



St. Agnes  
Iron River



St. Cecilia  
Caspian



Immaculate Conception  
Watersmeet

# Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

## January 1, 2023



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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 31**

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

**SUNDAY, January 1, 2023**

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

**MONDAY—January 2—NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, January 3**

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary

ST A 5:30 PM +Tom Roth  
by John & Margaret Roth

**WEDNESDAY, January 4**

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Bev Gustafson  
by Rose Ann Carne

**ADORATION follows Mass**

**THURSDAY, January 5**

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +John & +Marion Erickson  
by +Bob & Mary Ann Lundquist

**FRIDAY, January 6**

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Pennoni family  
by Danielle Chamberlain

**ADORATION follows Mass**

**SATURDAY, January 7**

ST C 8:00 AM +Don McDonald & + Julie McDonald  
and Jean McDonald  
by Kevin

ST A 4:00 PM For the parishioners

**SUNDAY, January 8**

ST C 8:00 AM +Elizabeth Peretto  
by Dean & Jeanne Kaczorowski

ST A 10:00 AM +Julia Zdunek  
by her son Larry

ST C 12:00 PM For the parishioners

**WELCOME**

**PRO LIFE CORNER**

***Abortion is the deliberate and violent destruction of  
a living human being by suction,  
dismemberment, or lethal chemical.  
Help stop this holocaust—join pro-life today.  
Please pray to end abortion.***

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

**Camped in a forest in a -40 degrees Fahrenheit cold.  
I was in danger of freezing my face.  
Bishop Baraga, January 22, 1857**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**Today is the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Like Mary may  
we always treasure the events in our life and reflect on them  
in our heart.**

Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in  
2023 so that together we can continue to bring comfort and  
peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering.  
May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours!

***The Rectory Office will be  
CLOSED—Friday—December 30  
We wish all a Safe and  
Happy New Year!***



**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**

**Jan 2 Mon** 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28  
**Jan 3 Tue** 1 Jn 2:29—3-6  
**Jan 4 Wed** 1Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42  
**Jan 5 Thu** 1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51  
**Jan 6 Fri** 1 Jn 5:5-13 Mk 1:7-11  
**Jan 7 Sat** 1 Jn 2:1-11 Jn 2:1-11  
**Jan 8 Sun** Is 60:1-6 Eph3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

**Happiness:**

**Jesus taught us the way to be truly happy is to live the beatitudes. These eight happiness, or blessing, statements can be found in Matthew 5:3-12 and help us focus on having the right attitude as Christians. As a family, learn one beatitude each week and choose one way to live out that beatitude this year. For example, for “Blessed are the peacemakers”(v.9), come to an agreement that you will avoid loud arguments by making time to talk about disagreements together. Courtesy of OSV Take Out**

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**—New Year's Day January 1, 2023

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph at the moment they see the child in the manger. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, "When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "Mangia? Mangia?" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "Mangia means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

— Father John Muir

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***Peace is like water—touching our lives in so many ways  
and connecting us to others around the world.  
This week, try to create a definition of peace as a family.***

Your yearly contribution envelopes  
and our church calendars  
are ready to be picked up at your parish.

### **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

This weeks featured bulletin sponsors:

**St. Cecilia Holy Name Society**

Meetings are on the second Sunday of the  
month following the 8:00am Mass  
in Fr. Sartorelli Hall

**Accepting New Members**

**Call 906-265-4557**

### **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS—Dec. 18**

#### **ST. AGNES**

Adults.....	\$2140.00
Loose.....	252.00
<u>Christmas.....</u>	<u>5.00</u>
Total last week.....	\$2397.00

54 envelopes, 30%, averaging \$39.63

#### **ST. CECILIA**

Adults.....	\$2249.00
Loose.....	122.00
Christmas.....	70.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	50.00
<u>Fuel/utility.....</u>	<u>10.00</u>
Total last week.....	\$2501.00

41 envelopes, 23%, averaging \$54.80

***Thank you for your generosity!***