



Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 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 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 children
ST C 12:00 PM +Deceased aunts & uncles
by Ron & Mary Sykora

ST C 4:00 PM PENANCE SERVICE

MONDAY, December 13, NO MASS

TUESDAY, December 14

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

WEDNESDAY, December 15

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary
ST A 8:00 AM +The Brule Lake Bachelors
by Edward Ochylski

ADORATION—follows Mass

THURSDAY, December 16

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

FRIDAY, December 17

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary
ST C 8:00 AM +Bob Haydon
by Rose Ann Carne

ADORATION—follows Mass

SATURDAY, December 18

ST A 4:00 PM +Julie McDonald
by her husband Don

SUNDAY, December 19

ST C 8:00 AM For the parishioners
ST A 10:00 AM +Joseph & Myrtle Vezzetti
by Edward Ochylski
ST C 12:00 PM +Jean McDonald
by her husband Kevin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| <u>Dec. 13 Mon</u> | Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27 |
| <u>Dec. 14 Tues</u> | Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32 |
| <u>Dec. 15 Wed</u> | Is 45:6b-8, 18, 221c-25 Lk 7:18b-23 |
| <u>Dec. 16 Thu</u> | Is 54:1-10 Lk 7:24-30 |
| <u>Dec. 17 Fri</u> | Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17 |
| <u>Dec. 18 Sat</u> | Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25 |
| <u>Dec. 19 Sun</u> | Mt 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45 |

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

*"Any woman who has felt
a baby stir inside her, and
any man who has seen
the tiny heart pulsing on
an ultrasound screen,
knows that abortion is
about ending a life."
Karen Kissane*

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

*"The Will of God is our
sanctification; we should
know, love and serve God
in this world, so to be
happy with Him in the
next."*

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..."

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving....please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

**Please join us on Friday, December 24th,
Christmas Eve, at St. Agnes Church.**

**Singing begins at 3:30pm
with Mass to follow at 4:00pm.**

**We will put you into the Christmas Spirit
as we grow closer to Jesus!**

Jesus is the Reason for This Glorious Season!



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, 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**

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Gospel Meditations—December 12th—3rd Sunday of Advent
 “From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!”
 St. Teresa of Avila

We’ve all heard the adage, “Laughter is the best medicine.” In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, “Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace.” Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God’s gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven’t laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God’s power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. “Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter.” (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina) ©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 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, Allyce 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 Grah, Fay Grah, Bob Lantz, John Otto, Jerry Pettis, 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

Happy Anniversary
Dean & Jeanne Kaczorowski
December 12

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
 Second Sunday of the month—after 8am Mass
 Father Sartorelli Hall

Knights of Columbus
 Second Thursday of the month—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
 NO December or January meeting
 Christmas Party info will be available soon.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS—Nov. 28

| ST. AGNES | |
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| Adults..... | \$3802.00 |
| Adults..... | 210.00 |
| Loose..... | 181.00 |
| All Souls..... | 10.00 |
| All Saints..... | 10.00 |
| Christmas flowers..... | 60.00 |
| Total last week..... | \$4273.00 |

47 envelopes, 25%, averaging \$27.09

| ST. CECILIA | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Adults..... | \$ 377.00 |
| Adults..... | 250.00 |
| Loose..... | 134.00 |
| World Mission..... | 20.00 |
| Christmas flowers..... | 40.00 |
| Total last week..... | \$ 821.00 |

36 envelopes, 20%, averaging \$22.81

Thank you for your generosity!