



## The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 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 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 friend

ST C 12:00 PM +Bruno Ghiotto

by Stambaugh Class of 1950

**MONDAY, January 10, NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, January 11**

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary

ST A 5:30 PM +Ginny Benson

by Tim & Bonnie Peruzzi

**WEDNESDAY, January 12**

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Gerry & John Wercinski

by Rose Carne & Barb Adamson

**ADORATION—follows Mass**

**THURSDAY, January 13**

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Larry Leonarduzzi

by Mary Pellizzaro & family

**FRIDAY, January 14**

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Florence Webber

by Dean & Jeanne Kaczorowski

**ADORATION—follows Mass**

**SATURDAY, January 15**

ST A 4:00 PM +Norma VonHoelle

by Bob & Catherine Cole

**SUNDAY, January 16**

ST C 8:00 AM +Julia Migazzi

by the Dougoveto family

ST A 10:00 AM +Beth Vezzetti

by Mark & Sheri Stauber

ST C 12:00 PM For the parishioners

*Per Bishop John Doerfler,  
masks are highly encouraged.*

**Hand sanitizer is always available at the entrances.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Jan. 10 Mon** 1 Sm 1:1-8 Mk 1:14-20

**Jan. 11 Tues** 1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28

**Jan. 12 Wed** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39

**Jan. 13 Thu** 1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45

**Jan. 14 Fri** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12

**Jan. 15 Sat** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19 10:1 Mk 2:13-17

**Jan. 16 Sun** Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

**WELCOME**

**PRO LIFE CORNER**

***“God created Each of Us  
and Endowed All of Us  
with the Right to Life.”***

South Dakota Governor, Kristi Noem

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

***“If I were to be sick so long  
before my death (Jan. 18,  
1868), what a pitiful man I  
would be! I am a stranger in  
a distant country, those dear  
to me are far from here.  
I always ask God to call me  
from this world after a short  
illness. But I leave it all to  
His most holy will.”***

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**After Jesus was baptized,  
he saw the Spirit of God de-  
scending like a dove and a  
voice was heard, “This is  
my beloved Son, with  
whom I am well pleased.”  
As we give to the poor, we  
also can hear these same  
words.**

**As you help those who are  
suffering, know in your heart  
the truth of the words, “you  
are my beloved with whom I  
am well pleased.”**

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

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

**~Special Mass~**

**In Celebration of the  
Feast Day of St. Agnes  
Friday, January 21**

**MASS at ST. AGNES  
4:30pm**

**Dinner will follow in the parish hall.  
Come join us in this celebration. All are welcome!**

**Please note: there will be NO 8am Mass at St. Cecilia on this day.**

**Thank you to all the talented and hardworking volunteers who  
decorated our Churches so very beautifully for Christmas.**

**You outdid yourselves, again!  
Check our Facebook page for all  
the pictures, comments & likes!!!**

**This week our featured sponsor is:**

**Bigari ACE Hardware  
605 Selden Rd. M-189 South  
Iron River, MI 49935  
Tim Novak, Owner  
Phone: 906-265-9614  
bigace@bigariace.com**

**St. Anne's Society  
~Christmas Party~**

**Thursday, January 13  
5:00pm at Alice's**

**Call the Rectory Office to RSVP**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**—January 9, 2022, The Baptism of the Lord  
 “We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.” — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©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 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

**Thank you!**

To all who sent me gifts, and cards with kind words, some signed and some anonymously, your kindness & generosity was overwhelming.  
 I am so thankful and blessed to know you all!  
 May God Bless each of you. Happy New Year!  
 Kathy

**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 January meeting  
**Christmas Party, Thurs., Jan. 13, 5pm at Alice's**  
**Call the Rectory Office to RSVP**  
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**PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS—Dec. 26**

**ST. AGNES**

Adults.....	\$1034.00
Loose.....	800.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	35.00
Immaculate Conception.....	2.00
Fuel/utility.....	75.00
Christmas offering.....	1445.00
Votives.....	74.25
Total last week.....	\$3465.25

36 envelopes, 19%, averaging \$28.72

**ST. CECILIA**

Adults.....	\$1014.00
Loose.....	377.00
Immaculate Conception.....	5.00
Christmas.....	784.00
Total last week.....	\$2180.00

33 envelopes, 18%, averaging \$30.73

**Thank you for your generosity!**