



## Welcome to our Tri-Parish Community

St. Agnes—Iron River St. Cecilia—Caspian Immaculate Conception—Watersmeet

You are always welcome!

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025

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### ST. AGNES PARISH

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**Or** [www.dioceseofmarquette.org](http://www.dioceseofmarquette.org)

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.

**SATURDAY, July 19**

ICC 4:00 PM Sainthood of Bishop Baraga  
by Wayne Schemmer

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

**SUNDAY, July 20**

ST C 8:00 AM For the people

ST A 10:00 AM +Mike Jacobs  
by Jerry & Karen Petts

**MONDAY, July 21—NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, July 22**

ICC 9:00AM Intentions of Deacon Drew Langton  
for safe travels home from Ghana  
by Tri-Parish Staff

**WEDNESDAY, July 23**

ST A 8:00 AM +Elvira Mitchell—for her 7-22 birthday  
by Mark & Ann Truax

**ADORATION follows Mass until 10:30am**

**THURSDAY, July 24**

ST C 5:30 PM +Frank Hartman—for his 1st anniv. 7-22  
by his wife and family

**FRIDAY, July 25**

ST C 8:00 AM +Paul Tomasoski  
by Ryan & Melissa Wilhelmi

**ADORATION follows Mass until noon**

ICC 10:00 AM +Jerome & +Carol Draeger  
by Mary Zelinski

**ADORATION follows Mass until noon**

**SATURDAY, July 26**

ICC 4:00 PM +Carol Schemmer  
by her husband Wayne Schemmer

ST A 6:15 PM For the people

**SUNDAY, July 27**

ST C 8:00 AM +Wayne Raymond  
by Bob & Catherine Cole

ST A 10:00 AM +Gerald & +Dolores Jurecic  
by their family

**Help Wanted...**

**We are in immediate need of a housekeeper  
at the St. Agnes Rectory.  
This is a part-time/negotiable day/paid position.  
Please stop by the Rectory Office to  
pick-up an application. Thank you.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**July 21 Mon** Ex 14:5-18 Mt 12:38-42  
**July 22 Tue** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
**July 23 Wed** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Mt 13:1-9  
**July 24 Thu** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Mt 13:10-17  
**July 25 Fri** 2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28  
**July 26 Sat** Ex 24:3-8 Mt 13:24-30  
**July 27 Sun** Gn 18:20-32 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13

**WELCOME**

**PRO LIFE CORNER**

**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. Pro-Life Articles**

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

**"Indeed, my little sheep, everything is not yet gained...  
we must lovingly turn our hearts toward God..."**

***St. Vincent de Paul***

**In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus affirms that to be a disciple  
we must also sit at his feet and listen to him. St. Vincent  
de Paul taught that it is only in prayer that we can give  
selfless loving service to those who are poor.**

Our local SVdP assisted 167 families (451 people) with food, 10  
vouchers for diapers, 4 vouchers for gasoline to medical ap-  
pointments and 1 bus ticket. Thank you.

**We can have a tendency to not trust God, or doubt His plan for us.  
Things happen in ways we don't expect or understand, but ultimately  
work for our good. Remember, God knows you better than you know  
yourself and He has plans for you. Courtesy of Shevin McCullough**

Please pray for the Eternal Repose of the souls of:

**Barbara Pietila Gerald "Bill" Pietila  
Dolores Marie Smith Robert Louis Smith  
Donald Hebert Edith "Tootsie" Wodzinski Joyce Gendron  
Luella Ambach**

**our beloved St. Agnes organist, for over 40 years**

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

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes  
7-19-2025

**In memory of  
Tootsie Wodzinski**

by Ramona Ross & family

**August 1—2—3**

**Our Annual  
RUMMAGE SALE!**

**Held in the St. Agnes  
School Building**

**If you have items to  
donate, please bring  
them to the school  
bdg. on Wednesdays  
9:00am—2:30pm**

**Save the date!!!**

**Our Tri-Parish Picnic**

**Sunday—August 17  
Noon to 3:00pm**

**There will be plenty of great  
food and fellowship!  
Games for the kids &  
the popular 50-50 drawing.  
All are welcome!**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION—July 20, 2025—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, “What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste.” The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week’s gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the “one necessary thing.” He praises her for she “has chosen the better part” (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the “better part” of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

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—members, check your email**

Third Tuesday monthly—9am—St. Cecilia Rectory

**Outreach Mission Team**

Meets the third Tuesday—6pm—LFR  
 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**

First Thursday of the month—6pm—St. Cecilia

*Most societies and clubs will not meet during the summer months and will resume in September.*

**~St. Agnes Church~  
 OPEN WEEKDAYS  
 9:00am—4:00pm**

**All are welcome to stop in for quiet time in prayer or to light a candle.**

**Knights of Columbus  
 20-20 Raffle  
 Week #1 winner:  
 Sue Wadzinski**

**~ONLINE GIVING~**

***Please make sure to plan for your offertory in addition to your other plans for the summer. When your summer events or travels take you away from weekend Masses in our Tri-Parish Communities, online giving lets you continue to support our parish and its ministries. Sign-up for from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring offertory gift or make a one-time gift. Your UPCA contribution can also be made on this site. Visit [catholicyooperfaithful.com](http://catholicyooperfaithful.com) to set up your contributions under the “Giving” tab. Cards with step-by-step instructions are available at the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity.***

**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, 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, Barbara B., Chelsie Hartline, Rhonda Angeli, Mike McIntosh, Ray Cole, Dr. Chuck Newby, Ann Marie Kenny, Lois Brown, Tootsie Amelio, 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., Kristina Korpi, Vickie, Preslie Mantsch, Terri, Lavinia, Alex, Marion, Fr. Jeffrey Kurtz, Maggie, Seantel Duda, Matt Greig, Dennis Day, John Cummings, Shannon Houseveiner, Julie Brown, Rob Johnson, Bobby Cheetham, Jim Mangone, Patricia Caldwell, Ken Routheaux, Rodney Camps, Klaryce Bilski, Dan Ross, Dallas Duda, Roman VonHolle, Stephanie Cruz, Bill Swienty, Dolores Ansay, Mike Sheehy, Jean Bess, Chuck Wiegand, Jr., Bernice Waite, Rawson Mangone, Bob Cole, Carl Fitzpatrick, Dolores Sapletal, 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, Diane McGinnis, Brenda Anderson-Baker, John Luznicki, Anthony Clements, Leonard & Marilyn Gasperini, Margee Brennan, Steve Davis (Paulette’s husband), Candy Roberts

**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 Lepnanen, Florence Dravecky, Debbie Hilbrich**

**OUR TREASURE SHARED**

**ST. AGNES**

Adults.....	\$1264.00
Loose.....	445.00
Fuel/utility.....	233.00
Votives.....	53.75
<b>Total last week.....</b>	<b>\$1995.75</b>
52 envelopes, 30%, averaging \$24.31	

**ST. CECILIA**

Adults.....	\$2717.00
Loose.....	303.00
Fuel/utility.....	102.00
Votives.....	28.75
<b>Total last week.....</b>	<b>\$3150.75</b>
57 envelopes, 33%, averaging \$47.67	

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Adults.....	\$ 375.00
Loose.....	521.00
Fuel/utility.....	23.00
Votives.....	28.00
<b>Total last week.....</b>	<b>\$ 947.00</b>
15 envelopes, 29%, averaging \$25.00	

***Thank you for your generosity!***