

St. Agnes  
Iron River



St. Cecilia  
Caspian



Immaculate Conception  
Watersmeet

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

**October 26**

**TO OUR PASTOR, FR. JOSE**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Oct. 23, 2022**

**FR. JOSE CHERIAN, PASTOR**

**FR. RAJU JOSE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

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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, October 22**

ST A 4:00 PM +Allyce Westphal—by Joyce Myefski

**SUNDAY, October 23**

ST C 8:00 AM +Charles & +Norma Wiegand  
by their family

ST A 10:00 AM +Mr. & Mrs. John Roche

by their son John Roche

ST C 12:00 PM For the parishioners

**MONDAY—October 24—NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, October 25**

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary

ST A 5:30 PM +Bud & +Mildred Anderson  
by the McNamara family

**WEDNESDAY, October 26**

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Richard Roche  
by his brother John Roche

**ADORATION follows Mass**

**THURSDAY, October 27**

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Del Liptak—by Sharon Ryden

**FRIDAY, October 28**

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Delina Liptak—by daughter Maria

**ADORATION follows Mass**

**SATURDAY, October 29**

ST A 4:00 PM +Doris Prickett  
by Carol & Mark Brunswick

**SUNDAY, October 30**

ST C 8:00 AM +Willie Ketchum—for his birthday  
by Deb

ST A 10:00 AM +David Arcand

by Tim & Bonnie Peruzzi

ST C 12:00 PM +Donna Banks

by Bruce & Harriet Fiorani

**Cold and Flu Season is upon us...**

**Please be mindful of others and stay home if you are  
having any illness symptoms, no matter how slight.  
It is okay to miss Mass if you are ill.**

**We are looking for 6-8 volunteers to bring Communion  
to the Iron River Care Center on Sundays.**

**Masks must be worn while inside the facility.**

**A list of the Catholic residents will be made  
available to those who volunteer.**

**Please prayerfully consider this ministry.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Oct 24 Mon Eph 4:32—5:8 Lk 13:10-17**

**Oct 25 Tue Eph 5:21-23 Lk 13:18-21**

**Oct 26 Wed Eph 6:1-9 Lk 13:22-30**

**Oct 27 Thu Eph 6:10-20 Lk 13:31-35**

**Oct 28 Fri Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16**

**Oct 29 Sat Phil 1:18b-26 Lk 14:1, 7-11**

**Oct 30 Sun Wis 11:22—12:2 2 Thes 1:11—2:2**

**WELCOME**

**PRO LIFE CORNER**

**“I am against abortion: I think that life is sacred and we  
should take a position of being against abortion. I think it  
is wrong to take human life. I thank that  
human life starts at conception.” *Billy Graham***

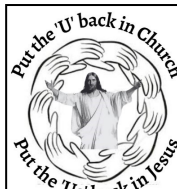
**Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga**

***“Only the wish to help these Indians attain  
eternal salvation keeps me here.”***

**St. Vincent de Paul**

In the Gospel, the tax collector's prayer allows God to be God  
and so allows God to pour mercy into his heart. When we pray  
and give alms to the poor, we allow God's mercy to be poured  
into their hearts.

**Through your generosity, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
was able to bring God's love and mercy to many. Thank you.**



**PRAYER CHAIN**

For Prayer Requests or to be a Prayer Warrior

**Call or Text 612-709-7868** (a local#)

Forms are available at the St. Joseph statue,  
at St. Agnes & St. Cecilia

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

**Mary Ann Artwich & Marietta Keszleri**

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

*There will be Exposition and Prayers, for the defeat of Proposal 3—  
Tuesday, November 8, at 4pm—Benediction at 4:45pm—Rosary at 5pm,  
followed by Mass at 5:30pm  
(This is also our St. Agnes Memorial Mass, see bulletin insert.)*

**This week our featured bulletin sponsor is:**

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**Knights of Columbus, Council 2300  
47th annual Tootsie Roll Drive**

Held a 3 day drive over Columbus Day weekend for  
the benefit of the children of the West Iron County  
School Special Education Class. The Drive was very  
successful and the Council wishes to thank the  
businesses and everyone for their generosity.

Pictured from left:  
Grand Knight Ralph Commenator  
IR Family Foods owner Alex Atanasoff  
Knight Tim Peruzzi

If anyone would like to make a direct donation, in any amount, please send to Drive Chairman  
Art Aregoni, P.O. Box 3, Caspian, MI 49935 Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus  
Council 2300. Thank you.

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**—Oct. 23, 2022—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a thing called “false piety.” It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God’s attention. Forming an exclusive “club,” they divide things between “mine” and “yours” and “us” and “them.” They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game’s name.

The requirements for “club membership” are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of “status” or “salvation,” they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to “my beliefs,” “my parish,” “my way of thinking,” they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered “least” in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you’re joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly “pious.” They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It’s only between you and God. It is nobody else’s business. ©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 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, 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 McGraham, 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, Tom Roth, 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, 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, Bobby Cheetham, Cara Kapczynski, Jim Mangone, Patricia Caldwell, Tierney Cayo, Ken Routheaux, Rodney Camps, Romell Sims, Bruce Nichols, Arnold Craff

**~God’s Blessings Fr. Binu~**  
**You are wished well in your**  
**new assignment. We will miss you.**  
**Safe travels Fr. Jose & Fr. Binu.**

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—12 Noon—Fr. Sartorelli Hall*

**~ORM (Outreach Ministry)~**

*Third Thursday of the month at 6pm—7:30pm*

*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*

### **MEMORIAL MASSES**

**St. Agnes—Tuesday—Nov. 8—5:30pm**

**St. Cecilia—Thursday—Nov. 10—5:30pm**

**These special Masses are in honor of  
members of our parishes  
who have died between  
Oct. 1, 2021 through Sept. 30, 2022**

**Please check the bulletin insert page  
with the names of those who died. If  
your family member/loved one is not on  
the list please call the Rectory Office.**

### **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**

#### **ST. AGNES**

Adults.....	\$1455.00
Loose.....	179.00
Total last week.....	\$2899.00

38 envelopes, 21%, averaging \$32.29

#### **ST. CECILIA**

Adults.....	\$ 874.00
Loose.....	473.00
Christmas flowers.....	30.00
Fuel/utility.....	10.00
Votives.....	27.25
Total last week.....	\$1414.25

31 envelopes, 17%, averaging \$28.19

**Thank you all for your generosity!**