



St. Agnes  
Iron River



St. Cecilia  
Caspian



Immaculate Conception  
Watersmeet

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 7, 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  
 Confession at St. Cecilia—9:00am-10:00am Saturday

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  
 10:00am Friday  
 4:00pm Saturday  
 Confession—3:00-3:45pm Saturday  
 Adoration—10:30am-noon 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.

**There will be NO weekday Masses while  
Fr. Daniel is on vacation.**

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Change in Confession Times only until Fr. Daniel returns.

**WEEKEND MASSES AS USUAL**

**SATURDAY, July 6**

**ICC Confession: 3:00pm—3:45pm**

**ICC 4:00 PM MASS +Bob Bruno**

***by Gerry Berezik & Darlene Bruno***

ST A Confession: 5:45pm—6:05pm

ST A 6:15 PM +Robert Farrell—by John Roche

**SUNDAY, July 7**

ST C Confession: 7:30am—7:50am

ST C 8:00 AM For the people

ST A Confession: 9:30am—9:50am

ST A 10:00 AM +Charles & +Lucille Dellangelo

For their 4th of July Birthdays!!

by Frank & Ann Raymond

**MONDAY, July 8—NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, July 9**

**ICC 9:00 AM—NO MASS**

**WED., July 10—Adoration 8:30am-10:30am with Dcn. Terry**

ST A 8:00 AM—NO MASS

**THURSDAY, July 11**

ST C 5:30 PM—NO MASS

**FRIDAY, July 12—Adoration 8:30am-noon with Dcn Terry**

ST C 8:00 AM—NO MASS

**ICC 10:00 AM—NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, July 13**

**ICC Confession: 3:00pm—3:45pm**

**ICC 4:00 PM Special Intentions of Dennis &**

***Jeanne Breunig on their 50th Wedding Anniversary***

**SATURDAY, July 13**

ST A Confession: 5:45pm—6:05pm

ST A 6:15 PM +Jim Fitzpatrick—by John Roche

**SUNDAY, July 14**

ST C Confession: 7:30am—7:50am

ST C 8:00 AM +Phyllis St. John—by her daughters

ST A Confession: 9:30AM—9:50AM

ST A 10:00 AM For the people

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**July 8 Mon** Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 Mt 9:18-26

**July 9 Tue** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Mt 9:32-38

**July 10 Wed** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Mt 10:1-7

**July 11 Thu** Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 Mt 10:7-15

**July 12 Fri** Hos 14:2-10 Mt 10:16-23

**July 13 Sat** Is 6:1-8 Mt 10:24-33

**July 14 Sun** Am 7:12-15 Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Mk 6:7-13

**WELCOME**

**PRO LIFE CORNER**

The reason abortion and euthanasia have gone unchecked is because many of today's religious and political leaders do not obey natural law and God's law Bishop Sheen stated, "Civilization is always in danger when those who have never learned to obey are given the right to command."

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

***"July 12, 1817—This day will always remain with me."***

***F. Baraga. It was the first time Baraga met  
Father (St.) Clement Hofbauer and thirteen days later,  
Baraga made the general confession to start on  
the upward road to sanctity.***

**St. Vincent de Paul**

In the Gospel the people ask: "How is it such miraculous deeds are accomplished by his hands?" Because of your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul many "miraculous deeds" are accomplished for the poor.

**This week, please, make a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul knowing that through your kindness someone who is suffering will be touched by God in a miraculous way.**

~St. Agnes Church~  
main entrance will now be open every weekday  
from 9:00am—4:00pm!

*"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."  
Saint Padre Pio*

**Question:** I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

**Answer:** If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION—July 7, 2024—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, “You’ll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try.” Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won’t work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week’s words from St Paul, “I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me (2 Cor. 12:9).” Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn’t promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let’s face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it’s there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

Father John Muir ©LPi

### 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 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 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, Ken Silfven, Joe Kadulski, Mark Shimun, Sr., Gary Shimun, Sara Jean Tarsi, Holly Erickson, Zac Stuck

### 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—Next meeting September

Meeting the second Sunday of the month  
in Fr. Sartorelli Hall after 8 Mass

### Knights of Columbus—Next meeting September

Meeting the second Thurs. of the month—6pm—LFR

### St. Agnes Altar Society

Meeting the second Tues. of the month—1pm—LFR

### St. Anne Society of St. Cecilia

Meeting the third Tuesday of the month—9:00am  
St. Anne Society will not meet: July & August.

### Outreach Mission Team

Meeting the third Thursday of the month—6pm—LFR

OMT will not meet: June/July/August

### Devotion in Honor of our Mother of Perpetual Help

Thursdays—prior to 5:30pm Mass—St. Cecilia

### St. Vincent de Paul—Food Pantry

ICC—2nd collection is held on the third Sunday  
St. A & St. C—2nd collection is held the last Sunday

### MOST CLUBS/SOCIETIES/GROUPS

**Will be on summer break—until September.**

No contribution info due to  
early publication of the bulletin.

## **The Rescue Project**

**Tuesday, September 17—Tuesday—November 5  
Immaculate Conception Church—Iron Mountain  
6:00pm—8:15ish pm**

You are invited to an eight-week Gospel experience, called The Rescue Project. The Rescue Project offers participants the chance to hear, discuss, and pray about some of life’s deepest questions, including:

1. Why is there something rather than nothing?
2. Why is the world so obviously messed up?
3. What, if anything, has god done ab out this?
4. If God has done something, what is my response?

At each Tuesday session, you will be served a wonderful meal, experience beautiful worship music, watch a 30-45 minute video, and then have table discussions about what the Lord may be saying to you.

Childcare will be provided.

All of this is FREE for participants.

**SIGN-UP NOW!**

Space is limited, so please sign-up as soon as possible at:

<https://icparish.church/the-rescue-project>