



St. Agnes
Iron River



St. Cecilia
Caspian



Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 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 17

ST A 4:00 PM +Ron Sykora
by Dcn. Terry & Renee Verville

SUNDAY, December 18

ST C 8:00 AM For the parishioners
ST A 10:00 AM +Cathy (Brey) Johnson
by Al & Geri Silfven
ST C 12:00 PM +Ron Sykora
by Art & Dorothy Aregoni

MONDAY—December 19—NO MASS

TUESDAY, December 20

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary
ST A 5:30 PM +Don McDonald
by Tim & Bonnie Peruzzi

WEDNESDAY, December 21

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary
ST A 8:00 AM +Bob Worts
by John Worts

ADORATION follows Mass

THURSDAY, December 22

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary
ST C 8:00 AM +Delina Liptak
by her daughter Maria

FRIDAY, December 23

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary
ST C 8:00 AM +Sandro & Angeline Capello
by their daughter Donna

ADORATION follows Mass

SATURDAY, December 24—CHRISTMAS EVE

ST A 4:00 PM +John Myefski
by his wife Joyce
ST C 6:00 PM +Walter & +Lillian Cybulski
by the Lundquists

SUNDAY, December 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ST A 9:00 AM +Don Pellizzaro (19th anniversary)
by his wife Mary
ST C 11:00 AM For the parishioners

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

Abortion and racism are evil twins, born of the same lie. Where racism now hides its face in public, abortion is accomplishing the goals of which racism only once dreamed. Together, abortionists are destroying humanity at large and the black community in particular. -Alveda King

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

Fr. Baraga made the six mile walk in very cold weather to instruct the Indians. His sacrifices were well paid for on Christmas Day he baptized 22 persons, the majority of whom were adults.

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him; more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

Your gifts to the society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that “God is with us.”

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes

December 10—18

In loving memory of

Bob Haydon

for his birthday

by his wife Micki and family



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 19 Mon Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25
Dec 20 Tue Is 7:10:14 Lk 1:26-38
Dec 21 Wed Sg 2:8-14 or Zep3:14-18a, Lk 1:39-45
Dec 22 Thu 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56
Dec 23 Fri Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66
Dec 24 Sat Morning 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12 Lk 1:67-79
Dec 25 Sun Vigil Is 62:1-5 Day Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-4

The Rectory Office will be CLOSED on Dec. 23 & Dec. 26
We wish all a Safe and Blessed Merry Christmas!

Lamp Stand Candles—St. Cecilia

December 10—18

In memory of

Ron Sykora

by friends

GOSPEL MEDITATION—Dec. 18, 2022—Fourth Sunday of Advent

A seminary professor of mine once said, “Don’t confuse enthusiasm for a virtue with the virtue itself.” How easy it’s been in my life as a priest to talk about the greatest of virtues — love — and totally fail to live up to its concrete demands!

Fortunately, our religion is not mainly about ideas or virtues but about persons. The angel of the Lord says to Joseph, “Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit” (Mt.1:20). We don’t know exactly why Joseph was scared to receive Mary and therefore Jesus. We do know the solution: take Mary home. It’s so concrete. Look at her. Listen to her. Talk to her. Protect her. Help her. Laugh with her. Eat with her. Rest with her. Christianity begins here for Joseph, so it must with us, too.

New year challenge: This week I challenge you to choose a concrete way to “take Mary into your home.” Praying a weekly or daily Rosary is a proven way. Perhaps for you it’s making a little shrine with a statue or image. Maybe it’s praying a weekly Litany of Our Lady on Saturday night. Whatever it is, make sure it is a concrete action and do it. She will be there. Soon her virtues will follow, especially love. ©LPi
— Father John Muir

Lamp Stand Candle
St. Agnes—Dec. 24
In loving memory of
Bill Gendron
by his wife Joyce

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Special Intention

Your yearly contribution
envelopes are ready to be
picked up at your parish.

Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve

St. Agnes beginning at 3:20pm
followed by Mass at 4:00pm
St. Cecilia beginning at 5:30pm
followed by Mass at 6:00pm
Also, on Christmas Day at St. Cecilia
carols will begin 10:30am & Mass at 11am

Advent Penance Services
Sunday, December 18—4:00pm
St. Cecilia—Caspian

Thursday, December 22—6:30pm
St. Mary & St. Joseph—Iron Mt.

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, Dan Ross

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
NO meetings in December or January

~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—Dec. 4

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$2924.00
Loose.....	336.00
Fuel/utility.....	30.00
Christmas flowers.....	140.00
Immaculate Conception.....	115.00
Votives.....	37.50
Christmas.....	35.00
Total last week.....	\$3417.50

72 envelopes, 40%, averaging \$37.83

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$ 585.00
Loose.....	175.00
Change collection.....	5.45
Christmas.....	40.00
Votives.....	46.65
Total last week.....	\$ 852.10

25 envelopes, 14%, averaging \$23.40

Thank you for your generosity!