



Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 24, 2023



SATURDAY, December 23

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

SUNDAY, December 24—4th Sun. of Advent/obligation

ST C 8:00 AM For the parishioners

Christmas Eve Masses:

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 parishioners

ST A 10:00 AM +Dolores & +Gerald Jurecic
by their family

TUESDAY, December 26

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary

ST A 5:30 PM +Bill Gendron
by his wife Joyce

WEDNESDAY, December 27

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Fr. George Kruzick
by his cousin Mitzi McGreaham

ADORATION after 8am Mass

THURSDAY, December 28—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

CHILDRENS MASS—dinner to follow—ALL ARE WELCOME!

ST C 5:00 PM +Donald Pellizzaro—by Mary & family

FRIDAY, December 29

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Elvira Mitchell
by the Goetz family

ADORATION after 8am Mass

SATURDAY, December 30

ST A 4:00 PM +Mary Shepich
by her daughter Mitzi McGreaham

SUNDAY, December 31—New Years Eve

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

ST A 10:00 AM For the parishioners

ST C 12:00 PM +Elvira Mitchell
by Bruno & Nancy Margoni

New Year's Day—Mass at St. Agnes—9:00am

The Rectory Office will be CLOSED
Christmas Day—December 25
&
Tuesday—December 26

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Dec 25 Mon Vigil: Is 62:1-5 **Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12 **Day:** Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

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

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

Dec 28 Thu 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 2:13-18

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

Dec 30 Sat 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

“A Christian can never conform to a law which is in itself immoral, and such is the case of a law which would admit in principle the licitly of abortion. Nor can a Christian take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law or vote for it...On the contrary, it is the task of law to pursue reform of society and conditions of life in all its milieu, starting with the most deprived, so that always and everywhere it may be possible to give every child coming into this world a welcome worthy of a person.”

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

“Happy day which first placed me in the midst of the Native Americans, among whom I now shall live until I draw my last breath, if such is the most holy will of God.”

Frederic Baraga

St. Vincent de Paul

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

You gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings light and joy to those living in poverty. Our Iron River SVdP helped 163 families with food, 2 with water bills, 1 motel night, and 6 clothing vouchers in November.

Lamp Stand Candles—St. Agnes

December 23

In memory of

Lila Culver

by Carol & Mark Brunswick

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes

December 30

In loving memory of

Don Rose

with much love—by Peggy

Children's Mass at St. Cecilia!

Thursday, December 28—5:00pm

the Feast Day of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

The youth of our parishes will be taking on the roles of altar servers, ushers, readers and choir. At the conclusion of Mass some of the children will sing Christmas carols. A Christmas dinner will be served following the carols. All our youth, their families and guests, as well as our Parish Family members are welcome to join us in Fr. Sartorelli Hall for the Christmas dinner. We are hoping to fill the Church with our youth and their families as well as our parish family members! All are welcome!

GOSPEL MEDITATION—December 24, 2023—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "But she was greatly troubled at what was said." An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing. Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God."

-Father John Muir ©LPi

***We wish all our parishioners and guests a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR!***

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, Kath-leen Miller, Jerry Koski, Arla Thomas, Jayni Angeli, Jim Condon, Teresa Cristan, Regi-na 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, Nancy Shepich, Chuck 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

The last Sunday of each month.

Knights of Columbus 20-20 Raffle

Week 20 winner is:

Scott Verville

Week 20 second chance winner is:

St. Agnes Church—donation by purchaser

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS—Dec. 10

ST. AGNES

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| Adults..... | \$1199.00 |
| Loose..... | 320.00 |
| Christmas flowers..... | 25.00 |
| Christmas offering..... | 100.00 |
| Immaculate Conception..... | 375.00 |
| Votes..... | 35.55 |
| Fuel/utility..... | 5.00 |
| Total last week..... | \$2059.55 |

50 envelopes, 29%, averaging \$23.98

ST. CECILIA

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| Adults..... | \$2284.00 |
| Loose..... | 190.00 |
| Christmas flowers..... | 25.00 |
| Christmas offering..... | 80.00 |
| Immaculate Conception..... | 224.00 |
| Fuel/utility..... | 75.00 |
| Votes..... | 69.50 |
| Total last week..... | \$2947.50 |

58 envelopes, 32%, averaging \$39.38

Thank you for your generosity!