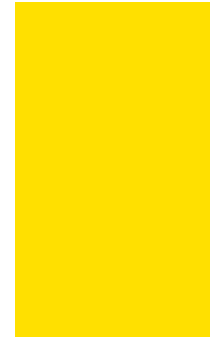


Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1, 2021



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PARISHES' MEMBERSHIP

New families and individuals are welcome to the Parishes. It is important that every family or independent adult register in the Parish of their choice: to keep our records, especially addresses, and telephone numbers, current. Please contact the Parish Office, to register, as soon as you are able.
Thank you, and Welcome!

BULLETIN NOTICES

Submit bulletin notices *in writing* to the St. Agnes Rectory Office 8 days prior to publication.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry—Iron River (906) 265-9390

SACRAMENTS

WEEKEND HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Agnes 4:00 PM **Sat.** & 10:00 AM **Sun.**

St. Cecilia 8:00 AM & 12 NOON **Sun.**

Immaculate Conception 4:00pm **Sat.** & 9:30 am **Sun.**

Weekdays: Mon., Fri. & Sat. at 8am

CONFESSIONS:

1st Saturday at St. Cecilia—after 8am Mass until 9:30am
 10:30am—11:30am on all the other Saturdays at St. Cecilia
 3:00pm—right before 4pm Mass on Saturday at St. Agnes
 3:00pm—3:45pm at Immaculate Conception, and at
 8:55am until 9:15am on Sunday,
 Monday, Friday & Sat. 7:30am—7:55am

INFANT BAPTISM:

Parents desiring the Sacrament of Baptism for their children must be registered and be actively participating in Parish life. Parents must also attend a Baptism class before the Baptism of their first child. Contact the Church Office in advance.

MATRIMONY: Arrangements for Marriages must be made at least six months in advance. At least one of the parties must be a practicing Catholic.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Whenever someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, or is dying, contact the parish office immediately.

Mass Intentions for St. Agnes and St. Cecilia

SATURDAY, July 31

ST A 4:00 PM For the parishioners

SUNDAY, August 1

ST C 8:00 AM +Lillian Busakowski

by Mary Ann Lundquist

ST A 10:00 AM +Charles & +Leona Shimun

by their daughter Patricia

ST C 12:00 PM For Fr. Jose and the St. Cecilia

parishioners & guests

by anonymous

MONDAY, August 2—NO MASS

TUESDAY, August 3

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary

ST A 5:30 PM +Michael Hanmer

by Sue

WEDNESDAY, August 4

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Agnes & +Clarence Eusebio

by Patti & family

ADORATION—follows Mass

THURSDAY, August 5

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Jean McDonald

by her husband Kevin

FRIDAY, August 6

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Jacques family

by Theresa Jacques

ADORATION—follows Mass

SATURDAY, August 7

ST C 8:00 AM +Julie McDonald—by husband Don

ST A 4:00 PM +Dan Vignali

by his mom Cathy Vignali

SUNDAY, August 8

ST C 8:00 AM +Louis Mitchell

by Tammy & Brad Tomasucci

ST A 10:00 AM +Craig Caldwell

by his wife Patricia

ST C 12:00 PM +Harry & +Betty Smith

by their children

**Please remember, if you are ill
it is okay/and expected that you stay home
until you are feeling better.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Aug. 2 Mon Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21

Aug. 3 Tues Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2

Aug. 4 Wed Nm 13:1-2—14:1, 26-29a Mt 15:21-28

Aug. 5 Thu Nm 20:1-13 Mt 16:13-23

Aug. 6 Fri Dn 7:9-10 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 9:2-10

Aug. 7 Sat Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20

Aug. 8 Sun 1 Kgs 19:4-8 Eph 4:30—5:2 Jn 6:41-51

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

***The aborted babies
are killed
by their own mothers.***

***There is no one to mourn
their death.***

***Where is the public outcry
against these killings?***

***That law has been in
effect for 48 years!***

Abortion, too, must stop!

**Glimpses of the Life of
Venerable Bishop Baraga**

***“Almighty God is every-
where present—knowing
all our thoughts, words
and actions; therefore be
in awe of this presence of
God, and behave accord-
ingly.”***

St. Vincent de Paul

The Gospel tells us, “this is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” By listening we are able to live the Gospel. Gospel living is something so simple as taking the time to listen to those who need to spill out their hearts when seeking help.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you enable the members of the Society to become a “listening heart” to the hungry, the homeless and the struggling poor.

This week our featured sponsor is:

**Nichols Flooring
and Stone, LLC**

Bruce & Lisa Nichols, Owners
Office & Showroom
206 E. Genessee St.
Iron River, MI

For more information stop by or call
715-889-0447

Last call for DRE applications.

(Director of Religious Education)

Interviews will begin soon.

Applications may be picked up at
the Rectory Office.

Volunteers Needed!

***Sacristan help at St. Cecilia**

***Ushers and *Servers
at St. Agnes & St. Cecilia**

***Readers and *EMHC
at St. Agnes & St. Cecilia**

**Do You Have
Organizational Skills?**

**We could use your help on
Wednesday—August 11th—
9:00am**

**We'll meet in the St. Agnes
Little Flower Room**

**We will be cleaning out
and organizing the
Christmas storage closets.**

**Please come and lend a hand,
we appreciate your help.**

Thanking you in advance.

