



Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025



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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 4

ICC 4:00 PM MASS *For the people*

ST A 6:15 PM +Frank Hartman
by the Sundquists

SUNDAY, January 5—*COFFEE SOCIAL follows both Masses*

ST C 8:00 AM +Don, +Julie, +Jean McDonald
by Kevin & Scott

ST A 10:00 AM +Dan Vignali (9 year anniversary)
by Sandy & Mike Kabat

MONDAY, January 6—NO MASS

TUESDAY, January 7

ICC 9:00 AM Intentions of Fr. Daniel

WEDNESDAY, January 8

ST A 8:00 AM +Pete Romitti
by Jane & Greg Townsend

ST A —ADORATION 8:30am—10:30am Benediction

THURSDAY, January 9

ST C 5:30 PM +Tammy Keliin
by Sandy & Jim Dennis

FRIDAY, January 10

ST C 8:00 AM +Marilyn Sabol
by Randy & Kathie Thunander

ST C—ADORATION 8:30am—noon Benediction

ICC 10:00 AM Health of Stevie Fitz *by the Howard family*

ICC Adoration 10:30am—noon Benediction

SATURDAY, January 11

ICC 4:00 PM +Schemmer family *by Wayne Schemmer*

ST A 6:15 PM For the people

SUNDAY, January 12—Baptism of the Lord

ST C 8:00 AM +Todd Ingram
by his family

ST A 10:00 AM +Bob Haydon
by wife Micki & family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>Jan. 6 Mon</u>	1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
<u>Jan. 7 Tue</u>	1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44
<u>Jan. 8 Wed</u>	1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52
<u>Jan. 9 Thu</u>	1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Lk 4:14-22
<u>Jan. 10 Fri</u>	1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16
<u>Jan. 11 Sat</u>	1Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30
<u>Jan. 12 Sun</u>	Is 42:1-4 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

Prior the legalization of abortion, advocates for abortion held out the panacea of the elimination of “unwanted children” if only abortion was legal. In fact, it was Planned Parenthood, which led this charge, coining the familiar slogan, “Every child a wanted child”. Despite the fact that some 60 million “unwanted” babies have died in the intervening period, the pro-choice lobby still uses this argument to justify abortion.

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

In January 1852, Fr. Baraga wished to visit a group of Native Americans, but to cover the vast distance he walked without stopping for twenty-four hours, day and night on snowshoes, with only a piece of bread in his pocket.

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel Jesus tells us: “I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on.”

Ask yourself, “Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?” and then make your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are suffering will be able to know God’s love and care.

Lamp Stand Candles—St. Cecilia
In loving memory of

Jean & Bud Carne

by daughters—Linda, Rose, and Barb

The Diocese of Marquette presents... A “Rolling” Retreat/Pilgrimage to Catholic Shrines of the Midwest from April 29 to May 1, 2025

Join Spiritual Director Fr. Corey Litzner and travel hosts Den. Steve & Jackie Gretzinger on an amazing motorcoach journey to visit Catholic Shrines in Wisconsin and upper Illinois. It’s a retreat; it’s a pilgrimage; it’s a fun-filled, religious ride! Pilgrimage starts/ends at Holy Spirit Church, Menominee. \$995.00 per person/double occupancy includes round-trip motorcoach travel, 2 nights lodging, 3 meals, and entrance fees. Deposit due February 1st. See the U.P. Catholic newspaper for more details. Full itinerary/reservations, contact: Megan at: 516-605-1551 x18 or megan@petersway.com

GOSPEL MEDITATION—January 5, 2025, Epiphany of the Lord

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew’s Gospel tells us, “Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their “treasures”? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn’t that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi’s gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with “gold” (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, & you will be freer.

Father John Muir ©LPi

UPCSA—12/27/2024 St. Agnes	UPCSA—12/27/2024 St. Cecilia	UPCSA—12/27/2024 Immaculate Conception
Assessment \$27,031	Assessment \$26,434	Assessment \$11,819
Pledged 15,235	Pledged 11,494	Pledged 2,825
Unpledged 11,796	Unpledged 14,940	Unpledged 8,994
Families 172	Families 173	Families 53
#participants 43	#participants 36	#participants 12
25% participants	21% participants	23% participants
56% of goal	43% of goal	24% of goal

Kindness
Let your kindness shine through, for all to see, not for a brief moment, nor for a few to see, but for EVERYONE, ALWAYS.

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 Adanson, Stephanie Tinkey, Zachary Lambert, Shannon DeRoche, Kathleen Miller, Jerry Koski, Arla Thomas, Jayni Angeli, Jim Condon, Teresa Cristan, 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, Lavinia, Alex, Marion, Fr. Jeffrey Kurtz, Maggie, Seantel Duda, Matt Greig, Dennis Day, John Cummings, Shannon Housveiner, Julie Brown, Rob Johnson, Bobby Cheetham, Jim Mangone, Patricia Caldwell, Ken Routheaux, Rodney Camps, Romell Sims, Klaryce Bilski, Dan Ross, Dallas Duda, Roman VonHolle, Stephanie Cruz, Bill Swienty, Dolores Ansay, Mary Conlin, Mike Sheehy, Jean Bess, Nancy Shepich, Chuck Wiegand, Jr., Bernice Waite, Rawson Mangone, Bob Cole, Carl Fitzpatrick, Dolores Sapletal, Joyce Gendron, Ken Silfven, Joe Kadulski, Mark Shimun, Sr., Gary Shimun, Sara Jean Tarsi, Holly Erickson, Zack Stuck, Stella Patricia Hebert, Teena Maki, Carol Bastianello, Gloria Jean Sterling, Pauline Brolet, Cyrus Bilderback, Carol Hynous, Jim & Geneva Anderson, David Anderson, Sheri Stauber, Jack Jacobson, Jim Brennan, Karen Dobson, Terry Rivard

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

Adoration—St. A follows Wed. 8am Mass
Adoration—St. C follows Fri. 8am Mass
Adoration—ICC follows Fri. 10am 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 Sun. of the month 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 Society of St. Cecilia

No Meetings in December/January/February

Outreach Mission Team

Meets 3rd Tuesday at 6pm—LFR

Devotion in Honor of our Mother of Perpetual Help

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

St. Vincent de Paul—Food Pantry Collection

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

CHANGE COLLECTION: CANISTERS AT CHURCH ENTRANCES

HOLY HOUR

On the first Thursday of the month
6pm—at St. Cecilia

Please pray for the Eternal Repose of the souls of

Arlene Manfredi

Jeff Franzmeier

son of John & Monica

May they Rest in Peace and perpetual light shine upon them.

OUR TREASURE SHARED—Dec. 29

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1655.00
Loose.....	1308.25
Immaculate Conception.....	5.00
Christmas.....	1616.00
Christmas flowers.....	20.00
Fuel/utility.....	50.00
Votives.....	65.50
Total last week.....	\$4719.75

52 envelopes, 31%, averaging \$31.83
St. VdP food pantry.....\$289.00

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1227.00
Loose.....	381.00
Christmas.....	995.00
Votives.....	28.25
Total last week.....	\$2693.25

44 envelopes, 25%, averaging \$27.89
St. VdP food pantry.....\$162.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adults.....	\$ 476.00
Loose.....	196.00
Votives.....	32.00
Total last week.....	\$ 704.00

14 envelopes, 26%, averaging \$34.00

Thank you for your generosity!