



**St. Agnes
Iron River**



**St. Cecilia
Caspian**

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2024

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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, January 27

ST A 4:00 PM Special intentions 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

MONDAY, January 29—NO MASS

TUESDAY, January 30

ST A 5:00 PM Rosary

ST A 5:30 PM +Martin Bemis
by Tim & Bonnie Peruzzi

WEDNESDAY, January 31

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Vern Worth
by John Roche

ADORATION FOLLOWS MASS

THURSDAY, February 1

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Elvira Mitchell
by Mike & Denise Loia

FRIDAY, February 2

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Sally Palmer—by Jeanne Pangrazzi

SATURDAY, February 3

ST C 8:00 AM +Dolores Jurecic—by her family

ST A 4:00 PM +Ernest, +Bertha, +Pete Callovi
by Dave Callovi family

SUNDAY, February 4

ST C 8:00 AM For the parishioners

ST A 10:00 AM +Jim & +Helen Fidler
by Patricia Caldwell

ST C 12:00 PM +Elvira Mitchell
by Dobson & Schindler families

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

“Some of the evils we face today are partly our fault. Back in the 1960’s one woman, Madalyn Murray O’Hair, got prayer removed from public schools. Then they decriminalized the killing of pre-born babies. Pornography, transgenderism and bathroom wars followed while most of us simply yawned and looked away. Our silence is destroying America. Speak out now while you still can.

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

January 31, 1831, Fr. Baraga became part of the Diocese of Cincinnati which encompassed the Great Lakes. There were 988,807 inhabitants, of which 27,000 were Catholics and only 25 priests.

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

National Eucharistic Congress

July 17-21/Indianapolis, Indiana

The Diocese of Marquette has purchased 75 tickets thanks to a Legacy of Faith grant.

If you’d like to register for one, visit: petersway.com/1049.htm and click the “Make a Deposit” button before January 13.

If you don’t need to reserve a hotel room (at the reduced price listed) you won’t have to enter your credit card info. The 75 free tickets are available first come/first served. If you need assistance call Megan at Petersway, 516-605-1551 ext. 18 or go to: megan@petersway.com

Please pray for the Eternal Repose of the soul of:

Jaqueline “Jackie” Waite

May she Rest in Peace and
Perpetual Light shine upon her.

FYI—Mark your calendars!

The St. Anne Society will not meet in January or February.

The next meeting will be on April 16, 2024,
9:00am,

in Fr. Sartorelli Hall.

Also beginning the weekend of April 6—7
the annual Bakeless Bake Sale will be held.

There will be envelopes, in the pews, for your convenience.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jan 29 Mon 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20

Jan 30 Tue 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a Mk 5:21-43

Jan 31 Wed 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Mk 6:1-6

Feb 1 Thu 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13

Feb 2 Fri Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

Feb 3 Sat 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34

Feb 4 Sun Jb 7:1-4 1 Cor 2:16-19 Mk 1:29-39

Widow and Widower Gathering

(a social group {not dating} for the remaining spouse)
meet on the second Monday of each month at 1:00pm in
Room 211 at the Windsor Center, Iron River, Michigan,
unless there is an outing scheduled.

This group does not provide grief counseling.
Contact Sue P. at 906-265-4771 for more information.

GOSPEL MEDITATION—January 28, 2024 —4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie “Nefarious” features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?” Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man’s identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, “Quiet! Come out of him!” Jesus’ word has the power to restore the man’s singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

-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.

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—(formerly ORM)

Meeting the Third Thurs. 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.

Please pray for the Eternal Repose
of the soul of:

Patricia Roberts

May she Rest in Peace and
Perpetual Light shine upon her.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1477.00
Loose.....	188.00
Missions.....	277.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	20.00
Votives.....	55.00
Fuel/utility.....	50.00
Total last week.....	\$2017.00

47 envelopes, 27%, averaging \$31.43

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1999.00
Loose.....	69.00
Missions.....	104.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	8.00
First offering.....	5.00
Votives.....	82.50
Total last week.....	\$1382.50

40 envelopes, 22%, averaging \$27.85

Thank you for your generosity!