



**St. Agnes
Iron River**



**St. Cecilia
Caspian**

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 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.

ANointing 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)



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 16

ST A 4:00 PM +Michael Hanmer
by Sue

SUNDAY, December 17

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

MONDAY—December 18—NO MASS

TUESDAY—December 19

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary
ST A 5:30 PM +Bob Watts
by Mike & Sandy Goriesky

WEDNESDAY, December 20

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

ADORATION after 8am Mass

THURSDAY, December 21

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary
ST C 8:00 AM +Charles & +Angeline Reiser
by their daughters

FRIDAY, December 22

ST C 8:00 AM +Walter & +Lillian Cybulski
by the Lundquist family

ADORATION after 8am Mass

SATURDAY, December 23—fulfills weekend obligation

ST A 4:00 PM +Kathy Sacchetti
by Mr. & Mrs. Al Manfredi

SUNDAY—December 24—fulfills weekend obligation

ST C 8:00 AM For the parishioners

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES—December 24

ST A 4:00 PM +John Myefski
by his wife Joyce

ST C 6:30 PM +Julia Migazzi
by her son Mike

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES—December 25:

ST C 8:00 AM For the people
ST A 10:00 AM +Dolores & +Gerald Jurecic and
+Todd Ingram—by their family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Dec 18 Mon Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25

Dec 19 Tue Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:35-25

Dec 20 Wed Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38

Dec 21 Thu Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-45

Dec 22 Fri 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56

Dec 23 Sat Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66

Dec 24 Sun 2 Sm 7:1-5 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

How is the person who considers abortion to be murder any different from the Pole who knew what was going to happen at Auschwitz? If the Pole was morally obligated to attempt to save lives, isn't the person who opposes abortion under the same obligation?

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

About 4 in the morning, Baraga could be found kneeling on the cold, frozen ground, deeply engrossed in prayer. To talk thus to his Master rekindled his every burning missionary zeal into a lambent flame.

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving.....please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Share the blessings of Christmas.

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes

December 23

In loving memory of

Don Rose

with much love by his wife Peggy

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Cecilia

December 23

In loving memory of

Linda Shubat & Kathy Shubat-Yee

by Jo Callovi & Joe Shubat

If you or a loved one is 100 years old or above,
please call the Rectory Office at

906-265-4557

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 17, 2023, Third Sunday of Advent

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— *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 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, Nancy Shepich, Charles Wiegand, Jr., Gerald Fitzpatrick

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

Knights of Columbus 20-20 Raffle

Week #19 winner is: XXX

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CHILDREN'S MASS....

on Thursday, Dec. 28th, the Feast of the Holy Innocents there will be Mass at 5pm at St. Cecilia. This Mass will have a special focus on the youth of our parishes, who will be taking on the roles of altar servers, ushers, readers, and singing with the choir. At the conclusion of Mass, some of the children will sing Christmas carols. A Christmas dinner will be served following the carols. Everyone is welcome to join us, in Father Sartorelli Hall, for the dinner. We are hoping to fill the Church with our youth and their families, as well as our parish family members.