



St. Agnes
Iron River



St. Cecilia
Caspian



Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 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.**

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, and before daily Masses

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, December 3

ST C 8:00 AM +Dolores & +Gerald Jurecic
by their children

ST A 4:00 PM +Linda Bruno-Grossman (her b-day)
by Darlene Bruno & Gerry Berezik

SUNDAY, December 4

ST C 8:00 AM +Deceased of the Dobson family
by Mark & Sheri Stauber

ST A 10:00 AM +Joel DeRoche
by friend Lee Routheaux

ST C 12:00 PM For the parishioners

MONDAY—December 5—NO MASS**TUESDAY, December 6**

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary

ST A 5:30 PM +Ron Sykora
by Tim & Bonnie Peruzzi

WEDNESDAY, December 7

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Mark Saylor
by Jean Zielinski

ADORATION follows Mass**THURS., Dec. 8—Holy Day, The Immaculate Conception BVM**

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Intentions of the Rosary Sodality

ST C 4:30 PM For the people

FRIDAY, December 9

ST C 7:30 AM

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

SATURDAY, December 10

ST A 4:00 PM +Joel DeRoche
by Philip & Mary LaCourt

SUNDAY, December 11

ST C 8:00 AM +Dolores & +Gerald Jurecic
by their children

ST A 10:00 AM +Robert J. Ross
by his wife Ramona & family

ST C 12:00 PM +Bud & +Mildred Anderson
by the McNamaras

WELCOME**PRO LIFE CORNER**

*"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person—among which are the inviolable right of every innocent being to life."
Catechism of the Catholic church 2270*

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

On more than one occasion, Bishop Baraga gave up his bed for a visiting priest, saying, "You must spare yourself, I am old and accustom to such things. I am your bishop; you must obey."

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lor." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Lamp Stand Candles—St. Agnes, Dec. 3—Dec. 11

In loving memory of

Al Perlongo

by Jan,

Derek & Koren and Noah & Nick

**PRAYER CHAIN**

For Prayer Requests and/or to be a Prayer Warrior (those who pray for the request)
Call or Text 612-709-7868 (disregard out of area code #, this is a local parishioner)
Forms are also available at the St. Joseph statue, at St. Agnes & St. Cecilia

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Dec 5 Mon	Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26
Dec 6 Tue	Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14
Dec 7 Wed	Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30
Dec 8 Thu	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6 Lk 1:26-38
Dec 9 Fri	Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19
Dec 10 Sat	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Dec 11 Sun	Is 35:1-6a, 10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

Religious Education Christmas Program
Come and join the Religious Ed children in preparing for Christmas through song and prayer in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, Dec. 14—6pm at St. Agnes A pizza party will follow—all welcome.

GOSPEL MEDITATION—Dec. 4, 2022—Second Sunday of Advent

At sixty years of age, Maria and Paul had a beautiful life. High school sweethearts, they had four children, five grandchildren, a successful business, good friends and a fabulous beach house. They felt very blessed. Their strong faith in God saw them through some difficult challenges. Without warning, Paul died suddenly. Maria was devastated. Why did God do this? Why did God allow this to happen? An indescribable depth of sadness weighed heavily upon her heart. She felt betrayed by the God she thought was looking out for her. She was overwhelmed by despair. Have you ever experienced such incredible and deafening sadness? Where is God in all of the pain?

We often want God to fix things or intervene and change nature's course. When He doesn't act as we desire, it shakes our faith. We do not always understand or appreciate why things happen as they do. There is much that is beyond our control. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus is the way to God. There is something more going on in life than what we can see with human eyes. We are on a sacred path, and God is with us. God is with us in our confusion, suffering, doubts, and intense sadness. Jesus announced God's vision for humanity and taught people to see God and themselves for who they are. There is a way through and beyond all hardship and suffering. God does not abandon us.

God has a clear vision for the future, both for us individually and for our world. It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one and the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb." God is not indifferent. He is the God of "endurance and encouragement." In God, we see what we may be, what may come and who we can become. When Maria opened herself to God's creative presence, she learned to trust. She began to realize that she could endure more than she had imagined. She also discovered a spark of encouragement, bringing her through the sadness to where she could be. In retrospect, Maria knew that God's reassuring presence was with her. ©LPi

St. Cecilia—Lamp Stand Candle—Nov-26—Dec. 4
In loving memory of Kim Anderson
by Terrance, Katie & Carla

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Roland Kwasny, Cheri Dennis, 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 McGreaham, 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, 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, Clarice Bilski

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 Society of St. Cecilia—Next meeting Feb.

Third Tuesday—12 Noon—Fr. Sartorelli Hall

~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

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PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS—Nov. 20

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1935.00
Loose.....	405.00
Fuel/utility.....	120.00
All Souls & All Saints.....	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	20.00
Christmas flowers.....	185.00
Total last week.....	\$2685.00

36 envelopes, 20%, averaging \$53.75

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1393.00
Loose.....	122.00
Christmas flowers.....	15.00
Total last week.....	\$1530.00

40 envelopes, 22%, averaging \$34.83

Thank you all for your generosity!