



St. Agnes  
Iron River



St. Cecilia  
Caspian



Immaculate Conception  
Watersmeet

# 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 14, 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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Confession times are temporary until Fr. Daniel returns.

**WEEKEND MASSES AS USUAL**

**Rosary precedes Masses**

**SATURDAY, July 13**

**ICC Confession: 3:00pm—3:45pm**

**ICC 4:00 PM MASS +Special Intentions on the**

**50th Anniversary of Dennis & Jeanne Breunig**

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

**SUNDAY, July 14**

ST C 8:00 AM +Phyllis St. John

by her daughters

ST A 10:00 AM For the people

**MONDAY, July 15—NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, July 16**

**ICC 9:00 AM—NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, July 17—Adoration & Benediction/Dcn Terry**

ST A 8:00 AM—**NO MASS**

**THURSDAY, July 18**

ST C 4:50 PM—**NO Rosary or Devotion**

ST C 5:30 PM—**NO MASS—NO HOLY HOUR**

**FRIDAY, July 19—Adoration & Benediction/Dcn Terry**

ST C 8:00 AM—**NO MASS**

**ICC 10:00 AM—NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, July 20**

**ICC Confession: 3:00pm—3:45pm**

**ICC 4:00 PM For the people**

**SATURDAY, July 20**

ST A 6:15 PM +Betty Bal

by the Sundquists

**SUNDAY, July 21**

ST C 8:00 AM +Don Pellizzaro

by Mary & family

ST A 10:00 AM +John Swienty

by his son Bill

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**July 15 Mon** Is 1:10-17 Mt 10:34—11:1

**July 16 Tue** Is 7:1-2 Mt 11:20-24

**July 17 Wed** Is10:5-7, 13b-16 Mt 11:25-27

**July 18 Thu** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Mt 11:28-30

**July 19 Fri** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Mt 12:1-8

**July 20 Sat** Mi 2:1-5 Mt 12:14-21

**July 21 Sun** Jer 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:3-34

**WELCOME**

**PRO LIFE CORNER**

The man who stands for nothing will fall for anything. Abortion is an atrocity. Those who practice or praise it are ill-informed devils. Please stand up and be counted in the pro-life movement today! Pray and work to end euthanasia and abortion.

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

***Undoubtedly Bishop Baraga made mistakes, but they were errors of judgment rather than errors of the heart.***

**St. Vincent de Paul**

In the Gospel today we see how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. From the beginning of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, members visit in pairs “Two by Two”, those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance.

**Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

*Please pray for the Eternal Repose of the souls of:*

**Patrick Linna**

**James Paramski**

**Nancy Peloso**

**Gerald William Pietila**

**Paul Rawnick**

*May they Rest in Peace and Perpetual Light Shine upon them.*

~St. Agnes Church~

**main entrance will now be open every weekday  
from 9:00am—4:00pm!**

**IS THE DEVIL SLIPPING THROUGH THE CRACKS OF YOUR DAILY LIFE?**

“The Catholic Gentleman”, in this episode...John Heinen, Sam Guzman & Devin Schadt discuss subtle tactics Satan uses to ensnare us and how to combat them.

They share three specific ways the enemy infiltrates our lives and give practical advice for reclaiming spiritual freedom!

**ENVY/JEALOUSY:** Envy, often masked as a harmless comparison, can poison hearts. “When you’re focused on what you do not have; it comes from a place of deep discontent.” Guzman warns. This feeling can extend beyond material goods to envying others’ spiritual gifts. To counteract envy, they suggest cultivating gratitude by intentionally acknowledging and thanking God for the blessings in your own life.

**RESENTMENT AND UNFORGIVENESS:** Resentment can anchor us to past hurts, giving the devil a foothold in our lives. Schadt shares the powerful story of Corrie ten Boom, who was able to forgive a Nazi guard responsible for her sister’s death. “When you’re holding on to someone else’s sin, you’re not holding onto the cross, and it’s got control over you.” Practicing forgiveness, even when it seems impossible, can liberate us from the bondage of resentment.

**LACK OF SELF-AWARENESS:** Self-awareness is important in recognizing the devil’s tricks. Heinen warns that “we can look the part, but are completely missing that we’re not remaining in Christ on the inside. Developing self-awareness involves examining our actions and thoughts regularly, seeking to align them with God’s will, and being vigilant against the devil’s work.

**The gentlemen say learning to identify and combat these spiritual attacks will help you grow closer to God!**

**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, DEFEND US IN BATTLE!**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION—July 14, 2024—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, “He was a gentle, nice guy. Kind of vanilla. Kept to himself.” It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceive Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self-sufficient. As a challenge both to this perception (accurate or not) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.

Jesus sent out his apostles, “two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts.” Two-by-two: they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood. Power over demons: they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. Without money belts: they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy. Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs? The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let’s pray for all priests — and, by extension, all of us Christians — to live more like Jesus’ communal, poor, and powerful apostles.

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 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, Martene 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.**

**OUR TREASURE SHARED**

**ST. AGNES—June 30**

Adults.....	\$1607.00
Loose.....	352.00
Votives.....	47.80
Fuel/utility.....	35.00
Total last week.....	\$2071.80
63 envelopes, 36%, averaging \$25.51	
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry...\$411.50	

**ST. CECILIA—June 30**

Adults.....	\$1200.00
Loose.....	127.00
Fuel/utility.....	5.00
World Church.....	20.00
Votives.....	51.65
Total last week.....	\$1403.65
37 envelopes, 21%, averaging \$32.43	
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry...\$310.59	

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—June 30**

Adults.....	\$ 865.00
Loose.....	451.00
Ascension.....	40.00
Total last week.....	\$1356.00
22 envelopes, 42%, averaging \$32.32	
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**ST. AGNES—July 7**

Adults.....	\$2002.00
Loose.....	559.00
Fuel/utility.....	60.00
Total last week.....	\$2621.00
58 envelopes, 34%, averaging \$34.52	

**ST. CECILIA—July 7**

Adults.....	\$1512.00
Loose.....	202.00
Fuel/utility.....	187.00
Total last week.....	\$1901.00
47 envelopes, 27%, averaging \$32.17	

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—July 7**

Adults.....	\$1030.00
Loose.....	607.00
Fuel/utility.....	175.00
Votives.....	10.00
Total last week.....	\$1822.00
18 envelopes, 34%, averaging \$57.22	

**Thank you for your generosity!**