



St. Agnes
Iron River



St. Cecilia
Caspian



Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet

Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 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 15

ICC 4:00 PM For the people

ST A 6:15 PM +David Gagne, for special day March 12
by his wife Chris

SUNDAY, March 16

ST C 8:00 AM +Jerry Fitzpatrick
by his family

ST A 10:00 AM +Richard Angeli
+Carol Ann Angeli
by Mary, Sarah, & Anna Sparapani

MONDAY, March 17—NO MASS

TUESDAY, March 18

ICC 9:00AM—NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, March 19—NO MASS

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

THURSDAY, March 20—NO MASS

There will be Adoration 8:30—10:30am at St. Agnes
NO HOLY HOUR—February or March

FRIDAY, March 21—Stations of the Cross—Sched. next column

There will be Adoration 8:30am—Noon—St. Cecilia

ICC 10:00 AM—NO MASS & NO ADORATION

SATURDAY, March 22

**ICC 4:00 PM +Arnoldine Basanese
by Kathy Sarber-Saylor**

ST A 6:15 PM +Pete Paraventi
by Donna Paraventi

SUNDAY, March 23

ST C 8:00 AM For the people
ST A 10:00 AM +Jerry Fitzpatrick—for his birthday
by his family

Community Easter Dinner

Sunday—April 20

St. Agnes Church—Iron River, Michigan

Dine-in served: 1:00—3:00pm

Deliveries will begin at 11:30am

Take-outs available for pick-up at NOON

There is NO CHARGE for this dinner & all in the area are welcome.

If you would like to help with prep, serving, or clean-up see Marni
or call Kathy at the Rectory Office.

If you can't work but would like to help, these items are needed:
cut green beans/sweet potatoes/pineapple tidbits. Boxes at church.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mar. 17 Mon Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38

Mar. 18 Tue Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12

Mar. 19 Wed 2 Sm 7:4-5a Rom 4:13 Mt 1:16, 18-21

Mar. 20 Thu Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16;19-31

Mar. 21 Fri Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Mar. 22 Sat Mt 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Mar. 23 Sun Ex 3:1-8a 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6 Lk 13:1-9

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

“Once admit the right to kill unproductive persons...then none of us can be sure of his life.” So spoke Cardinal Clemens von Galen, of Munster, Germany, in 1941. This Cardinal was called the “Lion of Munster,” because he roared with the voice of the Gospel against the atrocities of the Nazi Regime.

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

Prayer to St. Joseph from Baraga's notes: “St. Joseph, I place myself under thy protection; look on me as your child, keep me from sin; lead me in the path of virtue; assist me at death.”

St. Vincent de Paul

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish area, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ST. AGNES—5:15PM—FRIDAYS

ST. CECILIA—5:15PM—FRIDAYS

ICC—8:00AM—FRIDAYS—time may change.

Lamp Stand Candles—St. Agnes
3-15-2025

In memory of

Jeff Franzmeier

by Rhonda Angeli

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.

Please drop these items off at the Rectory Office. Thank you.

If you know of anyone that could use these blankets or shawls please call the Rectory Office at 906-265-4557.

GOSPEL MEDITATION—March 16, 2025—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him" (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that "they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone." Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

Father John Muir ©LPi

UPCSA—3/7/2025 St. Agnes	UPCSA—3/7/2025 St. Cecilia	UPCSA—3/7/2025 Immaculate Conception
Assessment \$27,031	Assessment \$26,434	Assessment \$11,819
Pledged 16,372	Pledged 14,574	Pledged 2,825
Unpledged 10,659	Unpledged 11,860	Unpledged 8,994
Families 172	Families 173	Families 53
#participants 51	#participants 44	#participants 12
30% participants	25% participants	23% participants
61% of goal	55% of goal	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 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 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 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

Next meet-Tues.—April 15—9am—St. Cecilia Rectory

Outreach Mission Team

Third Tuesday—6pm—LFR:

~Every other month beginning in March~

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.....	\$1406.00
Loose.....	315.35
Easter flowers.....	397.00
Fuel/utility.....	250.00
Votives.....	118.00
Total last week.....	\$2486.35
50 envelopes, 30%, averaging \$28.12	
Online giving \$777.90	

ST. CECILIA	
Adults.....	\$3037.00
Loose.....	71.00
Catholic schools.....	112.00
UP Catholic.....	5.00
Easter flowers.....	190.00
Fuel/utility.....	20.00
Votives.....	21.85
Total last week.....	\$3456.85
69 envelopes, 39%, averaging \$44.01	

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	
Adults.....	\$ 795.00
Loose.....	118.00
Easter flowers.....	45.00
Votives.....	8.00
Total last week.....	\$ 966.00
15 envelopes, 28%, averaging \$53.00	

Thank you for your generosity!