



## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 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, September 4**

ST C 8:00 AM +Jean McDonald  
by husband Kevin

ST A 4:00 PM For the parishioners

### **SUNDAY, September 5**

ST C 8:00 AM, +Joe, +Bob, +Vic & +Steve Shepich  
by sister & Aunt Mitzi McGreaham

ST A 10:00 AM +Eugene "Woody" wodzinski  
by Tootsie, Cathy & Julie

ST C 12:00 PM +Thomas Penkivech  
by his daughter

### **MONDAY, Sept. 6—NO MASS—Labor Day—Office Closed**

### **TUESDAY, September 7**

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary

ST A 5:30 PM +Jess & +Catherine Holt  
by their daughter Dawn

### **WEDNESDAY, September 8**

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Charles White  
by John roche

### **ADORATION—follows Mass**

### **THURSDAY, September 9**

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Mary & +Jack Shepich  
by daughter Mitzi McGreaham

### **FRIDAY, September 10**

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Agnes & +Clarence Eusebio  
by Patti & family

### **ADORATION—follows Mass**

### **SATURDAY, September 11**

ST A 4:00 PM +Michael Hanmer  
by Sue

### **SUNDAY, September 12**

ST C 8:00 AM +Michael Hanmer  
by Sue

ST A 10:00 AM +Rose M. Johnson  
by Tom Groppi

ST C 12:00 PM For the parishioners

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

### **PRO LIFE**

**Abortion is the most  
common, least regulated  
medical procedure and  
the number one killer  
in America.**

*Pro-Life Articles Author*

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

**"What you have neglected  
to do thus far, as a Chris-  
tian, make haste to do now;  
ask for God's grace, confirm  
yourself in faithfulness."**

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

In the Gospel we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" In living the Gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering. On Sept. 9, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering.

**Is there a family you know  
who needs assistance?  
Please call the Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul so that  
together we can help them.**

This week our featured sponsor is:

### **Mr. T's**

**Family Restaurant, Inc**  
Paul Tomlinson  
3599 East US2, Iron River  
**906-265-4741**  
6am-9pm daily  
Breakfast anytime!

CHANGE COLLECTION:  
CANISTERS ALWAYS AT THE ENTRANCES

### **Nursing Facility Masses—on hold for now**

**Adoration—St. C follows Fri. 8am Mass  
Adoration—St. A follows Wed. 8am Mass**

### **Knights of Columbus**

Thursday—September 9—6pm  
St. Agnes Little Flower Room

### **Holy Name Men's Club**

Sunday—September 12  
after 8am Mass  
Fr. Sartorelli Hall

### **St. Agnes Altar Society**

Tuesday—September 14—1pm  
St. Agnes Little Flower Room

### **St. Anne's Society Meeting**

Sunday—September 29  
after 8am Mass  
Fr. Sartorelli Hall

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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.**

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We wish all  
our parishioners  
and guests a  
**Happy and Safe  
LABOR DAY**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Sept 6 Mon** Col 1:24—2:3 Lk 6:6-11

**Sept 7 Tues** Col 2:6-15 Lk 6:12-19

**Sept 8 Wed** Mi 5:1-4a Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

**Sept 9 Thu** Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38

**Sept 10 Fri** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Lk 6:39-42

**Sept 11 Sat** 1 Tm 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49

**Sept 12 Sun** Is 50:4c-9a Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

### **Seniors—Widows—Widowers**

Please keep in mind...  
the new event that is in  
the planning stages.  
Call the Rectory Office if you  
would be interested in attending  
or volunteering to help:  
**265-4557**

It will be a fun evening, begin-  
ning with Holy Mass, then din-  
ner and social time & hopefully  
BINGO, card and/or board  
games to play.

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn’t take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life’s unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it’s really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life’s incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God’s story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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

Roland Kwasny, Mike Manfrom, Cheri Dennis, Doug Damp, 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, Tony Fittante, Leila Hope Adamson, Stephanie Tinkey, Zachary Lambert, Shannon DeRoche, Mary Ann Van-Wagner, 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, 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

### **I SPEAK TO YOU CONTINUALLY**

**My nature is to communicate though not always in words.**

**I fling glorious sunsets across the sky, day after day.**

**I speak in the faces and voices of loved ones. I caress you with a gentle breeze that refreshes and delights you.**

**I speak softly in the depths of your spirit, where I have taken up residence.**

**You can find Me in each moment, when you have eyes that see and ears that hear. Ask My Spirit to sharpen your spiritual eyesight and hearing.**

**I rejoice each time you discover My Presence.**

**Practice looking and listening for Me during quiet intervals.**

**Gradually you will find Me in more and more of your moments. *You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me above all else.***

**Compliments of Dcn. Terry**