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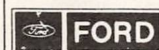
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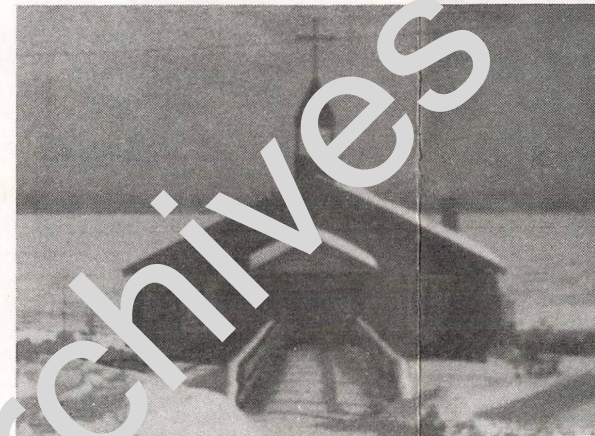


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BLESSED KATERI: Saturday 6:30 P.M.
HOLY NAME: Sunday 9:30 A.M.
ALTERNATE SUNDAYS: Marquette 3:00 P.M.
Watersmeet 2:00 P.M. (Cst.)

Sacraments

BAPTISMS: Arranged at least two weeks in advance.
CONFESSIONS: ¼ Hour before Mass for one-half hour. — Or at the Rectory at any time!
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MARRIAGES: Arranged at least four months in advance.

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By Dixie Franklin

Special to The Journal

THE SUN RISES EARLY in Upper Michigan's Baraga County, streaking across Lake Superior among the Huron Islands to the east and around Point Abbaye before laying silver rays across Keweenaw Bay. Sun turns on the bird song in mountain forests and adds sparkle to the waters of inland lakes and streams.

A statue of the Snowshoe Priest, Bishop Frederic Baraga, stands 60 feet above the Red Rock Bluffs between the villages of L'Anse and Baraga, glinting in the morning light. It overlooks a countryside painted in summer greens and blues, and fishermen heading for open water to try their luck for whitefish and lake trout.

Ministered to Indians

The 35-foot-tall copper sculpture honors the area's first Catholic bishop, who ministered to the Great Lakes Indians, often on snowshoes and at great physical sacrifice. It stands with snowshoes and crucifix on a cloud of brass coated with silver and supported by five wooden beams that rise from concrete tepees representing the five major missions he established from his arrival in 1831 until his death in 1868.

This shrine includes a coffee shop and gift shop, with connecting walkways and beds of blossoming flowers.

Colors change with the seasons: gold, red and orange rainbows of autumn and white in winter, followed by vibrant multi-floral spring bouquets.

Baraga County is 925 square miles of rivers, lakes, streams, mountains and shoreline cupped in the elbow of Keweenaw Bay. The county boasts 632 miles of rivers and streams, 1,060 inland lakes and more than 20 waterfalls, all capped by 1,996.7-foot Mount Curwood, Michigan's highest point.

Its scattered villages range from L'Anse with a population of 2,538 and Baraga, population 1,116,

to Summit, with a population of 1.

L'Anse and Baraga face each other a mile apart across the head of the bay, connected by US Highway 41, which skirts the shore. Other connecting highways are US 141 from the south and State Highway 28 from the east and west.

With breezes cooled by Lake Superior and Keweenaw Bay, mid-summer temperatures average 68.5 degrees, with 11.9-degree average temperatures in mid-winter.

In winter, snows heap their bounty on the Huron Mountains in the county's rugged eastern section and especially on the foothill village of Herman, 7 uphill miles north of US 41 near L'Anse. Annual snowfall at Herman averages 250 inches.

"Herman sticks up so high that it grabs the clouds and shakes all the snow out," said Esther Lahti, who is caretaker of the state's northernmost weather station.

Summer decorates the roadways with flowers, with fish leaping in the streams and wild berries ripening in the meadows.

A natural paradise

Baraga County is known for its scenery, fish and wildlife, and the pristine beauty of its forests. Although its waterfalls may be as spectacular as the Upper Peninsula's famous Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, and its mountains fail to reach the heights of the snow-capped giants of the West, trails are less crowded and there are almost always vacant sites at campgrounds, rooms at motels and tables at favorite restaurants.

For directions to scenic waterfalls and other attractions, stop at the L'Anse Tourist Information

called Baraga

Center at the eastern entrance of the village or at Baraga State Park on US 41 at Baraga. Aides will give directions through back roads to Sturgeon Falls and its gorge at the county's western border. The lip of the gorge offers a breathtaking panoramic vista of forested hills draped with blue sky, with the river far below. Forest campgrounds are located along the river.

Some waterfalls are easily accessible — only a glance from the car window. Others hide in the remotest parts of the Huron Mountain range.

Waterfalls gurggle from the Tioga River at a roadside park on US 41. L'Anse has a waterfall within its village limits. There are also the Leatherby Falls, named for an early lumberjack; Silver Falls; No Name Falls; the Falls River Falls and numerous others.

From L'Anse along the thin finger of peninsula to Point Abbaye is a tour through isolated beauty with peaceful woods and water. Pequaming, a town built by Henry Ford in the 1930s, is a ghost town that is being revived by development, but a

Ford water tower, the old school house and a few other original structures remain.

The nearby village of Aura is the former location of an 1800s American Fur Trading Post. The village hosts an old-fashioned fiddler's jamboree each summer — next Saturday, this year.

The Arvon slate quarries are an interesting stop north of L'Anse, for these quarries furnished the slate for the floor of the Michigan capital building in Lansing.

Baraga County is Indian country, with a 50,000-acre Chippewa reservation, and, at Assinins, 2 miles north of Baraga, the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center. The Indian Cemetery north of L'Anse has above-ground wooden grave houses that date to the 1840s and is open to the public.

Point Abbaye, at the tip of the peninsula, offers a wide expanse of inland sea, with the Huron Islands to the east and the Keweenaw Peninsula to the west. Sunsets are spectacular from the point, with photographic seascapes and driftwood scattered along clean beaches.

Pause that refreshes

On the return trip to L'Anse, a stop for wading or swimming at Second Sand Beach refreshes on a hot day.

Curwood Park, 2.4 miles north of L'Anse, has picnic tables and children's playground equipment. There are historical items in the park, including L'Anse's first post office, a Lake Superior ship's anchor and a giant logging wheel raised from the bottom of the Little Huron River.

Fishing opportunities are excellent in the lakes and streams. Over 80% of the land is open for recreation. Fishermen are attracted to the spring runs of steelhead trout, especially along the Huron River. Also found here are lake trout, whitefish, coho salmon, splake, chinook and brown trout. Brook trout lurk in cold, fern-bordered, inland streams. Craig Lake is known for its smallmouth bass, walleye pike and muskellunge. The Sturgeon River and Prickett Dam reservoir are known for largemouth bass and bluegill.

Popular game animals include black bear, whitetail deer and snowshoe rabbit, with ruffed grouse, partridge, woodcock, duck and geese.