



**St. Agnes  
Iron River**



**St. Cecilia  
Caspian**

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2024

**FR. DANIEL FOSU, PASTOR**  
**Dcn. Terry Verville, Permanent Deacon**  
**Kathy Saylor, Secretary, Office: 906-265-4557**  
**Joe Velie, DRE, 906-367-2315 (Religious Ed. calls only)**

### ST. AGNES PARISH

702 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Iron River, MI 49935-1304  
**Parishes' Office Phone (906) 265-4557**

### ST. CECILIA PARISH

510 Brady Street, Caspian—physical address  
**Send mail to:** 702 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Iron River, MI 49935-1304  
**Phone (906) 265-4557**

**Email:** [stagnesstcecilia@gmail.com](mailto:stagnesstcecilia@gmail.com)

**Web Site:** [www.catholicyooperfaithful.org](http://www.catholicyooperfaithful.org)

**Or** [www.dioceseofmarquette.org](http://www.dioceseofmarquette.org).



### 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, January 20

ST A 4:00 PM For the parishioners

### SUNDAY, January 21

ST C 8:00 AM +Larry Leonarduzzi  
by Tracy & family

ST A 10:00 AM +Mr. & Mrs. Alex Antoskiewicz  
by their granddaughter Patricia Caldwell

ST C 12:00 PM +Elvira Mitchell  
by Barbara Zorzin

### MONDAY, January 22—NO MASS

### TUESDAY, January 23

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary

ST A 5:30 PM +Marianne Hanold  
by Tim & Bonnie Peruzzi

### WEDNESDAY, January 24

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Jerry Fitzpatrick  
by his family

**ADORATION follows Mass**

### THURSDAY, January 25

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Elvira Mitchell  
by John & Bonnie Baldwin

### FRIDAY, January 26

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Alex Rigodanzo  
by friends-the McGreaham family

**ADORATION follows Mass**

### SATURDAY, January 27

ST A 4:00 PM Special Intention of Dcn Terry &  
Renee Verville  
by Bill Swienty

### SUNDAY, January 28

ST C 8:00 AM +Elvira Mitchell  
by Mike & Sharon Dedo

ST A 10:00 AM For the parishioners

ST C 12:00 PM +Giuseppe Peretto  
by the Maki sisters

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Jan 22 Tue Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of  
Unborn Children...Lectionary for Ritual  
Masses, vol. IV "Mass for Peace &  
Justice", nos. 887-891

Jan 23 Tue 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Mk 3:31-35

Jan 24 Wed 2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20

Jan 25 Thu Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 Mk 16:15-18

Jan 26 Fri 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mk 4:26-34

Jan 27 Sat 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41

Jan 28 Sun Dt 15:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

## WELCOME

### PRO LIFE CORNER

**Freedom does not mean that right to do whatever we  
please, but rather to do as we ought.**

**The right to do whatever we please  
reduces freedom to a physical power and forgets  
that freedom is a moral power.**

### Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

**Our good and venerated Bishop Baraga has died. He is gone  
and has left us orphans and next Friday, we will be obligated  
to accompany him to his last home. Who could measure the  
extent of our loss. *Father Bourion***

### St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make  
you fishers of men." As Disciples, we are called to continue God's work  
on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living Gospel values.

**In the month of December our local St. Vincent de Paul has assist-  
ed 160 families (411 people) with food, 1 with water bills, 1 bus  
ticket and 2 clothing vouchers. Thank you!**

### **Lamp Stand Candles—St. Cecilia**

In loving memory of

**Todd Ingram  
and**

**Dolores Jurecic**

by their family

### **Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes**

January 27—February 4

In loving memory of

**Patty Waite**

by Bernice Waite

### **Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes**

January 27—February 4

In loving memory of

**Patty Waite**

by the Waite family

EVERY SAINT HAS A PAST

EVERY SINNER HAS A FUTURE

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION—January 21, 2024 —3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies. -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

#### **Outreach Mission Team—NEW NAME (was ORM)**

Meeting the third Thursday of the month—6pm—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**

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

Adults.....	\$1299.00
Loose.....	204.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	15.00
Immaculate Conception.....	10.00
Fuel/utility.....	30.00
Total last week.....	\$1558.00

52 envelopes, 30%, averaging \$24.98

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

Adults.....	\$1565.00
Loose.....	76.00
First offering.....	108.00
Christmas offering.....	35.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	44.00
Immaculate Conception.....	10.00
Total last week.....	\$1838.00

62 envelopes, 35%, averaging \$25.24

**Thank you for your generosity!**