



St. Agnes
Iron River



St. Cecilia
Caspian



Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet

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

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 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.

SATURDAY, December 6

ICC 4:00 PM +Carol Schemmer
by her husband Wayne
ST A 6:15 PM +Gail Gustafson
by the Meske family

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 MASS—Growth of our Church
ICC Dinner to follow Mass—Everyone is welcome!

MONDAY, December 8—NO MASS

TUESDAY, December 9

ICC 9:00 AM For the living & deceased
of the Rosary Sodality

WEDNESDAY, December 10

ST A 8:00 AM +Mary Conlin—by Bob & Catherine Cole
ADORATION follows Mass until 10:30am

THURSDAY, December 11

ST C 5:30 PM +Don/+Julie/+Jean McDonald
by Kevin & Scott

FRIDAY, December 12

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

ADORATION follows Mass until noon

ICC 10:00 AM +Dan Vignali—for his 77th Birthday
by Sandy Vignali Kabot

ADORATION follows Mass until noon

SATURDAY, December 13

ICC 4:00 PM For the parishioners
ST A 6:15 PM +Bill Gendron
by his wife Joyce

SUNDAY, December 14

ST C 8:00 AM +Charles & +Yvonne Kralovec
by their family
ST A 10:00 AM +Bill Stewart
by his wife Fran

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
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.

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**

**THURSDAY, 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
CASPIAN**

*Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes
11-8-2025*

*In loving memory of
Al Perlongo*

by Jan, Derek, Koren, Noah & Nick Perlongo

*Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes
12-6-2025*

*In loving memory of
Evelyn Vantaggi*

by Carol & Mark Brunswick

*Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes
11-8-2025*

*In memory of
Peggy Rose*

by Jan, Derek, Koren, Noah & Nick Perlongo

CRIPTURE READINGS

Dec 8 Mon Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11:12/Lk 1:26-38

Dec 9 Tue Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14

Dec 10 Wed Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30

Dec 11 Thu Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15

Dec 12 Fri Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a 12:16a

Dec 13 Sat Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17a, 10-13

Dec 14 Sun Is 35:1-6-6a, 10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

St. Agnes

\$27,398.92 Assessed
\$6,235 paid to date
\$7,235 pledged to date
\$23,163.92 unpledged
12 participants
172 total families
7% participation
26% of goal
**UPCSA figures to date
11-4-2025**

St. Cecilia

\$26,296.98 Assessed
\$4,135 paid to date
\$5,235 pledged to date
\$21,061.98 unpledged
20 participants
175 total families
11% participation
20% of goal
**UPCSA figures to date
11-4-2025**

ICC

\$12,278.24 Assessed
\$700 paid to date
\$1,350 pledged to date
\$10,928.24 unpledged
5 participants
52 total families
10% participation
11% of goal
**UPCSA figures to date
11-4-2025**

GOSPEL MEDITATION—12/7/2025—Second Sunday of Advent

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “locusts and wild honey” (Mark 1:6). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

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 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, 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

**FEAST DAYS to Celebrate
ICC this year/St. Agnes in 2026**

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

**Jan. 26, 2026—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

ST. AGNES	
Adults.....	\$1101.00
Loose.....	358.00
Total last week.....	\$1459.00
45 envelopes, 27%, averaging \$24.47	

ST. CECILIA	
Adults.....	\$2628.00
Loose.....	129.04
Christmas flowers.....	20.00
Fuel/utility.....	40.00
Votive candles.....	27.50
Total last week.....	\$2844.54
25 envelopes, 14%, averaging \$105.12	

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	
Adults.....	\$ 356.06
Loose.....	105.00
Votives.....	3.00
Total last week.....	\$464.06
14 envelopes, 26%, averaging \$25.43	

Thank you for your generosity!