



## Welcome to our Tri-Parish Community St. Agnes—St. Cecilia—Immaculate Conception 8-17-2025

# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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, August 16

ICC 4:00 PM For the people

ST A 6:15 PM +Beth Vezzetti—for her March 12 Anniv.  
by Veronica & Rich Junak

### SUNDAY, August 17

ST C 8:00 AM +Frank Hartman

by his wife and family

ST A 10:00 AM For the Living and Deceased members  
of the St. Agnes School Class of 1966

### MONDAY, August 18—NO MASS

### TUESDAY, August 19

ICC 9:00AM +Michael Hanmer

by Sue

### WEDNESDAY, August 20

ST A 8:00 AM +Robert Vezzetti

by Faye & Donn Atanasoff & fam.

### ADORATION follows Mass until 10:30am

### THURSDAY, August 21

ST C 5:30 PM +Jerry Fitzpatrick

by his family

### FRIDAY, August 22

ST C 8:00 AM +Valerie Tomasoski

by Ryan & Melissa Wilhelmi

### ADORATION follows Mass until noon

ICC 10:00 AM Intentions of Father Daniel

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### SATURDAY, August 23

ICC 4:00 PM +Carol Schemmer

by her husband Wayne

ST A 6:15 PM +Richard & +Carol Ann Angeli

for their wedding anniversary

by Mary, Sarah, Anna Sparapani

### SUNDAY, August 24

ST C 8:00 AM +Edward Darko—Father's brother-in-law

by St. Anne Society

ST A 10:00 AM For the people

**Please note: there are several weekday Mass openings at ICC, call the St. Agnes Rectory Office if you would like to schedule any Masses there.**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Aug 18 Mon Jgs 2:11-19 Mt 19:16-22

Aug 19 Tue Jgs 6:11-24a Mt 19:23-30

Aug 20 Wed Jgs 9:5-15 Mt 20:1-16

Aug 21 Thu Jgs 11:29-39a Mt 22:1-14

Aug 22 Fri Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Mt 22:34-40

Aug 23 Sat Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17 Mt 23:1-12

Aug 24 Sun Is 66:18-21 Heb 19:5-7 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

## WELCOME

### PRO LIFE CORNER

**The truth about abortion has been censored by the media licensed by our courts, politicized by our politicians and even silenced in our churches and school.**

**Babies in the womb have no voice except yours and mine.**

**We cannot remain silent any longer!**

*Pro-Life Articles Author*

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

**"A Christian without prayer is like a soldier without arms, exposed to every attack and easily overcome; therefore, be in awe of this presence of God, and behave accordingly."**

### *St. Vincent de Paul*

**In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our "Father" and just as a parent's love for their children is unlimited, so is God's love and care for us is unlimited.**

In the month of July, our local Society of St. Vincent de Paul assisted 164 families (402) people with food, 13 vouchers for diapers, 2 vouchers for gasoline to medical appointments and 1 hotel night. Thank you.

### **~Our Tri-Parish Family Picnic~**

**Sunday—August 17**

**Noon to 3:00pm**

**There will be plenty of great food and fellowship!**

**Games for the kids & 50-50 drawing for the adults!**

**Bring your family and friends!**

**All are welcome!**

**NEW this year at the picnic—we will be having a**

**Gift Basket Silent Auction...a fundraiser to benefit our 3 parishes!**

### **\*Father Daniel's Wish List\***

#### **ST. AGNES**

**Replace rain gutters on the Rectory**

**Replace rain gutters on the Church**

**Replace emergency lights/exit signs in church—\$2700**

**Replace emergency lights/exit signs in school—\$514**

**Chalice**

**Repair cracks in parking lot and apply sealcoat**

**Replace electronic sign—\$31,245**

**Install motion lighting/both office entrances—\$675**

#### **ST. CECILIA**

**Repair handrails at main church entrance—\$2500—*donor paid***

**Replace disabled ramp at north church entrance—\$6500**

**Replace railing for disabled ramp—\$3000**

**Replace emergency lights/exit signs in church and hall—\$1541**

**Kneeler replacement**

**Repair cracks in Parking lot and apply sealcoat—\$4159**

#### **IMMACULATE**

#### **CONCEPTION CHURCH**

**Replace/level concrete in driveway**

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION—Aug. 17, 2025—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, “You shouldn’t be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don’t. If I stop pushing you, it means I don’t think you have any more potential.” He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. “Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?” he asks, “No, tell you, but rather division” (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That’s why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents’ wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. **But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let’s thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.**

*Father John Muir ©LPi*

### **~St. Agnes Church~**

**The church is open every weekday from 9:00am—4:00pm (3pm on Wed.) All are welcome to stop in for quiet time in prayer or to light a candle.**

### ***Knights of Columbus 20-20 week 5 raffle winner:***

***Becky Ahola***

#### **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 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, 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 Housveiner, Julie Brown, Rob Johnson, Bobby Cheetham, Jim Mangone, Patricia Caldwell, Ken Routheaux, Rodney Camps, Kлары 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, Rachel Riverside, Marge Taetsch, Elizabeth Petroff, Diane McGinnis, Brenda Anderson-Baker, Anthony Clements, Leonard & Marilyn Gasperini, Steve Davis (Paulette’s husband), Candy Roberts, Leif Carlson, Sister Peggy

#### **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 Lepanen, Florence Dravecky, Debbie Hilbrich**

**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.

### **Lamp Stand Candle**

**St. Agnes**

**8-16-2025**

**In memory of**

**Peggy Rose**

**for her August 22 birthday**

#### **OUR TREASURE SHARED**

##### **ST. AGNES**

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Adults.....          | \$1506.00 |
| Loose.....           | 540.00    |
| National Church..... | 52.00     |
| Assumption.....      | 30.00     |
| Fuel/utility.....    | 40.00     |
| Votives.....         | 72.52     |
| Total last week..... | \$2240.52 |

47 envelopes, 27%, averaging \$32.04

8-3 Online giving...\$845.20

##### **ST. CECILIA**

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| Adults.....          | \$3083.00 |
| Loose.....           | 361.00    |
| Assumption.....      | 30.00     |
| National Church..... | 146.00    |
| Fuel/utility.....    | 140.00    |
| Votive candles.....  | 61.76     |
| Total last week..... | \$3821.76 |

55 envelopes, 31%, averaging \$56.05

##### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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| Adults.....          | \$ 910.00 |
| Loose.....           | 293.00    |
| National Church..... | 47.00     |
| Votives.....         | 6.00      |
| Total last week..... | \$1256.00 |

18 envelopes, 35%, averaging \$41.11

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