



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### December 26, 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 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ST A 9:00 AM For the parishioners

ST C 11:00 AM +Julia Migazzi

by her 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

### MONDAY, December 27, NO MASS

### TUESDAY, December 28

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary

ST A 5:30 PM +Don Pellizzaro (15th anniversary)

by his wife Mary and family

### WEDNESDAY, December 29

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Michael "Mike" Brzoznowski

by Edward Ochylski

### ADORATION—follows Mass

### THURSDAY, December 30

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Juliz Migazzi

by grandson Derek & Lisa Migazzi

### FRIDAY, December 31

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Julie McDonald

by her husband Don

### ADORATION—follows Mass

### SATURDAY, January 1

ST C 8:00 AM In honor of Jack & +Mary Jacobson

by daughter Julie Jacobson

ST A 4:00 PM +Matt Butorac

by Lisa McMullen

### SUNDAY, January 2

ST C 8:00 AM +Julie McDonald

by her husband Don

ST A 10:00 AM +Beth Vezzetti

by Mark & Sheri Stauber

ST C 12:00 PM +Jean McDonald

by her husband Kevin

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Dec. 27 Mon 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Dec. 28 Tues 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 2:13-18

Dec. 29 Wed 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Dec. 30 Thu 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40

Dec. 31 Fri 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Jan. 1 Sat Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7

Jan. 2 Sun Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

## WELCOME

### PRO LIFE CORNER

*"Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death."*

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB

### Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

*"My little flock, God alone serve faithfully; someday He will be your judge. Love Him above all—He is your Savior."*

### St. Vincent de Paul

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the Holy Family of God, which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are poor by assisting with food, gifts and bills. Thank you!

### Time For God

To live a healthy, full life, it is important to create space in your life for caring for your body, mind and spirit. Mass is where this begins, and it is important to carry our relationship with God with us every day. We can do this through daily prayer, quiet contemplation, journaling or walks. Finding ways to connect and build your relationship with God will help you build better relationships with your family and friends.

Taken in part from OSV Take Out

### 7 Ways to Find Post-Christmas Joy

- 1) Where did you give? Telling others where you shared your gifts of time, talent and treasure is a way of sharing with others what you value.
- 2) What will you remember? Memories are the reason we have traditions all. Without them, all of the work and energy we put into the Christmas season are for nothing.
- 3) What did you make? Food. Decorations. Music. Open the door to let others talk about what kinds of personal creations they contributed to the season.
- 4) Who did you see? Out of opportunity, tradition or obligation, those we see at the holidays become an indelible part of how we experience Christmas.
- 5) What will you do differently next year? Some Christmases just don't live up to our expectations. Sometimes we put too much pressure on ourselves, or even others, to act or be a certain way. Some traditions/memories detract from the joy of the season.
- 6) Why wait until Easter? There's nothing quite like our faith community to make Christmas meaningful and memorable. If all the Christmas & Easter Catholics attended Mass the way we do at this time of year, imagine how full and joyous the average Sunday morning would feel!
- 7) How are you keeping the spirit of Christmas going? Christmas doesn't end when the clock strikes midnight on the 26th. The liturgical season goes well into January. And the phrase "we need a little Christmas right this very minute" is true year round.

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This week our featured sponsor is:

### **MR. T'S**

Family Restaurant, Inc.

Paul Tomlinson

3599 East US 2, Iron River, Michigan

906-265-4741

6am—8pm

Serving breakfast anytime!

## Gospel Meditations—Dec. 26—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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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, 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 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, Eddie Meyers

**We wish all our parishioner & guests a  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
HEALTHY & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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**  
Second Tuesday of the month—1pm  
Little Flower Room

**St. Anne's Society Meeting**  
NO December or January meetings  
Christmas Party, Thursday, January 13, at Alice's  
Call the Rectory Office to RSVP  
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### PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS—Dec. 12

ST. AGNES	
Adults.....	\$2571.00
Loose.....	101.00
Holy Day.....	240.00
Fuel/utility.....	10.00
Christmas offering.....	170.00
Christmas flowers.....	55.00
Votives.....	112.70
Total last week.....	\$3259.70

59 envelopes, 31%, averaging \$43.58

ST. CECILIA	
Adults.....	\$2151.00
Loose.....	60.00
Holy Day.....	274.00
Christmas.....	30.00
Christmas flowers.....	50.00
Votives.....	268.35
Total last week.....	\$2868.35

65 envelopes, 36%, averaging \$32.94

**Thank you for your generosity!**