***If I'm nice to someone because I
love them, I build them up, I
treat them like a person.*** But if
I'm nice to someone because I
want something out of them, I'm
using them, I tear them down. I
treat them like a thing. St. John
Paul said that because people
were made in the image and like-
ness of God, **human beings have
a right to be loved as persons,
never used as things.** We respect
our own dignity by refusing to
allow ourselves to be used by
others.

By Dr. Greg Popeuk in part from OSV Take Out

GOSPEL MEDITATION—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 1, 2021

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don’t like, want, and don’t want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don’t move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disoriented, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty. ©LPi

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Roland Kwasny, Mike Manfrom, Cheri Dennis, Doug Damp, Ken Damitz, Suzette Camomilli, Robert La-Marche, Kelly & Stacy Williams, Gary P. Johnson, August Menghini, Cari & Pierce Dzanbazoff, Jody Pederson, Debbie Ponzio Clark, Chris Bal, Betty Webber Williams, Mary S., Shelly Silfven, Lee Routheaux, Sharon Warner, Patricia Sebastian, Jacob Tomasoski, David Eberhard, Joyce Singleton, Jerry Schinella, Ed Lau, Juanita Frostell, Marshall Henke, Tony Fittante, Leila Hope Adamson, Stephanie Tinkey, Zachary Lambert, Shannon DeRoche, Mary Ann VanWagner, Allyce Westphal, Kathleen Miller, Jerry Koski, Arla Thomas, Jayni Angeli, Ginny Benson, Jim Condon, Teresa Cristan, Regina Robinson, Sandy Moln, Adam Wilson, Marge Phillips, Frances Kozicki, Sue Hanmer, Lois Langford, Mitzi McGreaham, Ron Sykora, Nancy Russo, John Brunswick, Gary Lane, Donna Paraventi, Nancy Clements, Julie Powell, David Coates, Bob & Dolly Watts, Barbara B., Chelsie Hartline, Rhonda Angeli, Katherine Sporer, Mike McIntosh, Ray Cole, Dr. Chuck Newby, Ann Marie Kenny, Lois Brown, Al Anderson, Tom Roth, Don McDonald, Dave Juncer, Tootsie Amelio, Kevin Ellis, Jim Fleury, Edward “Ta Wash” McGeshick, Marlene Locke, Jason Locke, Lois Moln-Brown, Elizabeth Parchim, Butch Redig, Tony Serbinski, Carole Mottes, Kate, Amy Fisco, Ken Shimun, Jeanne Novak-Smith, Tom Ingold, Gloria Wills, Sara Grahn, Fay Grahn, Bob Lantz, John Otto, Jerry Petts, Matt Sherman, Dixie Lee Denis, Phil Jensen, Pat C., Tom & Kristina Korpi, Vickie, Everett Angeli, Preslie Mantsch, Terri, Theresa LaFountain, Mary Woodworth, Lavinia, Alex, Marion, Fr. Jeffrey Kurtz, all our Parishioners with COVID-19 and their families, Linda Lindberg, Ava Gauthie, Maggie

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PARISH CONTRIBUTION

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1487.00
Loose.....	376.17
Votives.....	105.50
Fuel/utility.....	107.00
Total last week.....	\$2075.67

48 envelopes, 24%, averaging \$30.98

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1260.00
Loose.....	747.00
Fuel/utility.....	70.00
Total Last Week.....	\$2077.00

33 envelopes, 17%, averaging \$38.18

Thank you for your generosity!

CHANGE COLLECTION:
CANISTERS ALWAYS AT THE ENTRANCES

Adoration—St. C follows Fri. 8am Mass

Adoration—St. A follows Wed. 8am Mass

Nursing Facility Masses—on hold for now

Holy Name Men’s Club—on hold for now

Knights of Columbus

Summer Recess—next meeting September

Bible Study—on hold for now

Faith Class—on hold for now

St. Agnes Altar Society

Next meeting in September

St. Anne’s Society Meeting

Next meeting in September

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HOME COMMUNION VISITS

First Friday each month.

If you would like Father to bring Holy Communion to you, please call the Rectory Office at **265-4557**

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Thank you for doing your part to keep all safe.

**Installation of Fr. Jose Cherian
by Most Reverend John F. Doerfler**

**August 14th—St. Agnes—4:00pm Mass
~Meet & greet with refreshments to follow~
Bishop Doerfler will also offer the 8am, 10am & 12pm Masses.**

Bishop Doerfler will offer Mass at Immaculate Conception on Aug. 8, at 9:30am, with meet & greet with refreshments to follow.

**Annual Milestone
Wedding Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, August 29th
3:30pm ET**

The Marquette Diocese and the Knights of Columbus will give special recognition to couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or 51st, and above wedding anniversary anytime during this (or last) year. They and their families are invited to the Milestone Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, August 29th at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette with a meal to follow.

Widows and widowers who would have celebrated a milestone anniversary this year are also invited and encouraged to attend, as are newlywed couples married in 2019 or later who haven’t attended a previous celebration.

If you plan to attend, please fill out and return the registration form (forms are available at the St. Agnes Rectory Office or online at:

www.dioceseofmarquette.org/mwa as soon as possible so plans can be finalized.

Those celebrating their Golden Anniversary (50th) this year are also asked to include, if possible, a recent photograph for publication in The U.P. Catholic diocesan newspaper.

Registration deadline is Tuesday, August 24, 2021