



**St. Agnes  
Iron River**



**St. Cecilia  
Caspian**

## Second Sunday of Advent

### December 10, 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.

#### **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.

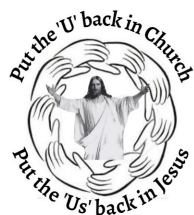
#### **ANOIDING OF THE SICK:**

Whenever someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, or is dying, contact the parish office immediately.

#### **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)



**SATURDAY, December 9**

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

**SUNDAY, December 10—Second Sunday of Advent**

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

ST A 10:00 AM +Krista Clark  
by Joyce Clark

ST C 12:00 PM For the parishioners

**MONDAY—December 11—NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, December 12**

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary  
ST A 5:30 PM +Dan Vignali  
by Sandy & Mike Kabot

**WEDNESDAY, December 13**

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary  
ST A 8:00 AM +Marie Roche  
by her son John Roche

**ADORATION after 8am Mass**

**THURSDAY, December 14**

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary  
ST C 8:00 AM +Elvira Mitchell  
by the Margoni family

**FRIDAY, December 15**

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary  
ST C 8:00 AM +Alex Rigodanzo  
by Tim & Bonnie Peruzzi

**ADORATION after 8am Mass**

**SATURDAY, December 16**

ST A 4:00 PM +Mike Hanmer  
by Sue

**SUNDAY, December 17—Third Sunday of Advent**

ST C 8:00 AM +Bob Haydon  
by Rose Carne  
ST A 10:00 AM For the parishioners  
ST C 12:00 PM +Earl Clark  
by his family

Please pray for the Eternal Repose of the soul of

**Marianne Hanold**

May she Rest in Peace  
and Perpetual Light shine upon her.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Dec 11 Mon** Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26

**Dec 12 Tue** Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Dec 13 Wed** Is 40:25-31 My 11:28-30

**Dec 14 Thu** Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15

**Dec 15 Fri** Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19

**Dec 16 Sat** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Dec 17 Sun** Is 61:1-2a 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-58

**WELCOME**

**PRO LIFE CORNER**

Humanity has overcome the food chain, and having surpassed all other predators, has now turned to a strange form of cannibalism: humanity preys upon itself. We murder our own children by abortion. This is what we call "progress". This is not progress, its self-genocide.

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

Bishop Baraga ordered me to sleep in the only bed available in the parsonage, while he himself slept on the floor with only a mat under him and a cloak for his cover. The bishop refused even a pillow. "You must spare yourself," he would say; "I am old and accustomed to such things. I am your bishop; you must obey." *Fr. Chebul*

**St. Vincent de Paul**

In the Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." 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

12-9-23

In loving memory of

**Al Perlongo**

by Jan, Derek, Koren, Nick & Noah

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes

12-16-23

In loving memory of

**Bob Haydon for his birthday**

by Micki & family

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

**Sunday, December 10—3pm**

**St. Cecilia, Caspian**

**Thursday, December 14—6pm**

St. Mary & St. Joseph, Iron Mountain

**Sunday, December 17—3pm**

St. Mary Queen of Peace, Kingsford

**Wednesday, December 20—6pm**

St. Rose, Channing

**Thursday, December 21—6pm**

Guardian Angels Crystal Falls

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION—December 10, 2023—Second Sunday of Advent**

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

**-Father John Muir ©LPi**

## **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 Pono-zo Clark, Chris Bal, Betty Webber Williams, Mary S., Shelly Silfven, Lee Routheaux, Sharon Warner, Patricia Sebastian, Jacob Tomasoski, David Eberhard, Joyce Single-ton, 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 Han-mer, Lois Langford, Mitzi McGreaham, John Brunswick, Gary Lane, Donna Paraventi, Nancy Clements, Julie Powell, David Coates, Dolly Watts, Barbara B., Chelsie Hart-line, 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, 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 VonHolle, Stephanie Cruz, Bill Swienty, Dolores Ansay, Mary Conlin, Mike Sheehy, Jean Bess, Chuck Wiegand, Jr., Nancy Shepich

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.

Knights of Columbus 20-20 Raffle  
week 18 winner is:  
Andy Fiorazo

## **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS—Dec. 3**

### **ST. AGNES**

Adults.....	\$2521.00
Loose.....	405.00
Christmas flowers.....	50.00
Christmas offering.....	90.00
Immaculate Conception.....	40.00
Votives.....	25.50
Fuel/utility.....	50.00
Total last week.....	\$3181.50

69 envelopes, 40%, averaging \$36.54

### **ST. CECILIA**

Adults.....	\$1495.00
Loose.....	395.00
Christmas flowers.....	50.00
Christmas offering.....	65.00
Immaculate Conception.....	45.00
Fuel/utility.....	25.00
Votives.....	36.30
Total last week.....	\$2111.30

45 envelopes, 25%, averaging \$33.22

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