



**St. Agnes  
Iron River**



**St. Cecilia  
Caspian**

## First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

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### ST. AGNES PARISH

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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, February 17

ST A 4:00 PM For the parishioners

### SUNDAY, February 18

ST C 8:00 AM +Todd Ingram

by his family

ST A 10:00 AM +Fr. Joseph Savino Gyimah

ST C 12:00 PM +Jerry Fitzpatrick

by Kathy Saylor

### MONDAY, February 19—NO MASS

### TUESDAY, February 20

ST A 4:50 PM Rosary & Devotion precedes Mass

ST A 5:30 PM +Jackie Waite

by Tim & Bonnie Peruzzi

### WEDNESDAY, February 21

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM +Lorraine Maki

by granddaughters, the Maki sisters

**ADORATION follows Mass/Benediction at noon**

### THURSDAY, February 22

ST C 7:20 AM Rosary & Devotion precedes Mass

ST C 8:00 AM +Elvira Mitchell

by Ron & Sheree Mariani

### FRIDAY, February 23

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Florence Brumm

by her sister Betty Bal

ST A 5:10 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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**ADORATION follows 8am Mass/Benediction at noon**

### SATURDAY, February 24

ST A 4:00 PM +Chuck White, Jr.

by John Roche

### SUNDAY, February 25

ST C 8:00 AM +Elvira Mitchell

by Kathleen Thunander

ST A 10:00 AM For the parishioners

ST C 12:00 PM +Estelle Pangrazzi

by her daughter Jeanne Pangrazzi

***Lenten Penance Service dates & times  
are posted in our churches.***

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Feb 19 Mon** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46

**Feb 20 Tue** Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15

**Feb 21 Wed** Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32

**Feb 22 Thu** 1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19

**Feb 23 Fri** Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26

**Feb 24 Sat** Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

**Feb 25 Sun** Gn 22:1-2, 9a Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

## WELCOME

### **PRO LIFE CORNER**

*In January of 1973, the Supreme Court immorally and illegally created law. (The court's job is to rule on existing law not to create law.) As an example, the Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton cases that have resulted in the decriminalized murder of 64 million (that is 64,000,000) babies in the womb by surgical abortion and other means. After 51 years isn't it time for the evil of abortion on demand to end?*

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

**All Travelers have noticed this great truth,  
that there exists no people on the Earth  
without some kind of religion.  
*Frederick Baraga***

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

In the Gospel today, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**In January our local St. Vincent de Paul assisted 182 families (500 people) with food, 4 with rent, 1 with firewood, 1 motel night, plus 2 clothing vouchers, and 1 household voucher to the St. Vincent de Paul store.**

Beginning Tuesday—February 27—6:00pm  
and continuing on all Tuesdays in Lent:

**Fr. Daniel will have a study & reflection on our gifted book  
“Beautiful Eucharist”**

Please bring your book each week.

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### **Stations of the Cross**

5:10pm—St. Agnes

5:10pm—St. Cecilia

Fridays in Lent

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**ADORATION:** after 8am Mass Wednesdays at St. Agnes  
and after 8am Mass Fridays at St. Cecilia  
Benediction at NOON at both parishes.

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Cecilia

In loving memory of

**Millie & Bud Anderson**

by their family

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes

In loving memory of

**Al Perlongo**

by Jan, Derek, Koren, Nick, Noah

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Cecilia

In loving memory of

**LeRoy Dobson**

by Mark & Sheri Stauber

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes

In memory of

**Jackie Waite**

by Jan, Derek, Koren, Nick, Noah

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION—February 18, 2024 —First Sunday of Lent**

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous “Double Rainbow” video on YouTube to feel better. It’s hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. “Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!” he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, “What does it mean?” Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What does it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante’s medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God’s promise of peace. For Dante, it’s even more: nature’s encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, “Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory.” This Lent let’s embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

*-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 Ponzozzo 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, Kларыce 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., Bernice Waite, Lou Baumgartner, Rawson Mangone, Bob Cole

CHANGE COLLECTION:  
CANISTERS ALWAYS AT THE ENTRANCES

**Adoration—St. A follows Wed. 8am Mass**

**Adoration—St. C follows Fri. 8am Mass**

### **Nursing Facility Masses**

ICMCF—10am—First Wednesday of the month  
IRCC—10am—Second Wednesday of the month

### **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—prior to 5:30pm Mass—St. Agnes  
Thursdays—prior to 8am Mass—St. Cecilia

### **St. Vincent de Paul—Food Pantry**

2nd collection will be held  
the last Sunday of each month.

## **Adoration during Lent**

**St. Agnes**

**Wednesdays: 8:30am—Noon**

**St. Cecilia**

**Fridays: 8:30am—Noon**

**Come and spend some quiet, peaceful  
time with Jesus. You’ll be glad you did!**

## **PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **ST. AGNES**

Adults.....	\$1046.00
Loose.....	240.00
UP Catholic newspaper.....	325.00
Votives.....	37.75
Fuel/utility.....	70.00
Total last week.....	\$1718.75

46 envelopes, 26%, averaging \$22.74

### **ST. CECILIA**

Adults.....	\$2395.00
Loose.....	144.00
First offering.....	22.00
Missions.....	40.00
UP Catholic newspaper.....	42.00
Change collection.....	35.13
Catholic schools.....	45.00
Votives.....	96.25
Solemnity of Mary.....	20.00
Total last week.....	\$2935.38

65 envelopes, 37%, averaging \$36.85

***Thank you for your generosity!***