



**St. Agnes
Iron River**



**St. Cecilia
Caspian**

Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 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, February 24

ST A 4:00 PM +Chuck White
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 daughter Jeanne Pangrazzi

MONDAY, February 26—NO MASS

TUESDAY, February 27

ST A 4:50 PM Rosary & Devotion precedes Mass
ST A 5:30 PM +Mary Ellen Burke
by Sue
ST A 6:00 PM Beautiful Eucharist book
study & reflection

WEDNESDAY, February 28

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary
ST A 8:00 AM +Jim Foster
by Sue

ADORATION FOLLOWS 8:00am MASS

THURSDAY, February 29

ST C 7:20 AM Rosary & Devotion precede Mass
ST C 8:00 AM +Phyllis Olsen
by Jeanne Pangrazzi

FRIDAY, March 1

ST C 8:00 AM +Florence Brumm
by Calvin & Linda Lindberg
ST A 5:10 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
ST C 5:10 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, March 2

ST C 8:00 AM +Sister Maureen Bomaster
by Sue
ST A 4:00 PM +Jean DeMay
by her daughter Sue

SUNDAY, March 3

ST C 8:00 AM For the parishioners
ST A 10:00 AM Intentions of Fr. Daniel
ST C 12:00 PM +Derek Blom
by Sue

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Feb 26 Mon Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38
Feb 27 Tue Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12
Feb 28 Wed Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28
Feb 29 Thu Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
Mar 1 Fri Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Mar 2 Sat Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 115:1-3, 11-32
Mar 3 Sun Ex 20:1-17 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-24

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

Is the abortion rate going down? Society is pushing for more promiscuity which means more pregnancies. More women are having chemical abortions by various means. This includes the birth control pill which is an abortifacient. The surgical abortions may be down; however, there are more abortions. For the love of God and His babies, choose life!

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

The greater the trouble in a good work, the greater the merit before God. If the work frightens you, think of the reward.
Bishop Frederic Baraga

St. Vincent de Paul

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” No doubt there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your almsgiving to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.

Lenten Penance Services

Thursday, March 7—5:30pm—St. Rose—Channing

Sunday, March 10—3pm—St. Mary—Norway

Thursday, Mar. 14—6:30pm—American Martyrs—Kingsford

Friday, March 15—6pm—Guardian Angels—Crystal Falls

Sunday, March 17—3pm—St. Agnes—Iron River

Friday, March 22—6pm—Immaculate Conception—Iron Mt.
Stations of the Cross at 4:30pm/Cod Bake 5-6:30

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Looking for financial assistance with your college education? Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 Bibianne Bessette Scholarship Fund. The scholarships aid graduating high school seniors who are pursuing a college or vocational education at an accredited degree-granting institution. Consideration is based on academic achievement. Applicants must complete the online application found at dioceseofmarquette.org and either mail an Official Transcript and ACT/SAT scores (via postal mail) to: Bessette Scholarship Fund, Diocese of Marquette, 1004 Harbor Hills Drive, Marquette, MI 49855 or email transcripts to Irene McCauley at imccauley@dioceseofmarquette.org. Applications must be received no later than March 15, 2024.

GOSPEL MEDITATION—February 25, 2024 —2nd Sunday of Lent

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, “Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent.” I did. In my heart, the answer came: “Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days.” I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can’t do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God’s command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chaffs us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: “What do you want me to give up?” He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn’t make it easy.

-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, 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., Bernice Waite, Lou Baumgartner, Rawson Mangone, Bob Cole

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 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

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:

Mary Ellen Burke

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

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1120.00
Loose.....	313.00
Catholic newspaper.....	35.00
Fuel/utility.....	50.00
Total last week.....	\$1518.00

39 envelopes, 23%, averaging \$28.72

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1939.00
Loose.....	211.00
First offering.....	9.00
UP Catholic newspaper.....	149.00
Catholic Schools.....	628.00
Votives.....	56.25
Total last week.....	\$2992.25

60 envelopes, 34%, averaging \$32.32

Thank you for your generosity!