



St. Agnes
Iron River



St. Cecilia
Caspian



Immaculate Conception
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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.

Sunday—May 15th, 2022

1:00pm—St. Mary, Norway

Congratulation to our Confirmandi:

AUTUMN SMITH—St. Agnes, Iron River

JOSEPH VELIE—St. Cecilia, Caspian

CLARE HOWARD—Immaculate Conception, Watersmeet



Mass Intentions for St. Agnes and St. Cecilia

SATURDAY, May 14

ST A 4:00 PM +Craig Caldwell
by his wife Patricia

SUNDAY, May 15

ST C 8:00 AM +Ardis Honzik
by her family
ST A 10:00 AM +Chris Clement
by Al & Gerry Silfven
ST C 12:00 PM For the parishioners

MONDAY, May 16—NO MASS

TUESDAY, May 17

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary
ST A 5:30 PM +Judy Mariani
by Annie & George Brunswick
& girls

WEDNESDAY, May 18

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary
ST A 8:00 AM +Leonard Wurzer—burial to follow
by his family

ADORATION follows Mass

THURSDAY, May 19

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary
ST C 8:00 AM +Lil Woempner
by Gerry Berezik &
Darlene Bruno

FRIDAY, May 20

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary
ST C 8:00 AM +Cathy Vignali
by Kathy & Marija Saylor

ADORATION follows Mass

SATURDAY, May 21

ST A 4:00 PM +John Korpi
by Jane & Greg Townsend

SUNDAY, May 22

ST C 8:00 AM Special intentions of:
Rose Carne & Barb Adamson
by Auntie Micki
ST A 10:00 AM +William (Bill) Brzoznowski
by Edward Ochylski
ST C 12:00 PM +Catherine Vignali
by Tim & Bonnie Peruzzi

SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>May 16 Mon</u>	Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26
<u>May 17 Tue</u>	Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a
<u>May 18 Wed</u>	Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8
<u>May 19 Thu</u>	Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11
<u>May 20 Fri</u>	Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17
<u>May 21 Sat</u>	Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21
<u>May 22 Sun</u>	Acts 15:1-2 Rv 21:10-14 Jn 14:23-29

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

**“Simple morality dictates that unless and until someone can prove the unborn human is not alive, we must give it the benefit of the doubt and assume it is (alive).
And, thus, it should be entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”—Ronald Reagan**

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

**I found him alone in his little sacristy at Sugar Island. “You must be hungry,” Baraga said, and indeed I was and sat down; but I was afraid to eat at my stomach’s desire, for all that he had for three days was 1 loaf of bread, about 3/4 of a pound of cheese and a half bowl of sugar. I did not stay long.
*Fr. Edward Jacker***

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, Jesus says, “I give you a new commandment: love one another...This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

By your donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you show that you have love for one another, especially those suffering and poor, and that indeed you are the disciple of Jesus.

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Cecilia

**In memory of
Lorraine Brickman
by Jeanne Pangrazzi**



**Watch for an insert in
next weeks bulletin, from
ORM (OurReach Ministry)**

This week our featured sponsor is:

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GOSPEL MEDITATION—May 15, 2022, Fifth Sunday of Easter

“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.” Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It’s no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God’s wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, “a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships.” What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what’s important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it’s authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that’s why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both. ©LPi

May Saint of the Month

St. Isidore the Farmer was born in Madrid about 1070 to parents who were poor but also devout. He spent his life as a hired farmworker and is said to have shared everything with the poor. He was also known to be careful in his farming practices so as to care for the earth. Each morning before going to work, Isidore would attend Mass. One day, the other workers became resentful that Isidore was not yet at work. Legend has it that the master found Isidore at prayer while an angel was plowing the fields for him! St. Isidore is the patron of farmers and fieldworkers. His feast day is May 15.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Roland Kwasny, Mike Mantroni, Chen 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 Slifven, Lee Routhaux, 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, 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, Patricia Caldwell

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

May 17—12 Noon—Fr. Sartorelli Hall

Pizza Luncheon Today! (Next meeting in September.)

~ORM (Outreach Ministry)~

Third Thursday of the month at 6pm

St. Agnes Little Flower Room

Devotion in Honor of our Mother of Perpetual Help

Tuesdays—after 5:30pm Mass—St. Agnes

Thursdays—after 8am Mass—St. Cecilia

Pray to St. Isidore

Loving God, help us to follow the example of St. Isidore who worked and prayed and cared for all of creation—especially people in need—with generosity and love. We ask this through your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1884.00
Loose.....	531.00
Priest Retirement.....	520.00
Votives.....	41.50
Total last week.....	\$3028.50

34 envelopes, 34%, averaging \$34.89

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$2139.00
Loose.....	90.00
Fuel/utility.....	195.00
Easter.....	10.00
Ascension.....	30.00
First Offering.....	5.00
Priest Retirement.....	80.00
Votives.....	27.70
Total last week.....	\$2576.70

68 envelopes, 43%, averaging \$31.46

Thank you for your generosity!