The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 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

Put the 'U' back in Church
Put the 'Us' back in Jesus

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
Welcome Fr. Tim Ekaitis

SATURDAY, February 1

ICC 4:00 PM +Philip Cunningham
by the Howard family

ST A 6:15 PM +Jack Waite
+Luree Baumgartner
by the Waite family

SUNDAY, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord

ST C 8:00 AM +Joe & +Mary Pellizzaro
by the Gene Pellizzaro family

ST A 10:00 AM +Carol Ann Angeli
by Sandy & Jim Dennis

MONDAY, February 3—NO MASS

TUESDAY, February 4

ICC 9:00AM—NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, February 5—there will be Adoration 8:30am

ST A 8:00 AM—NO MASS
Mass for Alan Clements rescheduled to 4-2-2025
ST A ADORATION 8:30am—10:30am Benediction

THURSDAY, February 6

ST C 5:30 PM NO MASS and
NO HOLY HOUR—February or March

FRIDAY, February 7—there will be Adoration 8:30am

ST C 8:00 AM—NO MASS
ST C ADORATION 8:30am—noon Benediction

ICC 10:00 AM—NO MASS & NO ADORATION

SATURDAY, February 8

ICC 4:00 PM Repose of the soul of Ralph Scheuster
by the Howard family

ST A 6:15 PM For the people

SUNDAY, February 9

ST C 8:00 AM +Estelle Pangrazzi
by her daughter Jeanne Pangrazzi

ST A 10:00 AM +Tierney Cayo
by Sandy & Jim Dennis

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Feb. 3 Mon	**Heb 11:32-40 Mk 5:1-20**
Feb. 4 Tue	**Heb 12:1-4 Mk 5:21-43**
Feb. 5 Wed	**Heb 12:4-7, 11—15 Mk 6:1-6**
Feb. 6 Thu	**Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Mk 6:7-13**
Feb. 7 Fri	**Heb 13:1-8 Mk 6:14-20**
Feb. 8 Sat	**Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Mk 6:30-34**
Feb. 9 Sun	**Is 6:1-2a 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8 Lk 1:1-11**

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER—Pro-Life Articles

Motherhood is a rewarding and often difficult job. A mother is a child's first teacher and affects a child's life like few others can. Loving and selfless mothers can inspire their children to love themselves and others, work hard, make healthy choices, serve causes greater than self, and achieve their dreams. Mothers who protect, teach, and nurture their children with all their hearts strengthen their families and help build a better future for our country.

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

A good rule of life is Bishop Baraga's motto: "Only one thing is necessary: to love and serve God, and each other."

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, we learn of the first sword in Mary's heart—the knowledge of her Son's death. Though many would live forever in fear, Mary found courage in faith in the Lord.

Your gift to the poor can help them to overcome their swords of fear and doubt.

Lamp Stand Candles—St. Agnes
2-1-2025
In memory of
Jeff Franzmeier
by Micki Haydon, Lisa Masnova, Sandy Rometti
and Carol Aschinger

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes
2-8-2025
In Loving Memory of
Larry Leonarduzzi
For his 4th anniversary on Jan. 13th and for his birthday on Jan. 20th
by his sister Marsha and family

The Outreach Mission Team (ORMT)
is looking for people with knitting, crocheting,
or sewing skills to help make prayer shawls or lap blankets
to give to those experiencing grief or
walking through a health journey.
Your help is needed. For contact info call 265-4557.

GOSPEL MEDITATION—February 2, 2025—The Presentation of the Lord

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophecies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

Father John Muir ©LPi

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 meeting in February

Outreach Mission Team
Meets the third Tuesday—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

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HOLY HOUR
On the first Thursday of the month
(NOT in Feb./March of 2025)

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	

Keep up-to-date on information and event pictures by following us on Facebook our webpage and TABELLA!

Thanks to Deacon Terry, there will be ADORATION while Father Daniel is on vacation! Wed. St. Agnes—8:30am until 10:30am Friday St. Cecilia—8:30am until Noon Please sign up for a time slot, sheets are at the church entrances.

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

Roland Kwasny, Cheri Dennis, Robert LaMarche, Kelly & Stacy Williams, Gary P. Johnson, 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, 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, Sheri Stauber, Jack Jacobson, Jim Brennan, Karen Dobson, Terry Rivard, Traci Wiegand

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

OUR TREASURE SHARED

ST. AGNES

Adults	$1191.00
Loose	114.00
Mission collection	20.00
Solemnity of Mary	25.00
UP Catholic	25.00
Fuel/utility	42.00
Total last week	$1417.00

42 envelopes, 25%, averaging $28.36
Online giving total to date....$693.20

ST. CECILIA

Adults	$1390.00
Loose	118.00
Christmas	20.00
Solemnity of Mary	10.00
First offering	13.00
Fuel/utility	75.00
Total last week	$1626.00

43 envelopes, 25%, averaging $32.33

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adults	$ 657.00
Loose	92.00
St. VdP Watersmeet Pantry	50.00
Votives	17.00
Total last week	$ 816.00

21 envelopes, 40%, averaging $31.29

Thank you for your generosity!