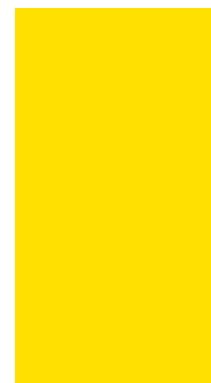


First Sunday of Lent

March 6, 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.

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, March 5

ST C 8:00 AM +Edward Ochylski-by Edw. Ochylski

ST A 4:00 PM +Willie Ketchum—by Deb

SUNDAY, March 6

ST C 8:00 AM For the parishioners

ST A 10:00 AM +Matt Butorac

by Lisa McMullen

ST C 12:00 PM +Estelle Pangrazzi (birthday Feb. 26)

by Jeanne, Dan & Duane

MONDAY, March 7, NO MASS

TUESDAY, March 8

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary

ST A 5:30 PM +Alfred & Elvira Angeli

by Edward Ochylski

WEDNESDAY, March 9

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Bob & +Diane Scalcucci

by Linda, Denise & Gina

ADORATION—follows Mass

THURSDAY, March 10

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Theresa (Capello) Habeck

by Gloria Miravette

FRIDAY, March 11

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Alice Gagne

by Tim & Bonnie Peruzzi

ADORATION—follows Mass

Stations of the Cross: St. A—3:10p/St. C—5:10p

SOUP & BREAD SUPPER follows BOTH Stations times

SATURDAY, March 12

ST A 4:00 PM +Mrs. Fran (Casari) Creegan

by the Sundquist family

SUNDAY,

ST C 8:00 AM +Chalmers McGreaham

by his wife Mitzi

ST A 10:00 AM +Jean Penkivech

by Pete & Denise Maloney

ST C 12:00 PM +Theresa (Capello) Habeck

by Gloria Miravette

~Hand sanitizer is always available at the entrances~

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Feb. 21 Mon Jas 3:13-18 Mk 9:14-29

Feb. 22 Tues 1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19

Feb. 23 Wed Jas 4:13-17 Mk 9:38-40

Feb. 24 Thu Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:41-50

Feb. 25 Fri Jas 5:9-12 Mk 10:1-12

Feb. 26 Sat Jas 5:13-20 Mk 10:13-16

Feb. 27 Sun Sir 24:4-7 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

“The fetus, though enclosed in the womb of its mother, is already a human being and it is a monstrous crime to rob it of the life which it has not yet begun to enjoy. If it seems more horrible to kill a man in his own house than in a field, because a man’s house is his place of most secure refuge, it ought surely to be deemed more atrocious to destroy a fetus in the womb before it has come to light.”

John Calvin

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

I met Fr. Baraga on his way to assist the distressed and needy, about 250 miles from L’Anse Bay on the Fond du Lac trail. His snowshoes had given out in deep snow. Our party made him comfortable and one of my men repaired his snowshoes. Some months later, he told me of his trip and how he found the family sick and destitute; that he had given them medicine and provided for them. Benjamin Armstrong, trader

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Your donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.

Community Easter Dinner

will be held at St. Agnes in the Parish Hall on Easter Sunday.

Dine-in, Take-out, & Delivery will be available.

For take-out & delivery call: Kathy 265-4557 or Janet 265-5820

**St. Anne’s Society
is having a**

Bakeless Bake Sale!

Suggested donation is \$10.00

There are projects at St. Cecilia that will benefit from your donations. Place in an envelope and drop in the collection basket at Mass or at the Rectory Office. Thank you for participating.

This week our featured sponsor is:

BLAGEC BROS., Inc.

**Heating & Cooling of Kingsford
Rheem**

**Heating, Air Conditioning & Sheet
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906-774-2422

Lenten Penance Services

Guardian Angels, Crystal Falls

Sunday—March 13—3pm

Immaculate Conception,

Iron Mt.—Fri, Mar. 18-6:30pm

Stations of the Cross—4:30pm &
Cod Bake 5:00—6:30pm

St. Mary, Norway

Sunday—March 20—3pm

St. Rose, Channing

Thursday—March 24—6pm

St. Agnes, Iron River

Sunday—March 27—4pm

American Martyrs—Kingsford

Sunday—April 3—3pm

GOSPEL MEDITATION—March 6—First Sunday of Lent

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the “path of least resistance.” The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a “pet” one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn’t it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, “As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation.” And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation’s remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us. ©LPi

Don’t forget.....every Friday in Lent

Soup & Bread Supper following Stations of the Cross

**3:10pm Stations of the Cross at St. Agnes
and**

5:10pm Stations of the Cross at St. Cecilia

If you have a favorite meatless soup you’d like to bring and share, there are sign-up sheets at both churches entrances. All are welcome. Come and spend time with parish family while enjoying a Lenten meal.

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, Julie Brown, Craig Barker, Eddie Meyers, Rob Johnson, Emma St. Peter, Cathy Johnson, Bobby Cheetham, Cara Kapczynski, Jim Mangone

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 of St. Cecilia

Third Tuesday of the month—12 Noon

Fr. Sartorelli Hall—**NEW DAY & TIME**

~ORM (Outreach Ministry)~

Third Thursday of the month at 6pm

St. Agnes Little Flower Room

Study in the Bible

Mondays—6pm—Fr. Sartorelli Hall—St. Cecilia

Tuesdays—10am—Little Flower Room—St. Agnes

(On break—resuming March 7 & 8 and during Lent)

Devotion in Honor of our Mother

of Perpetual Help

Tuesdays—after 5:30pm Mass—St. Agnes

Thursdays—after 8am Mass—St. Cecilia

Families at His Feet/Adoration

6pm—7pm, last Wed. of the month—NO CCD classes

this day, all children and adults will meet in the

St. Agnes Church for music, adoration, and more.

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All other Wednesdays there will be Adoration

for adults from 6pm—7pm,

while youth are at CCD

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1471.00
Loose.....	204.00
Fuel/utility.....	10.00
UP Catholic newspaper.....	7.00
Assumption of	10.00
Total last week.....	\$1702.00

63 envelopes, 34%, averaging \$23.35

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1018.00
Loose.....	351.00
UP Catholic newspaper.....	5.00
Easter flowers.....	50.00
Votives	47.75
Total last week.....	\$1471.75

24 envelopes, 24%, averaging \$22.62

Thank you for your generosity!