



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 2023

Happy New Year!

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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 30

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

SUNDAY, December 31

ST C 8:00 AM +Don McDonald, Julie McDonald,
+Jean McDonald
by Kevin & Scott
ST A 10:00 AM For the parishioners
ST C 12:00 PM +Elvira Mitchell
by Bruno & Nancy Margoni

MONDAY—January 1—Solemnity of Mary

ST A 9:00 AM +Harry & +Mary Pearson
by friend Mitzi McGreaham

TUESDAY, January 2

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary
ST A 5:30 PM Special Intentions of
Tim & Bonnie Peruzzi
by Bill Swienty

WEDNESDAY, January 3

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary
ST A 8:00 AM +Craig Caldwell
by his wife Patricia

ADORATION after 8am Mass

THURSDAY, January 4

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary
ST C 8:00 AM +Dan Vignali—8th anniversary
by Sandy & Mike Kabat

FRIDAY, January 5

ST C 8:00 AM +Julia Migazzi
by her son Mike

ADORATION after 8am Mass

SATURDAY, January 6

ST C 8:00 AM +Elvira Mitchell
by Dr. Don & Karen Patton
ST A 4:00 PM +John Roche
by his son John Roche

SUNDAY, January 7

ST C 8:00 AM For the parishioners
ST A 10:00 AM +Charles & +Leona Shimun
by their daughter Patricia Caldwell
ST C 12:00 AM +Barbara Capello-Lewis
by her sister Donna Capello

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jan 1 Mon Sir 3:2-6 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:22-40

Jan 2 Tue 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28

Jan 3 Wed 1 Jn 2:2—3:6 Jn 1:29-34

Jan 4 Thu 1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42

Jan 5 Fri 1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 43:51

Jan 6 Sat 1 Jn 5:5-13 Mk 1:7-11

Jan 7 Sun Is 60:1-6 zEph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

“If a physician presumes to take into consideration in his work whether life has value or not, the consequences are boundless and the physician becomes the most dangerous man in the state.”—Dr. Christoph Hufeland, Germany, 1762-1836

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

The last day of the year 1861. Very mild weather, no ice on the river.
(31 years in America)
Bishop Baraga, December 31, 1861

St. Vincent de Paul

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families “grow in wisdom and have the favor of god upon them.”

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting many families by providing food, gifts and utility and rent bills. Thanks!

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes

January 6

In loving memory of

Bob Haydon

*for his 11th anniversary
by his wife Micki and family*

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes

January 6

In loving memory of

Robert J. Ross

by his wife Ramona and family

If you or a loved one is 100 years old or above,
please call the Rectory Office at
906-265-4557

**The Christmas tree is a beautiful symbol of the Nativity.
Like the evergreen branches, God’s love never withers.
The lights remind us that Christ is the light of the world.**

**An angel atop the tree points to the angels that
announced Jesus’ birth.**

**A star on the highest branch represents the
Star of Bethlehem that guided the Magi to the Christ child.
Christmas trees help us remember Jesus and why he was born.**

GOSPEL MEDITATION—December 31, 2023
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable China dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too. — *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, Kларыce 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 on
 the last weekend of the month.

Please pray for the Eternal Repose of the souls of:

Martin Bemis

Ronnie Jones

Lance Luckey

May they Rest in Peace and
 Perpetual Light shine upon them

Father Daniel will be blessing homes.
 Please call the Rectory Office if you
 would like to be put on the list
 to have *your* home blessed.

Call 906-265-4557

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS—Dec. 17

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$5436.00
Loose.....	278.00
Immaculate Conception.....	10.00
Christmas.....	80.00
Christmas Flowers.....	20.00
Fuel/utility.....	80.00
Votives.....	55.25
Total last week.....	\$5959.25

57 envelopes, 33%, averaging \$95.37

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1073.00
Loose.....	157.00
Christmas.....	25.00
Votives.....	35.75
Total last week.....	\$1290.75

29 envelopes, 23%, averaging \$37.16

Thank you for your generosity!