





First Sunday in Advent

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

First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025

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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

<u>St. Agnes</u> 6:15pm Saturday

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, November 29

ICC 4:00 PM +Joyce Gendron

by Dcn Terry & Renee Verville

ST A 6:15 PM For the parishioners

SUNDAY, Nov. 30—Knights Corporate Communion @ 10a

ST C 8:00 AM +Don/+Julie/+Jean McDonald

by Kevin & Scott

ST A 10:00 AM +Richard Anderson—by SHS class of '67

MONDAY, December 1—NO MASS

TUESDAY, December 2

ICC 9:00 AM +Bob & +Jane Groulx

WEDNESDAY, December 3

ST A 8:00 AM +Dolly Watts

by Rose Carne

ADORATION follows Mass until 10:30am

THURSDAY, December 4

ST C 5:30 PM +Joseph Kaczorowski

by Jane & Duane Lombardini

FRIDAY, December 5

ST C 8:00 AM +Don, +Julie, +Jean McDonald by Kevin & Scott

ADORATION follows Mass until noon

ICC 10:00 AM +Bob & Jane Groulx

ADORATION follows Mass until noon

SATURDAY, December 6

ICC 4:00 PM +Carol Schemmer

by her husband Wayne

ST A 6:15 PM +Gail Gustafson

by Jane & Greg Townsend

SUNDAY, December 7

ST C 8:00 AM For the parishioners

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

ICC 3:00 PM Penance Service/Confessions

ICC 4:00 PM For the growth of our Church

Please join us for the Penance Service 3pm and 4pm ICC Feast Day Celebration Mass followed by dinner in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

God makes no distinction: He promised mercy to all and granted His priests the authority to forgive without any exception.

-Saint Ambrose

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Dec 1 Mon Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11

Dec 2 Tue Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

Dec 3 Wed Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37

Dec 4 Thu Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Dec 5 Fri Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

Dec 6 Sat Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Dec 7 Sun Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

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
Repair cracks in parking lot and apply sealcoat
Replace electronic sign—\$31,245

ST. CECILIA

Kneeler replacement Roman Missal—\$165

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Replace/level concrete in driveway
Install/replace emergency lighting at entrances—\$1500 est.

The list is getting shorter! Thank you.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

SUNDAY, December 7th—3:00pm—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, WATERSMEET

THURSDAY, December 11th—6:30pm—ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH, IRON MOUNTAIN

SUNDAY, December 14th—3pm—ST. MARY, NORWAY

WEDNESDAY, December 17th—5:30pm—ST. ROSE, CHANNING

THURDSAY, December 18th—6:30pm—AMERICAN MARTYRS, KINGSFORD

FRIDAY, December 19th—6:00pm—GUARDIAN ANGELS, CRYSTAL FALLS

SUNDAY, December 21st—4:00pm (Confessions)
Arrive at 3pm for Penance Service—ST. CECILIA, CASPIAN

Lamp Stand Candles—St. Cecilia 11-22-2025 In loving memory of

Patricia Carney Hentzel

by Irvin Hentzel

St. Agnes and St. Cecilia CCD Christmas Pageant

The Pageant will be on Wednesday, December 17 6:00pm at St. Agnes

The children have been working very hard, please come and show your support.

All parishioners, guests, & friends are invited to attend.

Please join us for the Pageant & Social to follow.

Knights of Columbus 20-20 Week 20 raffle winner: Stella Schober

GOSPEL MEDITATION—11/30/2025—First Sunday of Advent

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare, Build, Watch. The flood will come. But so will he. Father John Muir ©LPi

T-shirts & St. Cecilia Cookbooks will be available for purchase after all weekend Masses and at the Office for the next few weeks.

> SCRIP gift cards will also be available after all weekend Masses and at the Church Office.

Our SCRIP Christmas Promo has begun...with each card purchased you'll receive a drawing ticket. The winner will be drawn on December 19th.

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, 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, Rachel Riverside, Marge Taetsch, Elizabeth Petroff, Diane McGinnis, Brenda Anderson-Baker, Anthony Clements, Leonard & Marilyn Gasperini, Steve Davis (Paulette's husband), Candy Roberts, Sister Peggy, Ramona Ross

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, Debbie Hilbrich, Al Anderson, Wayne Schemmer

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 2nd Thurs. of the month—6:30pm—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 September 16 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

HOLY HOUR

First Thursday of the month—6pm—St. Cecilia CHANGE COLLECTION: CANISTERS AT CHURCH ENTRANCES

Our 2 remaining FEAST DAYS

Dec. 7—For the Growth of our Church—ICC Feast Day 4pm Mass at ICC

Jan. 26—For the Growth of our Church—St. Agnes Feast Day 10am Mass at St. Agnes

A meal will be served on the Feast Days. Wear your Parish T-shirts! Please join us, all are welcome!

OUR TREASURE SHARED—Nov. 16	
ST. AGNES	
Adults	\$1003.00
Loose	412.00
All Souls/All Saints	10.00
Immaculate Conception	10.00
Christmas	10.00
Christmas flowers	200.00
Votives	90.25
Fuel/utility	10.00
Total last week	\$1755.25
42 envelopes, 25%, averaging \$23.88	
ST. CECILIA	
Adults	\$1292.00
Loose	252.00
Christmas flowers	215.00
Fuel/utility	95.00
Votive candles	33.00
Total last week	\$1887.00
71 envelopes, 20%, averaging \$36.91	
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	
Adults	\$ 436.00
Loose	162.00
Christmas flowers	20.00
Fuel/utility	.50
Votives	28.00
Total last week	\$ 646.50
18 envelopes, 35%, averaging \$24.22	
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry\$243.00	

Thank you for your generosity!