



**St. Agnes  
Iron River**



**St. Cecilia  
Caspian**

# First Sunday of Advent

**December 3, 2023**

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**Or** [www.dioceseofmarquette.org](http://www.dioceseofmarquette.org).

## WEEKEND HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

**St. Agnes** 4:00 PM **Sat.** & 10:00 AM **Sun.**

**St. Cecilia** 8:00 AM & 12 NOON **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

## 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

## 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.

## 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.



## PRAYER CHAIN

For Prayer Requests and/or to be a Prayer Warrior  
(those who pray for the request)

**Call or Text 612-709-7868** (this is a local parishioner)



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, December 2

ST C 8:00 AM +Adam & +Julia Zorzin  
by Jim & Elaine Baumbartner  
ST A 4:00 PM For the parishioners

### SUNDAY, December 3

ST C 8:00 AM +Julia Migazzi  
by her son Mike  
ST A 10:00 AM +Emma St. Peter  
by Luella Ambach  
ST C 12:00 PM +Bernard & +Therese Puma  
by Katie & Terrance & family

### **MONDAY—December 4—NO MASS**

### TUESDAY—December 5

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary  
ST A 5:30 PM +Kathy Kudlaty  
by friends

### WEDNESDAY, December 6

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary  
ST A 8:00 AM +Chalmers McGreaham  
by Mitzi & family

### **ADORATION after 8am Mass**

### THURSDAY, December 7

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary  
ST C 8:00 AM +Ron & +Eugene Zorzin  
by Jim & Elaine Baumgartner

### FRIDAY, December 8—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

ST C 8:00 AM +Int. of the Rosary Sodality members  
ST A 4:30 PM For the people

### **ADORATION after 8am Mass**

### SATURDAY, December 9

ST A 4:00 PM +Linda Bruno-Grossman  
by Darlene Bruno and  
Gerry Berezik

### SUNDAY, December 10

ST C 8:00 AM +Don McDonald, Julie McDonald,  
+Jean McDonald  
by Kevin & Scott  
ST A 10:00 AM +Krista Clark  
by Joyce Myefski  
ST C 12:00 PM For the parishioners

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Dec 4 Mon 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57 Lk 18:35-43  
Dec 5 Tue Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24  
  
Dec 6 Wed Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37  
Dec 7 Thu Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Dec 8 Fri Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38  
  
Dec 9 Sat Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a 6-8  
Dec 10 Sun Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

## WELCOME

### PRO LIFE CORNER

***“You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion.” Pope John Paul II***

### Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

The ice was thin and soon the travelers, horses and sleigh were in an impromptu cold bath, not at all desirable; by great exertion the whole party was saved, Bishop Baraga and his companions having an additional covering in a coat of ice. *Detroit Catholic Vindicator, 1856*

### St. Vincent de Paul

As we begin Advent we are called to “Be watchful! Be alert!” as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.**

*Lamp Stand Candle—St. Cecilia—December 2*

### *In Memory of:*

***Bernard & Therese Puma***  
*by Katie & Terrance & family*

### Make Sure You Are Receiving the U.P. Catholic

The U.P. Catholic newspaper is a publication that seeks to inform, evangelize and educate the faithful in the Diocese of Marquette. All parishioners should be receiving the newspaper as a member of their parish. Please contact your parish office if you are not receiving the U.P. Catholic newspaper.

### Wise Men’s Retreat

**Friday, December 1—Sunday, December 3**  
**To register go to: [mtucatholic.org](http://mtucatholic.org)**  
**or call Fr. Ben Haase at: 906-290-2434**

## Christmas Mass Times

### ST. AGNES

Christmas Eve: 4:00pm  
Christmas Day: 10:00am

### ST. CECILIA

Christmas Eve: 6:30pm (new time)  
Christmas Day: 8:00am

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—WATERSMEET

Christmas Eve: 4pm  
Christmas Day: 9:30am

**Sunday Mass obligation: St. Agnes—4:00pm Saturday**  
**St. Cecilia—8:00am Sunday**

**Immaculate Conception—4:00pm Saturday & 9:30am Sunday**

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION** –December 3, 2023, First Sunday of Advent

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too. — *Father John Muir* ©LPI

***Contribution info will be delayed due to early publication of the bulletins.***

Knights of Columbus 20-20 Raffle  
Week #17 winner is: Linda Lindberg

## **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, Dolly Watts, Barbara B., Chelsie Hartline, Rhonda Angeli, Mike McIntosh, Ray Cole, Dr. Chuck Newby, Ann Marie Kenny, Lois Brown, 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, 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, Klaryce Bilski, Dan Ross, Carol Angeli, Dallas Duda, Roman Von-Holle, Stephanie Cruz, Bill Swienty, Dolores Ansay, Mary Conlin, Mike Sheehy, Jean Bess

CHANGE COLLECTION:  
CANISTERS ALWAYS AT THE ENTRANCES

**Adoration—St. C follows Fri. 8am Mass**

**Adoration—St. A follows Wed. 8am Mass**

### **Nursing Facility Masses**

**ICMCF—10am—First Wednesday of the month**

**IRCC—10am—Second Wednesday of the month**

### **Holy Hour—St. Agnes**

*Last Sunday of the month*

3pm—4pm (doors open at 2:45pm)

### **Holy Name Men's Club**

Meeting the second Sunday of the month

in Fr. Sartorelli Hall after 8 Mass

### **Knights of Columbus**

Meeting the second Thurs. of the month—6pm—LFR

### **St. Agnes Altar Society**

Meeting the second Tues. of the month—1pm—LFR

### **St. Anne's Society of St. Cecilia**

Meeting the **third Tuesday** of the month—**9:00am**

### **ORM (Outreach Ministry)**

Meeting the **first Tuesday** of the month—**1pm**—LFR

### **Devotion in Honor of our Mother of Perpetual Help**

Tuesdays—after 5:30pm Mass—St. Agnes

Thursdays—after 8am Mass—St. Cecilia

### **St. Vincent de Paul—Food Pantry**

2nd collection will be held

The last Sunday of each month.

## **St. Agnes Church Christmas Decorating**

will take place on Wednesday

December 20th

1:00pm

We could use your help & decorating skills!  
Come for as much or as little time as you can spare :)

## **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS—Nov. 19**

### **ST. AGNES**

Adults.....	\$201.00
Loose.....	95.00
All Saints.....	5.00
All Souls.....	5.00
Christmas flowers.....	140.00
Fuel/utility.....	20.00
Votives.....	27.25
Total.....	\$2313.25

46 envelopes, 27%, averaging \$43.93

### **ST. CECILIA**

Adults.....	\$162.00
Loose.....	250.00
Christmas flowers.....	70.00
All Saints.....	10.00
Fuel/utility.....	120.00
Votives.....	68.35
Total.....	\$2140.35

44 envelopes, 25%, averaging \$36.86

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