

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2025

# SATURDAY, December 20

ICC 4:00 PM Sainthood of Bishop Baraga by Wayne Schemmer ST A 6:15 PM +Arthur Hibbard, Jr. by Ron & fay Frailing

# SUNDAY, Dec. 21

ST C 8:00 AM For the parishioners ST A 10:00 AM +John & +Pauline Bilski—by their family ST C 3:30 PM Advent Penance Service/Confessions

### MONDAY, December 22—NO MASS

### TUESDAY, December 23

ICC 9:00 AM +Bob & +Jane Groulx

### WEDNESDAY, December 24—Christmas Eve

ICC 3:00 PM +Bob & +Jane Groulx ST A 5:15 PM +Mary & Jim Murdoch by Mary Pellizzaro & family

# THURSDAY, December 25—Christmas Day

<u>ST C 8:00 AM</u> For the parishioners <u>ST A 10:00 AM</u> +John Myefski—by Joyce

## FRIDAY, December 26

ST C 8:00 AM +Jim Keeney—Mary Pellizzaro & fam.

### NO ADORATION

ICC 10:00 AM +Bob & Jane Groulx

## **NO ADORATION**

### SATURDAY, December 27

ICC 4:00 PM Intentions of Bill Howard for his birthday by the Howard family

ST A 6:15 PM +Angeline & +Charles Reiser by daughters

## SUNDAY, December 28

ST C 8:00 AM +Jerry Fitzpatrick—by his family

The family of Mary Cestkowski would like to thank you all for your kind words, cards and prayers while she was ill. It really brightened her day to know so many of you thought about her. Mary passed away peacefully in her sleep on December 15.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

 Dec 1 Mon
 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 4:46-56

 Dec 23 Tue
 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66

 Dec 24 Wed
 Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79

<u>Dec 25 Thu</u> Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts16:16-17

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6 Night: Is 2:1-6/Ti 2:11-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Dec 26 Fri Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22

Dec 27 Sat 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

<u>Dec 28 Sun</u> Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

# \*Father Daniel's Wish List\*

### ST. AGNES

Motion sensor lighting at office entrances—\$675
Replace emergency lights/exit signs in church—\$2700
Replace emergency lights/exit signs in school—\$514
Repair cracks in parking lot and apply sealcoat—\$4354
Replace electronic sign—remaining amount \$28,245—
after donor pd \$3000 of original amount—\$31,245

# ST. CECILIA

Kneeler replacement
Roman Missal—\$165—donor paid
Repair cracks in Parking lot and apply sealcoat—\$1659

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Replace/level concrete in driveway—\$41,553
Install/replace emergency lighting at entrances—\$1500 est.

## March for Life 2026

Join Fr. Ryan Ford and pilgrims from the U.P. on a bus trip to the National March for Life in Washington D.C., **Wednesday, January 21—Sunday, January 25, 2026.** Pilgrimage includes lodging, sightseeing, rally and march on the National Mall, and attendance at the Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life.

Registration is due with a \$50.00 deposit by January 1. Visit: yoopercatholic.org/march for more information.

# **Going Deeper Retreat**

High school students who desire to deepen their relationship with Christ are invited to Going Deeper: **Friday, January 2—Sunday, January 4, 2026, at Fortune Lake Camp, Crystal Falls.** This retreat is led by parish youth ministers from the U.P. and includes food, fun, talks, and prayer times.

Visit: <u>voopercatholic.org/deeper</u> for more information and to register.

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Cecilia 12-20-2025

# In loving memory of Mary Cestkowski

by Kathy

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

SUNDAY, December 21st—3:30pm (Confessions) ST. CECILIA, CASPIAN

Please pray for the Eternal Repose of the souls of

# Anne Rosseau and Mary Cestkowski

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

# GOSPEL MEDITATION—12/21/2025—Fourth Sunday of Advent

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

Father John Muir ©LPi

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes

In memory of

# Eddie and Luella Ambach

by Jane and Greg Townsend

# 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 and Marilyn Gasperini, Steve Davis (Paulette's husband), Candy Roberts, Sister Peggy, Ramona Ross, Bill Gustafson

### **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, Leonard Valentine, Dan Pudlo, Jim Zelinski, Robert Brownell, Amy Leppanen, Florence Dravecky, Debbie Hilbrich, Al Anderson, Wayne Schemmer, Elsie Peterson

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.

#### <u>Devotion in Honor of our Mother</u> 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 <u>third Sunday</u> 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—First one in 2026

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

A meal will be served.

Wear your Parish T-shirts on this Feast Day.

Please join us, all are welcome!

### OUR TREASURE SHARED—Dec. 14

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ST. CECILIA			
Adults	\$1867.00		
Loose	179.00		
Immaculate Conception	85.00		
Solemnity of Mary	5.00		
Christmas flowers	20.00		
Christmas	35.00		
First offering	4.00		
Mission	10.00		
Votive candles	22.75		
Total last week	\$2227.75		

43 envelopes, 25%, averaging \$43.42

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adults	\$	256.56
Loose		234.04
Immaculate Conception		345.44
Christmas		150.00
Votives		24.00
Total last week	\$1	1010.04

20 envelopes, 38%, averaging \$42.75

Thank you for your generosity!