



St. Agnes
Iron River



St. Cecilia
Caspian



Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet



Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 4, 2022

*Happy Labor
Day!!*



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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.**

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, Saturday and at 8:45am until 9:15am on Sunday,

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.

SATURDAY, September 3

ST C 8:00 AM +Del Liptak—by Paula Ingram

ST A 4:00 PM For the parishioners

SUNDAY, September 4

ST C 8:00 AM +Angeline (Abata) Reiser
by her daughters

ST A 10:00 AM +Gale Dae—by a friend

ST C 12:00 PM +Don Marinoff—by Faye Atanasoff

MONDAY—September 5—LABOR DAY—NO MASS

TUESDAY, September 6

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary

ST A 5:30 PM +Don Marinoff—by Faye Atanasoff

WEDNESDAY, September 7

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Juvanelia Smith
by Edward Ochylski

ADORATION follows Mass

THURSDAY, September 8

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Mildred Anderson
by the McNamara's

FRIDAY, September 9

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Dave Adamson (8th anniv. on 9-4)
by his wife & sons

ADORATION follows Mass

SATURDAY, September 10

ST A 4:00 PM +John Korpi
by Deb Ketchum-Bomaster

SUNDAY, September 11

ST C 8:00 AM +Todd Ingram—by his family

ST A 10:00 AM +Al Anderson
by Tim & Bonnie Peruzzi

ST C 12:00 PM For the parishioners

Religious Education

will start on Wednesday,
September 14th, at 6:00pm

Registration material has been mailed
to everyone in the Religious Education
data base. You may also access
registration forms and other required
documents on our parish website.

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Religious Education is in need of a  
teacher for the 1st grade, and  
classroom aides for other grades.  
Contact the parish office at:  
**906-265-4557**  
if you would like to volunteer.

## WELCOME

### **PRO LIFE CORNER**

If you maintain your are “pro-choice”, then you have to say  
you approve abortion if it is chosen.  
So that makes you pro-abortion.  
*Cardinal J. O'Connor*

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

*“Read all day. In the evening I closed the contract  
with Smith for the construction of a church at  
Negaunee for \$250.”*

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

In the Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him,  
the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: “Vincentians witness  
God’s love by embracing all works of charity and justice, the  
Society makes no distinction in those served because, in  
them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.”

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor  
by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

**“ORM (OutReach Ministry) fall Kick Off Meeting will  
be held on Thursday, September 15th,  
in the Little Flower Room, 6:00pm to 7:30pm.**

**Presently we have 20 members and welcome more to join  
this endeavor to reach out to our parishioners  
in all three parishes!**

**Our agenda will be to review our newly established Prayer  
Chain and to discuss our next outreach project.”**

*Please pray for the Eternal Repose of the souls of*

**DONALD “DON” MCDONALD  
MARION ERICKSON**

*May they Rest in Peace & Perpetual Light Shine upon them.*

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Sept 5 Mon 1 Cor 5:1-8 Lk 6:6-11**

**Sept 6 Tue 1 Cor 6:1-11 Luke 6:12-19**

**Sept 7 Wed 1 Cor 7:25-31 Lk 6:20-26**

**Sept 8 Thu Mi 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30**

**Sept 9 Fri 1 Cor 9:16-19 22b-27 Lk 6:39-42**

**Sept 10 Sat 1 Cor 10:14-22 Lk 6:43-49**

**Sept 11 Sun Ex 32:7-11, 1Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32**

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**—Sept. 4, 2022, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. “Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor).” “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. “A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta).” Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don’t feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God’s love and seek it above all other things! ©LPi

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Roland Kwasny, Cheri Dennis, Doug Damp, Robert LaMarche, Kelly & Stacy Williams, Gary P. Johnson, August Menghini, Cari & Pierce Dzanbazoff, Jody Pederson, Debbie Ponzio Clark, Chris Bal, Betty Webber Williams, Mary S., Shelly Silven, 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, Kathleen Miller, Jerry Koski, Arla Thomas, Jayni Angeli, Jim Condon, Teresa Cristan, Regina Robinson, Sandy Moln, Adam Wilson, Marge Phillips, Frances Kozicki, Sue Hammer, Lois Langford, Mitzi McGreaham, Ron Sykora, John Brunswick, Gary Lane, Donna Paraventi, Nancy Clements, Julie Powell, David Coates, Bob & Dolly Watts, Barbara B., Chelsie Hartline, Rhonda Angeli, Mike McIntosh, Ray Cole, Dr. Chuck Newby, Ann Marie Kenny, Lois Brown, Al Anderson, Tom Roth, Don McDonald, Tootsie Amelio, Kevin Ellis, Jim Fleury, Edward “Ta Wash” McGeshick, Marlene Locke, Jason Locke, Lois Moln-Brown, Elizabeth Parchim, Carole Mottes, Kate, Ken Shimun, Jeanne Novak-Smith, Tom Ingold, Gloria Wills, Sara Grahn, Fay Grahn, Bob Lantz, John Otto, Jerry Petts, Matt Sherman, Pat C., Tom & Kristina Korpi, Vickie, Everett Angeli, Preslie Mantsch, Terri, Theresa LaFountain, Mary Woodworth, Lavinia, Alex, Marion, Fr. Jeffrey Kurtz, 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, Tierney Cayo, Ken Routheaux, Rodney Camps, Romell Sims, Bruce Nichols, Arnold Craff

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 (Meeting in September)

**Knights of Columbus**

Second Thursday of the month—6pm

St. Agnes Little Flower Room (Meeting in Sept.)

**St. Agnes Altar Society**

Second Tuesday of the month—1pm

Little Flower Room (Meeting in September)

**St. Anne’s Society of St. Cecilia**

May 17—12 Noon—Fr. Sartorelli Hall

(Meeting in September)

**~ORM (Outreach Ministry)~**

Third Thursday of the month at 6pm

St. Agnes Little Flower Room

Next meeting September 15, 6-7:30pm

**Devotion in Honor of our Mother  
of Perpetual Help**

Tuesdays—after 5:30pm Mass—St. Agnes

Thursdays—after 8am Mass—St. Cecilia

**All of the above will resume their  
meetings in September**



**Prayer Chain**  
**Prayer Request  
forms are at the  
St. Joseph statue  
at St. Agnes  
or at St. Cecilia**

No contribution information due to  
early publication of the bulletin.

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906-265-5540

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906-265-5540