



St. Agnes
Iron River



St. Cecilia
Caspian



Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 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 22

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

ST A 6:15 PM +Pete Paraventi
by his wife 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

MONDAY, March 24—NO MASS

TUESDAY, March 25

ICC 9:00AM—Intentions of Grace Howard
for her birthday
by the Howard family

WEDNESDAY, March 26

ST A 8:00 AM +Karen Clements
by Dr. Don & Karen Patton & family

ST A—Adoration 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

ICC—5:30pm Stations of the Cross
followed by Soup & Bread Supper

THURSDAY, March 27

ST C 5:30 PM +Gene Peruzzi
by Tim & Bonnie Peruzzi

FRIDAY, March 28

ST C 8:00 AM +Norb Perdzock
by Bob & Catherine Cole

ST C—Adoration 8:30 AM to Noon

ICC 10:00 AM +Katherine & +Frank Styzej
by the Howard family

ICC—Adoration 10:30 to Noon

SATURDAY, March 29

ICC 4:00 PM +Elaine Howard
by the Howard family

ST A 6:15 PM For the people

SUNDAY, March 30

ST C 8:00 AM +Dale Wodzinski
by Sharon Stockero-Ryden

ST A 10:00 AM +Bill Gendron
by his wife Joyce

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mar. 24 Mon 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Lk 4:24-30
Mar. 25 Tue Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

Mar. 26 Wed Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Mar. 27 Thu Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23

Mar. 28 Fri Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34
Mar. 29 Sat Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14

Mar. 30 Sun Jos 5:9a, 10-12 2Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3

WELCOME

PRO LIFE CORNER

“Abortion and racism are both symptoms of a fundamental human error. The error is thinking that when someone stands in the way of our wants, we can justify getting that person out of our lives. Abortion and racism stem from the same poisonous root, selfishness.”

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

Every morning I rise in the name of the crucified Jesus, who by his precious Blood redeemed me. Heavenly Father, I graciously thank you...”

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, Jesus is quite clear in his message: “bear fruit or be cut down.” This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ST. AGNES—5:15PM—FRIDAYS

ST. CECILIA—5:15PM—FRIDAYS

ICC—following 10am Mass—FRIDAYS
and

ICC—Stations of the Cross—5:30pm—WEDNESDAYS
followed by
Soup & Bread Supper

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes
3-22-25

In memory of

Mike Jacobs

by Luella Ambach

Fr. Daniel invites all parishioners from our three parishes to participate in a Pilgrimage for the 2025 Jubilee Year!

The Pilgrimage will be held on Saturday, April 5,
at St. Mary Queen of Peace Church in Kingsford starting at 11am.

If a parishioner needs a ride, please call the rectory to let us know, and plan on being in the St. Agnes Church parking lot by 10am.

We will all gather at Queen of Peace Church. The Pilgrimage will begin with praying of the Rosary, followed by a Penitential Service and confessions, several priests will be available for confessions. The Pilgrimage will conclude with the celebration of Holy Mass. The celebrant will be Fr. Daniel.

Let us participate with millions of others throughout the world who will also be Pilgrims of Hope for the 2025 Jubilee.

GOSPEL MEDITATION—March 23, 2025—Third Sunday of Lent

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

Father John Muir ©LPi

UPCSA—2/2025	UPCSA—2/2025	UPCSA—2/2025
St. Agnes	St. Cecilia	Immaculate Conception
Assessment \$27,031	Assessment \$26,434	Assessment \$11,819
Pledged 15,870	Pledged 14,454	Pledged 2,825
Unpledged 11,161	Unpledged 11,980	Unpledged 8,994
Families 172	Families 173	Families 53
#participants 48	#participants 42	#participants 12
28% participants	24% participants	23% participants
59% of goal	55% of goal	24% of goal

March 31—9am
We will be cleaning the pews at
St. Agnes.
Bring a friend & a bucket!
The more the merrier!

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 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, Newborn Charlotte & her parents, Rachel Riverside, Marge Taetsch, Elizabeth Petroff

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—members—check your email

Tuesday—April 8 or 15—9am—St. Cecilia Rectory

Outreach Mission Team

Meets the third Tuesday—6pm—LFR
 March 20, then every other month.

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.....	\$1000.00
Loose.....	181.00
Catholic schools.....	10.00
Easter flowers.....	115.00
Fuel/utility.....	135.00
Votives.....	39.50
Total last week.....	\$1480.50
40 envelopes, 24%, averaging \$25.00	
Online giving....\$416.20	

ST. CECILIA	
Adults.....	\$1474.00
Loose.....	74.00
Catholic schools.....	10.00
UP Catholic.....	20.00
Easter flowers.....	174.00
Fuel/utility.....	50.00
Votives.....	16.00
Total last week.....	\$1818.00
45 envelopes, 26%, averaging \$32.76	
Online giving....\$410.00	

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	
Adults.....	\$ 500.00
Loose.....	158.00
Easter flowers.....	105.00
Fuel/utility.....	23.00
Votives.....	9.00
Total last week.....	\$ 795.00
17 envelopes, 32%, averaging \$29.41	
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry....\$301.00	

Thank you for your generosity!