



## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022



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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, January 1, 2022—HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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

**MONDAY, Jan. 3—NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, January 4**

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary

ST A 5:30 PM +Patricia Hebert  
by Faye Atanasoff

**WEDNESDAY, January 5**

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Theresa (Capello) Habeck  
by her sister Donna Capello

**ADORATION—follows Mass**

**THURSDAY, January 6**

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Joe Donati  
by Rose Ann Carne

**FRIDAY, January 7**

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

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

**ADORATION—follows Mass**

**SATURDAY, January 8**

ST A 4:00 PM For the parishioners

**SUNDAY, January 9**

ST C 8:00 AM +Chad Hagen  
by Bill & Donna Rossi

ST A 10:00 AM +Don Marinoff  
by a family friend

ST C 12:00 PM +Bruno Ghiotto  
by Stambaugh Class of 1950

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Jan. 3 Mon** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Jan. 4 Tues** 1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44

**Jan. 5 Wed** 1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52

**Jan. 6 Thu** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 Lk 4:14-22

**Jan. 7 Fri** 1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16

**Jan. 8 Sat** 1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:24-30

**Jan. 9 Sun** Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ti 2:11 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**WELCOME**

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

**Dec. 31, 1861: The last  
day of the year 1861.  
Very mild weather, no  
ice on the river. (31  
years in America)**

**In the middle of the sev-  
erest month of winter,  
January, 1846, Fr. Bara-  
ga set out for a village  
five days distance to  
speak with an Indian  
Chief who had requested  
his visit.**

**PRO LIFE CORNER**

***"I believe every abortion  
is a tragedy."***

*Diane Abbott*

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**Today we celebrate the feast  
of the Epiphany, where the  
Magi find the newborn king  
and offer him gifts of gold,  
frankincense, and myrrh.**

In the spirit of the Magi,  
please make your donations  
to the Society of St. Vincent de  
Paul so that comfort and  
peace can once again be given  
to a newborn child.

**Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes**

**In Memory of: Missi Anderson**

**By Pete & Denise Maloney & family**

*St. Agnes and St. Cecilia will be having a "study in the Bible".  
It is not a Bible study in the sense that we are not studying a book  
of the Bible. Instead, we will be studying in the Bible the scriptural  
foundation of our Faith. This study will be especially helpful  
answering the question of where what we believe is  
found in the Bible. The first session will be  
Monday, January 10, 6pm, at St. Cecilia in Fr. Sartorelli Hall and  
Tuesday, January 11, 10am at St. Agnes in the Little Flower Rm.  
The study in the Bible will be led by Joe Velie.  
The topic for the 1st session will be "What is the Bible?"*

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:

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**  
January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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**Happy & Healthy New Year to all our Parishioners & Guests!**

**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 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, Eddie Meyers

**PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS—Dec. 19**

**ST. AGNES**

Adults.....	\$1892.00
Loose.....	201.00
Christmas flowers.....	1.00
Christmas offering.....	225.00
<u>Immaculate Conception.....</u>	<u>26.00</u>
Total last week.....	\$2295.00

60 envelopes, 32%, averaging \$30.70

**ST. CECILIA**

Adults.....	\$2050.00
Loose.....	414.50
Christmas flowers.....	185.00
<u>Votes.....</u>	<u>2.37</u>
Total last week.....	\$2671.87

45 envelopes, 25%, averaging \$2050.00

**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**

**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**

**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

**Christmas Party—Alice's—Thurs., Jan. 13—5pm**

**RSVP by calling the Rectory Office**

***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.***

Everyone is invited to participate in establishing a new  
**Outreach/Prayer Ministry.**

The first session for discussing this opportunity will be held on  
**January 12, 2022  
at 1:00pm  
and again at 4pm in the  
Little Flower Room.**

**Please join us!**