



First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 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

8:45am 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, November 27

ST A 4:00 PM For the parishioners

SUNDAY, November 28

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

ST A 10:00 AM +Angeline (Abata) Reiser
by her daughters

ST C 12:00 PM +Jean McDonald
by her husband Kevin

ST A 3:00 PM HOLY HOUR (doors open 2:45pm)

MONDAY, Nov. 29, NO MASS

TUESDAY, November 30

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary

ST A 5:30 PM +Lucille Anderson
by her family

WEDNESDAY, December 1

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Juvanelia Smith
by Edward Ochylski

ADORATION—follows Mass

THURSDAY, December 2

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Edmund R. Lelito
by Edmund Lelito family,
grand & great grand children

FRIDAY, December 3

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

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

ADORATION—follows Mass

SATURDAY, December 4

ST C 8:00 AM +Edmund R. Lelito
by neighbor Laura

ST A 4:00 PM +Matt Butorac
by Lisa McMullen

SUNDAY, December 5

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

ST A 10:00 AM +Alice Tarsi
by Edward Ochylski

ST C 12:00 PM For the parishioners

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nov. 29 Mon Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11

Nov. 30 Tues Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22

Dec. 1 Wed Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37

Dec. 2 Thu Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Dec. 3 Fri Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

Dec. 4 Sat Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1, 6-8

Dec. 5 Sun Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

“The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man.”

Dr. Mildred Jefferson

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

“If you make love the rule of your life, you will be happy.”

St. Vincent de Paul

As we begin Advent we are called to “wait” in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory doorbell.

You donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor celebrate the grace of god’s love this Christmas.

We will begin our new special monthly Mass followed by dinner and social gathering this month on: Wednesday—December 8—4pm in the St. Agnes Parish Hall

This month it will be coordinated by our young people in Confirmation Class. The group will also be performing special musical selections for you.

This special event is for our widows, widowers, senior citizens and friends.

Transportation could be available, if there is a need. If you are interested in participating (a count of those interested will help in planning the dinner)

or if you need a ride, please call the Rectory Office at **265-4557**

Please come, enjoy & support the efforts of our Confirmation Class.

Keep up-to-date on information, and pictures of events, as soon as available, by following us on Facebook and on our web page.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday—November 28—3pm
Guardian Angels—Crystal Falls

Thursday—December 2—6pm—St. Rose—Channing

Sunday—December 5—3pm—St. Mary—Norway

Sun.—Dec. 12—4pm—St. Cecilia—Caspian

Wednesday—December 15—6pm
St. Mary & St. Joseph—Iron Mountain

Sunday—December 19—3pm
St. Mary Queen of Peace—Kingsford

GOSPEL MEDITATION—November 28, 2021—1st Sunday of Advent

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love. ©LPi

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Roland Kwasny, Mike Manfrom, Cheri Dennis, Doug Damp, Ken Damitz, Robert LaMarche, Kelly & Stacy Williams, Gary P. Johnson, August Menghini, Cari & Pierce Dzanbazoff, Jody Pederson, Debbie Ponzoso 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 VanWagner, Allyce Westphal, Kathleen Miller, Jerry Koski, Aria Thomas, Jayni Angeli, 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, Carole Mottes, Kate, Ken Shimun, Jeanne Novak-Smith, Tom Ingold, Gloria Wills, Sara Grahm, Fay Grahm, 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 affected by COVID-19, Ava Gauthier, Maggie, Seantel Duda, Matt Greig, Dennis Day, John Cummings, Shannon Housveiner, Todd Ingram, Julie Brown, Craig Barker

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS—Nov. 14

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1279.00
Loose.....	259.00
All Souls.....	100.00
Christmas flowers.....	95.00
Fuel/utility.....	40.00
<u>Votes.....</u>	<u>22.74</u>
Total last week.....	\$1705.74

49 envelopes, 26%, averaging \$26.10

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1671.00
Loose.....	177.35
All Souls/All Saints.....	55.00
Fuel/utility.....	70.00
<u>Christmas flowers.....</u>	<u>128.00</u>
Total last week.....	\$2101.35

70 envelopes, 38%, averaging \$23.87

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Holy Hour—St. Agnes

Last Sunday of the month
3pm—4pm (doors open at 2:45pm)

Holy Name Men's Club

Sunday—December 12—after 8am Mass
Father Sartorelli Hall

Knights of Columbus

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

St. Agnes Altar Society

We will be making pew decorations at this meeting.
Tuesday—December 14—1pm
Little Flower Room
&
then on Wednesday—Dec. 22—1pm
we will meet to decorate our Church for Christmas!
All are welcome to lend a hand.

St. Anne's Society Meeting

Special Meeting—December 5, after 8am Mass
No January meeting
Christmas Party info will be available soon.

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Special Monthly Mass

St. Agnes

Wednesday—Dec. 8—4pm

~Dinner to follow in the Parish Hall~

**This Special Mass is for our
widows, widowers, seniors & friends.
This month the meal will be organized by
our Confirmation Students, supervised
by ladies from our churches.
RSVP for the dinner is appreciated.**

Devotion in Honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help

is being held at St. Agnes
every Tuesday evening following the
5:30pm Mass
&
at St. Cecilia every Thursday following the
8am Mass.

Booklets, to use during the Devotion,
will be available at each Church.

All are welcome to attend.

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