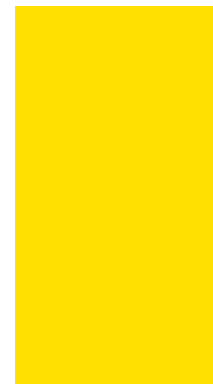


## Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 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, April 2**

ST C 8:00 AM +Estelle Pangrazzi  
by Jeanne, Dan & Duane  
ST A 4:00 PM +Joseph Bourgoine  
by Wilma Hilberg

**SUNDAY, April 3**

ST C 8:00 AM +Candy Karnack  
by Rose Carne & Barb Adamson  
ST A 10:00 AM +Edward Ochylski  
by Edward Ochylski  
ST C 12:00 PM For the parishioners

**MONDAY, April 4, NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, April 5**

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary  
ST A 5:30 PM +Paul Beaver  
by Edward Ochylski

**WEDNESDAY, April 6**

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary  
ST A 8:00 AM +Jan Allard  
by Micki Haydon

**ADORATION—follows Mass**

**THURSDAY, April 7**

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

**FRIDAY, April 8**

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary  
ST C 8:00 AM +Donald "Bud" Taetsch  
by the Knights of Columbus

**ADORATION—follows Mass**

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

**SOUP & BREAD SUPPER follows BOTH Stations**

**SATURDAY, April 9**

ST A 4:00 PM +Bob Haydon  
by his wife Micki & family

**SUNDAY, April 10—Palm Sunday**

ST C 8:00 AM +Robert J. Maki—DOB & DOD  
by Dean & Jeanne Kaczorowski  
ST A 10:00 AM +Bud Taetsch  
by daughter & son-in-law  
ST C 12:00 PM +Dolores & +Gerald Jurecic  
by their children

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Apr 4 Mon** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Jn 8:12-20

**Apr 5 Tues** Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30

**Apr 6 Wed** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42

**Apr 7 Thu** Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59

**Apr 8 Fri** Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42

**Apr 9 Sat** Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56

**Apr 10 Sun** Lk 19:28-40 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14

**WELCOME**

**PRO LIFE CORNER**

**A Christian can never conform to a law which is in itself immoral, and such is the case of a law which would admit in principle the legality of abortion. Nor can a Christian take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law or vote for it...On the contrary, it is the task of law to pursue reform of society and conditions of life in all its milieu, starting with the most deprived, so that always and everywhere it may be possible to give every child coming into this world a welcome worthy of a human person.**

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

**"On my previous visits to the mining districts I usually had only from 12-15 children to baptize and weven this number I considered as especially large. However during my last visit I baptized not less than 56 new born children!"**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**In the Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental.**

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace, and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty.

**Community Easter Dinner**

**The meal is FREE and all are welcome!**

**St. Agnes—Parish Hall—Easter Sunday**

**Delivery will begin at 11:30**

**Take-outs may be picked up at NOON**

**Dine-in from 1:00—3:00pm**

**For take-out or delivery call:**

**Kathy at 265-4557....If there is a problem with leaving a message  
or getting through on this number, please call:**

**Janet 265-5820**

This week our featured sponsor is:

**Crystal Floral Shop**  
500 Adams St., crystal Falls  
906-875-6469

**Family owned and operated.  
Visit us on Facebook**

**Lenten Penance Services**

**American Martyrs—Kingsford  
Sunday—April 3—3pm**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION—April 3—Fifth Sunday in Lent

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow. ©LPi

### Don't forget..... 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**

**April 8th will be the last Friday for Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper.  
Come and spend time with parish family  
while enjoying a delicious Lenten meal.  
All are welcome!**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Roland Kwasny, Mike Manfrom, Cheri Dennis, Doug Damp, 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, Alyce 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 Mantich, 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

Presented by Joe Velie

**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

**PRAYER SERVICE**

Mondays during Lent: 8:30am—9:30am, at St. Agnes

Presented by Dcn Terry Verville

### PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

#### ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1738.00
Loose.....	206.00
Fuel/utility.....	252.00
Catholic schools.....	12.00
Easter flowers.....	145.00
Total last week.....	\$2353.00

62 envelopes, 33%, averaging \$28.03

#### ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$ 995.00
Loose.....	524.00
Fuel/utility.....	40.00
Easter flowers.....	140.00
Votives.....	44.00
Total last week.....	\$1743.00

22 envelopes, 22%, averaging \$24.27

**Thank you for your generosity!**