



Second Sunday of Advent

December 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:

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, December 4

ST C 8:00 AM +Edmund 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

MONDAY, Dec. 6—NO MASS

TUESDAY, December 7

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary
ST A 5:30 PM +Julie McDonald
by her husband Don

WEDNESDAY, December 8—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary
ST A 8:00 AM For the people
ST C 4:30 PM Intentions of the Rosary Sodality
ADORATION—follows 8am Mass

THURSDAY, December 9

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary
ST C 8:00 AM +Jean McDonald
by her husband Kevin

FRIDAY, December 10

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary
ST C 8:00 AM +Edmund R. Lelito
by Edmund Lelito family,
grand & great grand children

ADORATION—follows Mass

SATURDAY, December 11

ST A 4:00 PM +Jean McDonald
By her husband Kevin

SUNDAY, December 12

ST C 8:00 AM +Dolores & Gerald Jurecic
by their children
ST A 10:00 AM +Edmund R. Lelito
by Edmund Lelito family, grand & great grand kids
ST C 12:00 PM +Deceased aunts & uncles
by Ron & Mary Sykora

4:00 PM PENANCE SERVICE—St. Cecilia

SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>Dec. 6 Mon</u>	Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26
<u>Dec. 7 Tues</u>	Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14
<u>Dec. 8 Wed</u>	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6 Lk 1:26-38
<u>Dec. 9 Thu</u>	Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15
<u>Dec. 10 Fri</u>	Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19
<u>Dec. 11 Sat</u>	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
<u>Dec. 12 Sun</u>	Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-8

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

**“I believe every
abortion
is a tragedy.”**
Diane Abbott

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

“The most sacred interest of our Indian schools is...to carefully select good, moral, sober, and able teachers who give a good education and example of morality and Christian behavior.”

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel John the Baptist urges us to “Prepare the way of the Lord,” and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Penance Services

Sunday, December 5—3pm—St. Mary—Norway

Sunday, December 12—4pm—St. Cecilia—Caspian

Peace Ponderings:

Peace in My School or Workplace

Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

**Read aloud the absurd combinations of animals and their strange behavior. Starting with “the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb.” read through to “the baby shall play by the viper’s den.” These outrageous examples in nature of making peace and getting along with others are supposed to get our attention.
*As Catholics we believe Christ’s birth means peace has arrived, but we need to spread it.***

This week our featured sponsor is:

Iron River Housing Commission
Sunset Manor Apartments
208 Jefferson, Iron River
and
City View Apartments
236 3rd Ave. Iron River

HUD requirements/ utilities included/smoke-free
For more information please call: 906-265-5540

GOSPEL MEDITATION —Dec. 5, 2021—Second Sunday of Advent

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. “You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him.” When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God’s gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God’s promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts’ doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God’s simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.

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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 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 VanWagner, Alyce Westphal, Kathleen Miller, Jerry Koski, Arla 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 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 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

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1430.00
Loose.....	146.00
Christmas flowers.....	50.00
Fuel/utility.....	10.00
<u>Votives.....</u>	<u>200.16</u>
Total last week.....	\$1836.16
56 envelopes, 30%, averaging \$1430.00	

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1186.00
Loose.....	157.00
Christmas.....	40.00
Christmas flowers.....	60.00
<u>Fuel/utility.....</u>	<u>35.00</u>
Total last week.....	\$1478.00
45 envelopes, 25%, averaging \$1186.00	

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

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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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Holy Hour—St. Agnes

Last Sunday of the month

3pm—4pm (doors open at 2:45pm)

St. Agnes Altar Society

Tuesday—December 14—1pm

We'll be making pew decorations today, in the LFR

Knights of Columbus

Thursday—December 9—6pm

St. Agnes Little Flower Room

Holy Name Men's Club

Sunday—December 12

after 8am Mass

Fr. Sartorelli Hall

St. Anne's Society Meeting

Meeting date change—Sun.—Dec. 5—after 8am Mass
in Fr. Sartorelli Hall

Our Christmas party info will be announced soon.

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

***Thank you for doing your part
to keep all safe.***

St. Agnes Members

**your assistance is requested,
please! We would like a
group of volunteers to help
sort through and clean out
the storage spaces for our
Christmas decorations and
other Christmas items.**

**This will take place on
December 7 & 14—at 9am**

**Your help is appreciated.
Thank you.**