



St. Agnes  
Iron River



St. Cecilia  
Caspian



Immaculate Conception  
Watersmeet

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 9, 2025

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### ST. AGNES PARISH

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Catholic Communities of Iron River, Caspian and Watersmeet



### 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, February 8**

**ICC 4:00 PM *Repose of the soul of  
Ralph Schuester  
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

**MONDAY—February 10—NO MASS**

***Tues. February 11—9:00AM—ICC—NO MASS***

**WEDNESDAY, February 12—NO MASS/NO ADORATION**

ST A 8:00 AM +Bill Gendron—by Joyce—change to March 30

**THURSDAY, February 13—NO MASS**

ST C 5:30 PM +Joseph Pangrazzi—by Jeanne  
Changed to Jan. 24

**FRIDAY, February 14—NO MASS—ST C or ICC & NO Adoration**

**SATURDAY, February 15**

**ICC 4:00 PM *Intentions of Bonnie Howard  
for her Feb. 17 birthday  
by the Howard family***

ST A 6:15 PM +Richard Angeli—25th anniversary  
+Carol Angeli  
by Mary, Sarah & Anna Sparapani

**SUNDAY, February 16**

ST C 8:00 AM For the people  
ST A 10:00 AM +Evy Angeli  
by Sandy & Jim Dennis

*If you attend Mass at St. Agnes, St. Cecilia, or Immaculate Conception in Watersmeet, you may still use your weekly contribution envelopes at either of our churches and be assured that the church you are registered at will be credited.*

~St. Agnes Church~

The main entrance door is open every weekday  
from 9:00am—4:00pm!  
All are welcome to come spend peaceful time in prayer  
or to light a candle.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Feb. 10 Mon** Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56  
**Feb. 11 Tue** Gn 1:20—2:4a Mk 7:1-13  
**Feb. 12 Wed** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23  
**Feb. 13 Thu** Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30  
**Feb. 14 Fri** Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37  
  
**Feb. 15 Sat** Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10  
**Feb. 16 Sun** Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26

**WELCOME**

**PRO LIFE CORNER**

**In the 1960's and 70's the pro-choice position was that legalizing abortion would drastically reduce child abuse. America legalized abortion and, child abuse has skyrocketed. Yet, despite this staggering increase in child abuse, the pro-choice lobby continues to tie itself in knots by now arguing that making abortion illegal would cause an increase in child abuse!!! How many more millions of children do we have to kill before their scheme starts to work?**

**We all agree that every child should be wanted. This is an idealistic goal, but sadly we do not live in an idyllic world.**

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

**“Don't be discouraged, but push forward with energy and confidence. The greater the trouble in a good work, the greater the merit before God.”**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**In the Gospel, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that “whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me.”**

Please pray for the poor and the suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

**Easter Dinner Meeting**

**Tues.—Feb. 25  
4pm**

**St. Agnes  
Little Flower Room**

**The committee always  
welcomes new members!  
Please join us!**

Please Pray for the Eternal Repose of the souls of:

**Theresa “Terry”  
LaFountain  
and  
Dorothy Mellstrom**

Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

***There will be NO first Thursday HOLY HOUR at St. Cecilia in February or March, while Fr. Daniel is in Ghana.***

**GOSPEL MEDITATION—February 9, 2025—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch. *Father John Muir* ©LPi

<b>UPCSA—1/15/2024</b> <b>St. Agnes</b>	<b>UPCSA—1/15/2024</b> <b>St. Cecilia</b>	<b>UPCSA—1/15/2024</b> <b>Immaculate Conception</b>
<b>Assessment \$27,031</b>	<b>Assessment \$26,434</b>	<b>Assessment \$11,819</b>
<b>Pledged 15,720</b>	<b>Pledged 12,584</b>	<b>Pledged 2,825</b>
<b>Unpledged 11,311</b>	<b>Unpledged 13,850</b>	<b>Unpledged 8,994</b>
<b>Families 172</b>	<b>Families 173</b>	<b>Families 53</b>
<b>#participants 46</b>	<b>#participants 39</b>	<b>#participants 12</b>
<b>27% participants</b>	<b>23% participants</b>	<b>23% participants</b>
<b>58% of goal</b>	<b>48% of goal</b>	<b>24% of goal</b>

**Keep up-to-date on information and event pictures by following us on Facebook our webpage and TABELLA!**  
All will have important info such as Mass changes, closings due to weather.

**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, 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

**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 February/meet March 11—9am

**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  
6pm—at St. Cecilia—not in Feb./March**

**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.**

**OUR TREASURE SHARED**

<b>ST. AGNES</b>	
Adults.....	\$1818.00
Loose.....	179.25
UP Catholic Newspaper.....	35.00
Immaculate Conception.....	15.00
Fuel/utility.....	80.00
Votives.....	92.75
Total last week.....	\$2213.00
42 envelopes, 64%, averaging \$28.41	
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry...\$333.00	

<b>ST. CECILIA</b>	
Adults.....	\$ 905.00
Loose.....	72.00
UP Catholic Newspaper.....	5.00
First offering.....	4.00
Votives.....	49.27
Total last week.....	\$1070.27
30 envelopes, 17%, averaging \$30.17	
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry...\$98.40	

<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b>	
Adults.....	\$ 975.00
Loose.....	180.00
Fuel/utility.....	58.00
Votives.....	28.00
Total last week.....	\$1239.00
29 envelopes, 55%, averaging \$33.62	

*Thank you for your generosity!*