



**St. Agnes
Iron River**



**St. Cecilia
Caspian**

Third Sunday of Lent March 3, 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, March 2

ST C 8:00 PM +Sister Maureen Bomaster—by Sue

ST A 4:00 PM +Jean DeMay—by Sue

SUNDAY, March 3

ST C 8:00 AM For the parishioners

ST A 10:00 AM For the intentions of Fr. Daniel

ST C 12:00 PM +Derek Blom—by Sue

MONDAY, March 4—NO MASS

TUESDAY, March 5

ST A 4:50 PM Rosary & Devotion precedes Mass

ST A 5:30 PM Deceased of the DeMay family
by Sue

WEDNESDAY, March 6

ST A 7:30 AM Rosary

ST A 8:00 AM Deceased of the Hanmer family
by Sue

ADORATION follows Mass/Benediction at noon

THURSDAY, March 7

ST C 7:20 AM Rosary & Devotion precedes Mass

ST C 8:00 AM +Rochelle Kepperling
by Sue

FRIDAY, March 8

ST C 7:30 AM Rosary

ST C 8:00 AM +Phyllis Bakran
by Sue

ST A 5:10 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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ADORATION follows 8am Mass/Benediction at noon

SATURDAY, March 9

ST A 4:00 PM Special intentions on the 50th anniv. of
Thomas & Sharon Gorman
by George & Andrea Goodison

SUNDAY, March 10

ST C 8:00 AM +Millie Anderson (her birthday 3-12)
by her family

ST A 10:00 AM +Mary Ellen Burke
by Mickie Haydon

ST C 12:00 PM For the parishioners

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mar 4 Mon 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Lk 4:24-30

Mar 5 Tue Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35

Mar 6 Wed Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19

Mar 7 Thu Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23

Mar 8 Fri Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34

Mar 9 Sat Hos 6:1-6 Lk 19:9-14

Mar 10 Sun 2 Chr 36:14-16 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

"Any woman who has felt a baby stir inside her, and any man who has seen the tiny heart pulsing on an ultrasound screen, knows that abortion is about ending a life." Karen Kissane

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

Preached in French on sudden death, in the afternoon again in French on the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. How nice and true are these verses: With peaceful mind thy race of duty run; God nothing does or suffers to be done, but what thou wouldst they self, if thou couldst see, through all events of things as well as He. Frederic Baraga, March 1, 1857

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel Jesus is asked, "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.

Is there a family you know who needs Assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.

We will gather after the 5:30pm Mass on all Tuesdays in Lent:

**For 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
March 3—March 10

In loving memory of
Scott Johnson
on the 43rd anniversary of his death
by his Mom & Dad

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes
March 3—March 10

In memory of
Mary Ellen Burke
by Nancy Clements

GOSPEL MEDITATION—March 3, 2024 —Third Sunday of Lent

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. —Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to “have no other gods besides me.” This is our “grip.” Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say “yes” to this fundamental question of our spiritual “grip,” then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this “idol” to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.
-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, 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. 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

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.

Please pray for the Eternal Repose of
Edward Jones

May he Rest in Peace and Perpetual Light
shine upon him.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1925.00
Loose.....	240.00
UP Catholic newspaper.....	35.00
Votives.....	83.75
Fuel/utility.....	40.00
Total last week.....	\$2401.30

49 envelopes, 28%, averaging \$39.29

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1026.00
Loose.....	423.00
First offering.....	22.00
Easter flowers.....	40.00
Catholic schools.....	5.00
Votives.....	44.75
Total last week.....	\$1523.75

41 envelopes, 22%, averaging \$46.64

Thank you for your generosity!