



St. Agnes
Iron River



St. Cecilia
Caspian



Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet



The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 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 24—CHRISTMAS EVE

ST A 4:00 PM +John Myefski

by his wife Joyce

ST C 6:00 PM +Walter & +Lillian Cybulski

by the Lundquist family

SUNDAY, December 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ST A 9:00 AM +Don Pellizzaro—14th anniversary

by his wife Mary

ST C 11:00 AM For the parishioners

MONDAY—December 26—NO MASS

TUESDAY—December 27—NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, December 28

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Dwayne Keith

by Pat Pozniak

ADORATION follows Mass

THURSDAY, December 29

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +George Woons

by Betty Bal

FRIDAY, December 30

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Choquette family

by Danielle Chamberlain

ADORATION follows Mass

SATURDAY, December 31—New Year's Eve

ST A 4:00 PM +Edward Marcell—1year anniversary

by his family

SUNDAY, January 1, 2023—New Year's Day

ST C 8:00 AM +LeRoy Dobson

by Mark & Sheri Stauber

ST A 10:00 AM +Dwayne Keith

by Pat Cullnan

ST C 12:00 PM +Tom Ingold

by Knights of Columbus 4th Degree

~Hand sanitizer, for use by everyone,
is always available at our church entrances~

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

There is no better time than now, this very Christmas season, for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the principles taught by Jesus Christ, It is the time to love the Lord, our God, with all our heart—and our neighbors as ourselves.

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

Bishop Baraga's greatest joy came from ordaining twenty new priests during his episcopacy.

St. Vincent de Paul

Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, hearing the words of the angel, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy". Today and throughout the new year, may we take care of our suffering brothers and sisters, bringing hope, not fear.

In the month of December, through your gifts, the society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the spirit of Christmas to many.

Rectory Office

CLOSED

Friday—December 23

Monday—December 26

Friday—December 30



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 26 Mon Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22

Dec 27 Tue 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Dec 28 Wed 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 2:13-18

Dec 29 Thu 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35

Dec 30 Fri Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Dec 31 Sat 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

Jan 1 Sun Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

The Christmas tree is a beautiful symbol of the Nativity. Like the evergreen branches, God's love never withers. The lights remind us that Christ is the light of the world. An angel atop the tree points to the angels that announced Jesus' birth and a star on the highest branch represents the Star of Bethlehem that guided the Magi to the Christ child. Christmas trees help us remember Jesus and why he was born.

GOSPEL MEDITATION—December 25, 2022—The Nativity of the Lord

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're overstimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas! ©LPi

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

***From Fr. Jose, Fr. Raju, Dcn Terry and the Staff
at St. Agnes, St. Cecilia & Immaculate Conception***

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 Tinkley, 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, Ken Routheaux, Rodney Camps, Romell Sims, Bruce Nichols, Arnold Craff, Klaryce 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

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

This weeks featured bulletin sponsor:

ST. ANNE SOCIETY

St. Cecilia Church—Caspian

Meeting in Fr. Sartorelli Hall

3rd Tuesday—12 noon

Off Summer Months

Off December & January

For more info call: 265-4557

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS—Dec. 11

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1481.00
Loose.....	105.00
Immaculate Conception.....	192.00
Christmas.....	10.00
Christmas flowers.....	2.00
All Saints/All Souls.....	2.00
Total last week.....	\$1792.00

53 envelopes, 30%, averaging \$27.94

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1875.00
Loose.....	53.00
Christmas flowers.....	65.00
Immaculate Conception.....	205.00
Fuel/utility.....	60.00
Christmas.....	290.00
Total last week.....	\$2548.00

62 envelopes, 35%, averaging \$53.57

Thank you for your generosity!