



St. Agnes  
Iron River



St. Cecilia  
Caspian



Immaculate Conception  
Watersmeet

## Fifth Sunday of Easter April 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.

**BULLETIN NOTICES**  
 Submit bulletin notices *in writing* to the St. Agnes Rectory Office 8 days prior to publication.

### MASS—CONFESSION—ADORATION SCHEDULES

**St. Agnes**  
 6:15pm Saturday  
 10:00am Sunday  
 8:00am Wednesday—Adoration to follow this Mass

**St. Cecilia**  
 8:00am Sunday  
 5:30pm Thursday—1st Thursday Holy Hour at 6:00pm  
 8:00am Friday—Adoration to follow this Mass  
 Confession—9:00am-10:00am Saturday

**Immaculate Conception**  
 9:00am Tuesday  
 4:00pm Friday  
 4:00pm Saturday  
 Confession—3:00-3:45pm Saturday  
 Adoration—3:00-3:45pm Friday

**PRAYER CHAIN—Call or Text 612-709-7868**  
 For Prayer Requests and/or to be a Prayer Warrior



**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Rosary precedes Masses**

**SATURDAY, April 27**

ST A 4:00 PM +Peter Paraventi  
 by his wife Donna

**SUNDAY, April 28**

ST C 8:00 AM +Millie & +Bud Anderson  
 by their family  
 ST A 10:00 AM For the parishioners

**MONDAY, April 29—NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, April 30**

ST A 4:50 PM Rosary & Devotion precedes Mass  
 ST A 5:30 PM +David Gagne  
 by Tim & Bonnie Peruzzi

**WEDNESDAY, May 1—Adoration follows Mass**

ST A 8:00 AM +David Gagne  
 by Jim & Sandy Christenson

**THURSDAY, May 2—ADORATION 6:00PM (FIRST FRIDAYS)**

ST C 4:50 PM Rosary & Devotion precedes Mass  
 ST C 5:30 PM +Betty Bal  
 by Rose Carne & Barb Adamson

**FRIDAY, May 3—Adoration follows Mass**

ST C 8:00 AM +Maggie Selmo  
 by Jim & Elaine Baumgartner

**FRIDAY, MAY 3**

**ICC—CONFESSION/ADORATION 3:00-3:45PM**  
**4:00 PM MASS Pastor Ted & Jeanne Trugeon**  
*by the Howard Family*

**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

**ICC—4:00 PM MASS FOR THE PARISHIONERS**

**SATURDAY, May 4**

ST A 6:15 PM +Regina Robertson—by Wayne

**SUNDAY, May 5**

ST C 8:00 AM +Jerry Fitzpatrick  
 by Bob & Sheila Pascoe  
 ST A 10:00 AM Intentions of Father Daniel  
 by Bill Swienty

***We are happy to welcome Immaculate Conception, Watersmeet, back to our parish family. We are once again a Tri-Parish Community!***

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

<b><u>Apr 29 Mon</u></b>	Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26
<b><u>Apr 30 Tue</u></b>	Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-21a
<b><u>May 1 Wed</u></b>	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
<b><u>May 2 Thu</u></b>	Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11
<b><u>May 3 Fri</u></b>	1 Cor 15:1-18 Jn 14:6-14
<b><u>May 4 Sat</u></b>	Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21
<b><u>May 5 Sun</u></b>	Acts 10:25-26 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

**WELCOME**

**PRO LIFE CORNER**

***Regarding abortion:***  
***“This is a debate about our understanding of human dignity, what it means to be a member of the human family, even though tiny, powerless and unwanted.”***  
***Henty Hyde***

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

On April 27, I had to be in Cincinnati at the Provincial Council. Therefore, I set out on the journey immediately after Easter and went on snowshoes from here to Mackinac, and from there partly on foot, partly on a dog sled, a journey of five days towards the south to Alpena. Bishop Baraga, Sault Ste. Marie

**St. Vincent de Paul**

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” Indeed, by helping the poor we can “bear much fruit” and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

**You gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.**

*In the month of March, our local St. Vincent de Paul assisted 141 families (318 people) with food, 1 family with rent, 2 clothing vouchers to the St. Vincent de Paul Store, and gave 138 vouchers for Easter hams.*

**NEW MASS—ADORATION—CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION—April 28, 2024—Fourth Sunday of Easter**

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, “Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you.”

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week’s Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, “He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit” (John 15:2) I don’t mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I’d wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God’s love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn’t it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it’s not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ’s body. Jesus’ rising is the brand-new growth. It is God’s promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

-Father John Muir ©LPi

**MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST—SUNDAY—MAY 12**  
**ST. CECILIA PARISH in FATHER SARTORELLI HALL**  
*following the 8AM MASS*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF ST. AGNES & ST. CECILIA**

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, 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, 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, Carl Fitzpatrick, Dolores Sapletal, Joyce Gendron

**Immaculate Conception Prayer List**

*May God strengthen all those suffering from pain and illness.*

**Carl & Donna Johnson, Ellen Jones, Linda Beck, Mitch Bos, Lucille Schuessler, Darrell Grosso, Maureen Forbes, Chet Swenski, Pat Wendt, Marjorie Kurtz, Butch Gazark, Tom Stein, Carolyn Dring, Pat Urbis, Olivia Allard, Larry McPartlin, Fr. Jeff Kurtz, Mary Cestkowski, Leonard Valentine, Dan Pudlo, Jim Zelinski, Robert Brownell, Amy Leppanen, Florence Dravecky**

**CHANGE COLLECTION: CANISTERS AT CHURCH 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  
 NEXT meeting will be APRIL 16

**Outreach Mission Team—Next Meeting September**

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.

**PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS—April 21**  
**Immaculate Conception**

Adults.....	\$ 415.00
Loose.....	132.00
Priest Retirement.....	20.00
Votives.....	11.00
Total last week.....	\$ 834.00
18 envelopes, 34%, averaging \$23.06	
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry...\$296.00	

**PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS—April 14**

**ST. AGNES**

Adults.....	\$1339.00
Loose.....	346.45
Schools \$20/Mission \$10.....	30.00
Priest retirement.....	300.00
Votives.....	91.20
Fuel/utility.....	10.00
Total last week.....	\$2116.65
49 envelopes, 28%, averaging \$27.33	

**ST. CECILIA**

Adults.....	\$1353.00
Loose.....	210.00
Easter.....	5.00
Fuel/utility.....	125.00
Votives.....	30.00
Total last week.....	\$1728.00
43 envelopes, 24%, averaging \$31.47	

**PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS—April 21**

**ST. AGNES**

Adults.....	\$1472.00
Loose.....	201.00
Priest Retirement.....	60.00
Votives.....	38.00
Fuel/utility.....	50.00
Total last week.....	\$1821.00
48 envelopes, 28%, averaging \$36.29	

**ST. CECILIA**

Adults.....	\$2702.00
Loose.....	121.00
Priest Retirement.....	280.00
Votives.....	19.25
Fuel/utility.....	5.00
Easter flowers.....	5.00
Total last week.....	\$3132.25
71 envelopes, 40%, averaging \$38.06	