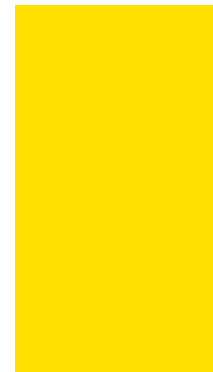


Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22, 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:

10:30am—11:30am Saturday at St. Cecilia

3:00pm—right before 4pm Mass on Saturday at St. Agnes

3:00pm—3:45pm Saturday at Immaculate Conception, at

8:45am until 9:15am on Sunday and on

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, August 21

ST A 4:00 PM +Willie Ketchum—by his wife Deb

SUNDAY, August 22

ST C 8:00 AM, +Dolores & +Gerald Jurecic

by their children

ST A 10:00 AM—For the parishioners

ST C 12:00 PM +Ed Rometti

by Don & Marion Sartorelli

MONDAY, August 23—NO MASS

TUESDAY, August 24

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary

ST A 5:30 PM +Don Rose

by his wife Peggy

WEDNESDAY, August 25

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Edmund R. Lelito

by Edmund Lelito family

grand & greatgrandchildren

ADORATION—follows Mass

THURSDAY, August 26

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Jean McDonald

by husband Kevin

FRIDAY, August 27

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Michael Hanmer—by Sue

ADORATION—follows Mass

SATURDAY, August 28

ST A 4:00 PM +Willie Ketchum

by Cathy Vignali

SUNDAY, August 29

ST C 8:00 AM +Keith Mitchell (birthday Aug. 31)

by wife Vera & family

ST A 10:00 AM +Robert Burke

by Sue

ST C 12:00 PM +Julie McDonald

by husband Don

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Aug 23 Mon 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23:13-22

Aug 24 Tues Rv 21:9b-14 Jn 1:45-51

Aug 25 Wed 1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32

Aug 26 Thu 1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51

Aug 27 Fri 1 Thes 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13

Aug 28 Sat 1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30

Aug 29 Sun Dt 4:1-2 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22 Mk 7:1-8

Welcome to our Tri-Parishes of Iron River, Caspian & Watersmeet

PRO LIFE

**We need to take off
the blinders.**

**What we need is a human
life amendment to the
constitution
outlawing abortion.**

Ruth Weber

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

**“Be thankful to God that
you have been given the
true religion: keep it well
partake of the Holy Sacra-
ments of our religion.”**

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, Jesus asks,
“Do you also want to leave?”
We must ask ourselves if we
really want to hear the good
news of his love for us and for
others. Is the word of God
able to break into our con-
sciousness, change us, and
call us to hear the cries of the
poor?

**This month, through your
gifts, the Society of St. Vin-
cent de Paul was able to
hear the cries of the poor
by assisting many families.**

Silver Tea Tickets

**Raffle tickets available at our
Rectory Office
M-T-T-F: 9am-Noon & 1-4pm**

This week our featured sponsor is:

**Knights of Columbus
Council 2300**

“The Experience of a Lifetime”

**To find out more about joining call:
265-2531**

**CHANGE COLLECTION:
CANISTERS ALWAYS AT THE ENTRANCES**

Adoration—St. Cecilia:

follows 8am Mass on Fridays

Adoration—St. Agnes:

follows 8am Mass on Wednesdays

Nursing Facility Masses—on hold for now

St. Agnes Altar Society

Next meeting on September 14—1pm

St. Agnes Little Flower Room

St. Anne's Society Meeting

Next meeting September 26—after 8am Mass

Fr. Sartorelli Hall

Knights of Columbus

Summer Recess

Next meeting September 9—6pm

St. Agnes Little Flower Room

Holy Name Men's Club—summer break

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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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**Please notify the office if there are any
changes or additions to the meetings.**

Newly Baptized

Aug. 22—12pm—St. Cecilia

Elise Marie Camp

Daughter of Amelia & Pierre

Aug. 22—9:30am—Immaculate Conception

Malachi Vincent Peacock

Son of Betty & Brian

We welcome our newest
parish family members.
May God Bless You Always.

We've had several people request this:

Walking with Grandpa

**I like to walk with Grandpa, his steps
are short like mine.**

He doesn't say, "Now hurry up."

He always takes his time.

**I like to walk with Grandpa, his eyes
see things like mine, a birdie bright,
a funny cloud, a penny
that really shines.**

**Most people are in a hurry, they do
not stop to see; I'm glad that God
made Grandpa unrushed, and almost
young as me.**

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
August 22, 2021, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.

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S C R I P Gift Cards

Most always available are:

***Alice’s—Beef-A-Roo—Kermit’s—Chipotle—Subway—Holiday—Krist Oil—Angeli’s—Iron River Family Foods—
Kohl’s—Target—WalMart—ACE Hardware—Home Depot—Lowe’s—iTunes—Cabela’s—Best Buy—
Amazon—Barnes & Noble—Omaha Steaks***

**The purchase of these cards helps fund our youth programs & CCD projects.
Thank you for your support.**

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE ILL FROM ST. AGNES & ST. CECILIA PARISHES

Roland Kwasny, Mike Manfrom, Cheri Dennis, Doug Damp, Suzette Camomilli, Robert LaMarche, Kelly & Stacy Williams, Gary P. Johnson, August Menghini, Cari & Pierce Dzanbazoff, Jody Pederson, Debbie Ponozzo-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 McGraham, 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, Pat C., Tom & Kristina Korpi, Vickie, Everett Angeli, Preslie Mantsch, Terri., Theresa LaFountain, Mary Woodworth, Lavinia, Alex, Marion, Fr. Jeffrey Kurtz, all Parishioners with COVID & their families, Linda Lindberg, Ava Gauthier, Maggie, Seantel Duda

PARISH CONTRIBUTION

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1360.00
Loose.....	301.00
Nat'l church retirement.....	20.00
Assumption.....	370.00
Fuel/utility.....	25.00
Total last week.....	\$2076.00
62 envelopes, 31%, averaging \$21.94	

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1009.00
Loose.....	357.00
Assumption.....	177.00
Nat'l church.....	10.00
Total Last Week.....	\$1553.00
45 envelopes, 21%, averaging \$22.42	

Thank you for your generosity!