



**St. Agnes  
Iron River**



*Epiphany*



**St. Cecilia  
Caspian**

## The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024

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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)



**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

ST C 12:00 PM +Barbara Capello-Lewis

by her sister Donna Capello

**MONDAY, January 8—NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, January 9—NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, January 10—NO MASS & NO ADORATION**

**THURSDAY, January 11—NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, January 12—NO MASS & NO ADORATION**

**SATURDAY, January 13**

ST A 4:00 PM +Bill Gendron

by his wife Joyce

**SUNDAY, January 14**

ST C 8:00 AM +Julia Migazzi

by her son Mike

ST A 10:00 AM +Leonard Wurzer

by Mary Wurzer

ST C 12:00 PM For the parishioners

2023 Christmas SCRIP Promotion Winners are:

Catherine Cole

and

Mary Pellizzaro

***Thank you...***

***to those who brought their children to take***

***part & make our Children's Mass a success!***

***Thanks also to Fr. Daniel, DRE Joe Velie, and***

***the church kitchen ladies for preparing and***

***serving the delicious dinner.***

***And to all those that attended this special Mass***

***we are so grateful for your participation.***

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Jan 8 Mon** Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 Mk 1:7-11

**Jan 9 Tue** 1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28

**Jan 10 Wed** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39

**Jan 11 Thu** 1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45

**Jan 12 Fri** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12

**Jan 13 Sat** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a Mk 2:13-17

**Jan 14 Sun** 1 Sm 3:3b-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a Jn 1:35-42

**WELCOME**

**PRO LIFE CORNER**

**“Every time stem cells are obtained from a human embryo,  
the inner cell mass is destroyed, along with  
an innocent human person,” he said.**

**“There is no ethical way to obtain stem cells from a human  
embryo-and there are no exceptions to this statement.”**

**Fr. Joseph Howard, Jr., M.Div.,**

**Director, American Bioethics Advisory commission**

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

**January 7, 2020-** In January 1852, Fr. Baraga wished to visit a group of Native Americans, but to cover the vast distance he walked without stopping for twenty-four hours, day and night on snowshoes, with only a piece of bread in his pocket.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**In the spirit of the Magi, please make your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.**

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes

December 30—January 7

In memory of

**Martin Bemis**

by the Campain family

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**Anthony Owusu Manu**

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman—Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible. “Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance,” writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

“See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory.” — Isaiah 60:2 ©LPi

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION—January 7, 2024 —The Epiphany of the Lord**

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, “This place is boring. I want to go somewhere.” So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, “Where am I truly at home?”

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, “They were overjoyed at seeing the star.” This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you’re a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, “Follow me! I will take you home!” Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home. *-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 Hammer, 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, 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.

**Keep up-to-date  
on information and event  
pictures by following us on  
Facebook and on  
our webpage.**

#### **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS—Dec. 24**

##### **ST. AGNES**

Adults.....	\$1451.00
Loose.....	920.00
Christmas offering.....	990.00
Votives.....	126.00
Fuel/utility.....	10.00
Total last week.....	\$3497.00

41 envelopes, 24%, averaging \$35.39

##### **ST. CECILIA**

Adults.....	\$1999.00
Loose.....	448.00
Christmas flowers.....	30.00
Christmas offering.....	1446.00
Fuel/utility.....	10.00
Votives.....	54.50
Total last week.....	\$3987.50

58 envelopes, 32%, averaging \$34.47

*Thank you for your generosity!*