



St. Agnes
Iron River



St. Cecilia
Caspian



Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025

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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, March 1

ICC 4:00 PM For the people

ST A 6:15 PM +Alan Clements

For his 6th anniversary on Feb. 1
by his wife Nancy Clements

SUNDAY, March 2

ST C 8:00 AM +Norb & +Nancy Perdzoek

by Knights of Columbus Council #2300

ST A 10:00 AM +Deceased of the Wurzer family

by Mary Wurzer

MONDAY, March 3—NO MASS

TUESDAY, March 4

ICC 9:00AM—NO MASS

ASH WEDNESDAY—March 5:

There will be Adoration 8:30—10:30am at St. Agnes

ICC 8:00 AM—MASS & ASHES

For the intentions of Sandy Vignali—by Howard fam.

ST C NOON—MASS & ASHES

+MaryBeth Gilmore—by Kathy

ST A 6:00 PM—MASS & ASHES

+Michael Hanmer—by Sue

THURSDAY, March 6

ST C 5:30 PM NO MASS

NO HOLY HOUR—February or March

FRIDAY, March 7—there will be Adoration 8:30am—Noon—St C

ST C 8:00 AM—NO MASS

ICC 10:00 AM—NO MASS & NO ADORATION

SATURDAY, March 8

**ICC 4:00 PM Intentions of Michael Black
by the Howard family**

ST A 6:15 PM +Carol Stanchina

by Nancy Clements

SUNDAY, March 9

ST C 8:00 AM +James Murdoch

by Mary Pellizzaro & family

ST A 10:00 AM For the people

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mar. 3 Mon Sir 17:20-24 Mk 10:17-27

Mar. 4 Tue Sir 35:1-2 Mk 10:28-31

Mar. 5 Wed Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Mar. 6 Thu Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25

Mar. 7 Fri Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Mar. 8 Sat Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32

Mar. 9 Sun Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

The God most people know is an all good, all loving and all merciful God, all perfect and, as such, cannot do evil. He also gave all of us the gift of free-will to make our own decisions whether they are right or wrong.

It's up to us to choose the path that leads to Heaven and Him.

Ruth Weber, Davenport, Iowa

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

"In my missions, I had many Indians whom Fr. Baraga Baptized...they told me so many details about him...for example, when he preached on the passion of Christ he wept though the whole sermon". (Fr. Lampe: 1932)

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?...Why look at the speck in your brother's eye when you miss the plank in your own?...A good tree does not produce decayed fruit..."

In January our local St. Vincent de Paul assisted 180 families (454 people) with food, 5 clothing vouchers to the St. Vincent Store, 4 vouchers for gasoline to medical appointments, and 5 requests for help with rent and utilities.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ST. AGNES—5:15PM—FRIDAYS

ST. CECILIA—5:15PM—FRIDAYS

ICC—following 10am Masses on FRIDAYS

ICC—Soup/bread supper Wed./begin 3-12 at 5:30pm

We are in need of laypeople to lead the

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT ST. CECILIA AND ST. AGNES

Please call the Rectory Office ASAP if you would like to be put on the schedule. Thank you.

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—March 2, 2025—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord’s words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, “For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles” (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the “figs” and “grapes” of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let’s recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer and service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray and serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

Father John Muir ©LPi

**UPCSA—2/2025
St. Agnes**

Assessment \$27,031
Pledged 15,870
Unpledged 11,161
Families 172
#participants 48
28% participants
59% of goal

**UPCSA—2/2025
St. Cecilia**

Assessment \$26,434
Pledged 14,454
Unpledged 11,980
Families 173
#participants 42
24% participants
55% of goal

**UPCSA—2/2025
Immaculate Conception**

Assessment \$11,819
Pledged 2,825
Unpledged 8,994
Families 53
#participants 12
23% participants
24% of goal

Did you know??

**We’ve had our
FACEBOOK
page
for over
10 years!!!**

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 Ponzozzo Clark, Chris Bal, Betty Webber Williams, Mary S., Shelly Silfven, Lee Routheaux, Sharon Warner, Patricia Sebastian, Jacob Tomaszski, 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 McGraham, 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, Newborn Charlotte & her parents, Rachel Riverside, Marge Taetsch, Elizabeth Petroff, Bill Stewart

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 Leppan, 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

Tuesday—March 11—9am—St. Cecilia Rectory

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

HOLY HOUR

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

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

**For your convenience
ONLINE GIVING is now available.**

OUR TREASURE SHARED

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$ 285.00
Loose.....	284.00
Missions.....	1.00
Fuel/utility.....	41.00
Votives.....	96.60
Total last week.....	\$1228.60
43 envelopes, 25%, averaging \$18.74	
St. Vincent de Paul-Food Pantry...\$535.75	

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1420.00
Loose.....	109.00
Catholic schools.....	2.00
UP Catholic.....	5.00
Fuel/utility.....	75.00
Votives.....	41.95
Total last week.....	\$1652.95
44 envelopes, 25%, averaging \$32.27	
St. Vincent de Paul-Food Pantry...\$305.73	

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adults.....	\$ 524.75
Loose.....	35.00
Fuel/utility.....	150.00
Votives.....	3.00
Total last week.....	\$ 712.75
19 envelopes, 37%, averaging \$27.62	

Thank you for your generosity!