



St. Agnes
Iron River



St. Cecilia
Caspian



Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet

Welcome to our Tri-Parish Community St. Agnes—St. Cecilia—Immaculate Conception 8-24-2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ST. AGNES PARISH

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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 23

ICC 4:00 PM +Carol Schemmer
by her husband Wayne
ST A 6:15 PM +Mike Jacobs
by Mark & Jill Ponozzo

SUNDAY, August 24

ST C 8:00 AM +Edward Darko (Fr. Daniel's brother-in-law)
by St. Anne Society
ST A 10:00 AM For the people

MONDAY, August 25—NO MASS

TUESDAY, August 26

ICC 9:00AM +Michael Hanmer—by Sue

WEDNESDAY, August 27

ST A 8:00 AM +Mike Jacobs
by Dr. Don & Karen Patton

ADORATION follows Mass until 10:30am

THURSDAY, August 28

ST C 5:30 PM +Jeannette Larson
by George & Jeanne Polanin

FRIDAY, August 29

ST C 8:00 AM +Ron & +Eugene Zorzin
by Elaine & Jim Baumgartner

ADORATION follows Mass until noon

ICC 10:00 AM +Jean DeMay—by Sue

SATURDAY, August 30

ICC 4:00 PM Sainthood of Bishop Baraga
by Wayne Schemmer
ST A 6:15 PM +Mike Jacobs
by Mark & Carol Brunswick

SUNDAY, August 31

ST C 8:00 AM For the people
ST A 10:00 AM +Keith Mitchell—by Mark & Ann Truax

We will be holding a "Workshop" on Tues., Sept. 9th, at St. Cecilia preceded by a light supper at 5:15pm followed by a presentation on Future Focused Giving by Mr. Jacob Spear, elder Law Attorney from Republic, with offices in Marquette and Iron Mountain. He will explain the details behind legacy giving. Q&A will follow the presentation. All are welcome!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>Aug 25 Mon</u>	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23:13-22
<u>Aug 26 Tue</u>	1 Thes 2:1-8 Mt 23:23-26
<u>Aug 27 Wed</u>	1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32
<u>Aug 28 Thu</u>	1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51
<u>Aug 29 Fri</u>	1 Thes 4:1-8 Mk 6:17-29
<u>Aug 30 Sat</u>	1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30
<u>Aug 31 Sun</u>	Sir 3:17-18 Heb 12:18-19 Lk 14:1, 7-14

WELCOME

To the Greatest Parish in the U.P.!

Thank you all so much for such an amazing summer. It was truly a blessing to serve the tri-parish community as a deacon. It is hard to believe that summer is already coming to an end. I loved preaching and serving at the masses and enjoyed getting to know and serve you this summer. Thank you all for your warm welcome, kind words, and prayers. One thing I learned this summer is that the people of Iron River, Caspian, and Watersmeet are very generous. You are so giving of your time and talents, and charitable when it comes to the financial needs of the parish. It was great to see the community come together for the Corpus Christi Procession and Parish Picnic. I also want to thank Fr. Daniel and Dcn. Terry for guiding and teaching me this summer. I learned a great deal about parish ministry and what it means to be a servant of the people. Again, thank you all so much for your prayers and support. Please know that even though I am heading out, you will always be in my prayers. I hope to see you all in June 2026 at St. Peter's Cathedral in Marquette for priestly ordination. As I prepare for my last year at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, please pray for me in my studies and that I continue to conform my heart to Jesus's most sacred heart. God bless.

**Sincerely in Christ,
Deacon Drew Langton**

PRO LIFE

Have you ever stopped for a moment to reflect on how events in your life led you to where you are right now?

Glimpses of the Life of Venerable Bishop Baraga

"KITCHI JAWENDAGOSIWIN: There is no greater joy in this world than to receive your Lord and God in Holy Communion."

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
Install/replace emergency lights at entrances—\$1500

GOSPEL MEDITATION—8/24/2025—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; hypomone in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

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 6 Raffle winner:
Johanna Jaeger***

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, 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 Luznicky, 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 Lep-panen, 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. Cecilia

**In loving memory of
Mildred & Dalwin Anderson
by their family**

OUR TREASURE SHARED

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1125.00
Loose.....	332.00
National Church.....	20.00
Assumption of Mary.....	291.00
U.P. Catholic.....	343.00
Total last week.....	\$1783.00
39 envelopes, 23%, averaging \$28.85	

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1612.00
Loose.....	271.00
Assumption of Mary.....	336.00
National Church.....	50.00
Votives.....	80.00
Fuel/utility.....	50.00
Total last week.....	\$2399.00
42 envelopes, 24%, averaging \$32.88	

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adults.....	\$ 695.00
Loose.....	459.62
Assumption of Mary.....	255.00
Votives.....	32.00
Total last week.....	\$1441.62
20 envelopes, 38%, averaging \$32.25	
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry...\$409.07	

Thank you for your generosity!