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## *Parish Best Practice*

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The Baraga County Catholic Community, (Sacred Heart, L'Anse; St. Ann, Baraga; Holy Name of Jesus/St. Kateri, Assinins) under the pastorship of Father Corey Litzner, is transforming Catholics into Spirit-filled evangelizers through Alpha. "Everyone can benefit from the power and beauty of Alpha. We all know that having a conversation about faith, life and Jesus can be hard, but it does not have to be. Alpha starts with a fantastic home-cooked meal and then transitions to a space where friends, families, and neighbors are invited to explore the Christian faith and the meaning of life in a way that is relaxed, respectful, and fun. Parishioners are encouraged to introduce Alpha to their families and friends. It is open to everyone and continues to grow. We have a huge team of volunteers who have been touched by the Holy Spirit to manage every aspect of Alpha," said Father Litzner. The Baraga County Catholic Community is in its sixth round of Alpha sessions.

The fruits of Alpha for the parishes is increased Mass attendance and more regular adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. They have also increased participation in the ministries of the parish. For more information contact Sacred Heart Parish, L'Anse (906) 524.6424.