community that offers support, growth in faith, and encouragement to become a positive influence in their environment. It is a retreat that occurs once a month with a monthly follow-up. Candidates must be 16 years old or in the second semester of their sophomore year. To see if it’s a fit, stop by to apply for the upcoming weekend, visit Youth Encounter 906.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 27 – Friendship Supper, 5:00 PM @ St. John’s
October 31 – Halloween Bonfire, 5:00-7:00 PM
November 3 – Parish Brunch Saders, Tammy Schertner, Peter Filzetti, Bruce Jenkins, Rosemary Pruett, Wesley Compton, Paul Mariotti, John Lasdoor, Norbert Beauchamp, Pat Bray, Jim Ayotte, Melissa Weymier, Sr. Bernadette LaFortes, Rita Lasdoor, Nick Nice, Alphonse and Marinella Hekilla, Allen Kitchie, Ann Connors, Linda Dehner Gransinger, Phillip DeChaumere, Sherry Peters, Edelyn Vellela, Ron Ketchem, Doug Cox, Margaret Borlace, John Ruesing, Ed LaFond

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:29-31/Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31-39/Lk 13:31-41
Friday: Rev 7:2-5, 9-14/Lk 3:1-5/ Mt 5:1-12
Sunday: Wis 11:22-12/2 Thes 1:1-12/3 Lk 19:1-10

FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend we finish our series Powerful Ways to Pray. I hope it’s been helpful to apply to your daily conversation with God! Catch up on any homilies you missed on our website ishepingoatholic.com/messages. Plan to stay after the 11:00 Sunday Mass today for coffee and baked goods.

This Sunday, October 27th at 5:00pm is the Friendship Supper at St. John’s Hall. Everyone is welcome to come for this free meal! It’s a great opportunity to invite a friend out to socialize and connect with other Parishioners. Each month, we’ll have an opportunity following the meal for anyone who wants to watch a short film and have a discussion about faith and life’s big questions.

Before the Friendship Supper, I invite middle and high school students (and parents, too) to come for pumpkin carving at 4:00pm in the Church that afternoon. I’m sure you’ll be able to come hang out for a bit and bring your own pumpkin if you can. I’ll provide some extra. And bring some cut and any carving tools you have!

A parent meeting for Confirmation students will be held at 6:00pm following the Supper. This work is important.

This week is Halloween and the Sollemity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation to honor God’s wonderful work in holy men and women who now pray for us in heaven! Weather permitting, we’ll have a bonfire here during trick-or-treating at 7:00pm. Meet at the church. There will also be Mass Nov. 1st at 8:00am at St. John’s, 10:30am at Lighthouse, 2:00pm at MCMCF, and 5:30pm here.

The commemoration of All Souls Day is Saturday, November 2nd. A special Mass for All Souls will be here at 8:30am. I’ve put a sign-up outside the door on the back counter for you to write down anyone you know who’s died this past year. Next week we’ll have a table in the vestibule on which you can place any pictures of loved ones who’ve died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

Finally, the Holy Name Society Parish Brunch will be next Sunday following the 11:00am Mass. Next Sunday is also K-12 Faith Formation from 9:30am-10:45am. God bless you all!

In His love,
Father Ryan

Our Parish Photo Directories have arrived – I’m sorry for the mistakes with some names. The directories have been paid for by the Parish and are free to take back on the counter. If you’d like to make a donation for their cost, the suggested donation is $7 and can be placed in the basket on the counter.

Peggy Niemi is planning a Holiday Tea here on Tuesday, November 12th as a fundraiser for the Care Clinic. The mission of Care Clinic is to give emotional, spiritual, educational, and material assistance to anyone facing a pregnancy. Wendy Pello will open our West-End Care Clinic by offering parenting school sessions every Wednesday at 4:00pm beginning November 1st in the Magy, Spelzatti Center at St. John’s. The sessions are free of charge, and everyone who comes will receive diapers, wipes, and/or baby clothes from the family resource closet.

Our Homework Help day at Ishepingo middle school will begin Monday, Mondays from 2:40pm-3:40pm. The school expects 10-12 students to participate. All you need is an ability to encourage and focus the students on their homework. Contact Jennifer Rapati at ishepingomiddleholidays@opmail.com or (906) 204-6774 if you want to serve in this way.

The registration deadline for our March for Life Pilgrimage is Friday, November 15th. We have 20 spots left and they’ll go fast! Pick up a form on the back counter or at ishepingoatholic.com/march and return it to the Parish office. It’ll be a great trip!

Thanks to everyone who’s contributed so far to the 52nd Upper Peninsula Catholic Services Appeal! Our assessed UPCSA goal is $32,748. Any overage comes back to St. Joseph Parish. Thank you for your generous giving to support the work of the Church in the U.P.!

Next weekend is our collection of items for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. They’re especially in need of cereal, pasta, flour, tuna, jam, rice, toilet paper, juice, canned chicken, canned noodles, canned tomatoes, potato flakes. Items can be placed in the wooded crib in the back vestibule. Thank you!

Please pick up your Saint of the Month packet in the entryway. November’s saint is St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. The packet will help you and your family celebrate her feast day (Nov. 13th) in the third grade corner.

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