



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 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 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

MONDAY, Dec. 20—NO MASS

TUESDAY, December 21

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary
ST A 5:30 PM +Mary Worth
by John Roche

WEDNESDAY, December 22

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary
ST A 8:00 AM +Fr. Norm Clisch
by Edward Ochylski

ADORATION—follows 8am Mass

THURSDAY, December 23

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary
ST C 8:00 AM +Adam & +Julia Zorzin
by Jim & Elaine Baumgartner

FRIDAY, December 24—CHRISTMAS EVE

ST A 4:00 PM +John Myefski
by his wife Joyce
ST C 7:00 PM +Walter & +Lillian Cybulski
by the Lundquist family

NO ADORATION

SATURDAY, December 25—CHRISTMAS DAY

ST A 9:00 AM For the parishioners
ST C 11:00 AM +Julia Migazzi
by son Mike & Judy Migazzi

SUNDAY, December 26

ST C 8:00 AM +Charles & +Angeline Reiser
by their daughters
ST A 10:00 AM For the parishioners
ST C 12:00 PM +Jean McDonald
by her husband Kevin

Rectory Office CLOSED December 23 & 24

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Dec. 20 Mon Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38
Dec. 21 Tues Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-45
Dec. 22 Wed 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56
Dec. 23 Thu Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66
Dec. 24 Fri Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12 Lk 1:67-79
Dec. 25 Sat **Vigil:** Is 65:1-5 Acts 13:16-17 Mt 1:1-25
Night: Is 9:1-6 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12
Ti 3:4-7 **Day:** Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5
Dec. 26 Sun Sir 3:2-6 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52

WELCOME

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

**One Christmas Eve,
when Fr. Baraga
read, "...and
wrapped Him in
swaddling clothes..."
He was so overcome
by the poverty of the
Infant Jesus reflect-
ed through the suf-
fering and poverty of
his beloved Indians
before him, he could
not stop sobbing; he
felt like a shepherd
at the manger.**

PRO LIFE CORNER

**"We're called
to be Pro-Life."
Tim Tebow**

St. Vincent de Paul

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhoods.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

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



**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!

There may be some changes to things listed in the bulletin due to early publication.
Please listen for announcements during weekend Masses.

This week our featured sponsor is:

Alexa Forest Products, Inc.

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David (Bimbo) Alexa 906-265-2347

GOSPEL MEDITATION —Dec. 19, 2021—Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.”

As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

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Merry Christmas and God’s Blessings to all in the New Year!

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 Tomaszoski, 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 Koziacki, Sue Hamner, 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—Dec. 5

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1669.00
Loose.....	294.00
Christmas flowers.....	115.00
Christmas offering.....	235.00
Immaculate Conception.....	135.00
Fuel/utility.....	5.00
Total last week.....	\$2453.00
64 envelopes, 34%, averaging \$1669.99	

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$2697.00
Loose.....	62.00
Change collection.....	8.54
Immaculate Conception.....	45.00
Christmas.....	45.00
Christmas flowers.....	85.00
Fuel/utility.....	10.00
Total last week.....	\$2952.54
31 envelopes, 31%, averaging \$2697.00	

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-10:30am

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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

Second Tuesday of the month—1pm

Little Flower Room

We’ll be making pew decorations today.

Knights of Columbus

Second Thursday of the month—6pm

St. Agnes Little Flower Room

Holy Name Men’s Club

Second Sunday of the month

after 8am Mass

Fr. Sartorelli Hall

St. Anne’s Society Meeting

Third Sunday—after 8am Mass

in Fr. Sartorelli Hall

NO meetings in December or January

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.***

Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree is a beautiful symbol of the Nativity. Like the evergreen branches, God’s love never withers. The lights remind us that Christ is the light of the world. An angel atop the tree points to the angels that announced Jesus’ birth and a star on the highest branch represents the Star of Bethlehem that guided the Magi to the Christ Child.

***Christmas trees help
us remember Jesus and
why he was born.***

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