



St. Agnes  
Iron River



St. Cecilia  
Caspian



Immaculate Conception  
Watersmeet

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
December 28, 2025

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### ST. AGNES PARISH

702 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Iron River, MI 49935-1304

**Parishes' Office Phone (906) 265-4557**

### ST. CECILIA PARISH

510 Brady Street, Caspian—physical address

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### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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**Or** [www.dioceseofmarquette.org](http://www.dioceseofmarquette.org)

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 27**

ICC 4:00 PM Intentions of Bill Howard for his birthday  
by the Howard family  
ST A 6:15 PM +Angeline (Abata) Reiser  
by her daughters

**SUNDAY, December 28**

ST C 8:00 AM +Jerry Fitzpatrick—by his family  
ST A 10:00 AM For the parishioners

**MONDAY, December 29—NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, December 30**

ICC 9:00 AM +Arnoldine Basanese  
by her daughter Maria Basanese-Hill

**WEDNESDAY, December 31—New Year's Eve**

ST A 4:00 PM +Joseph Kaczorowski  
by Jane & Duane Lombardini

**NO ADORATION**

**THURSDAY, January 1—HAPPY NEW YEAR!—a Holy Day**

ST C 8:00 AM For the parishioners  
ICC 10:15 AM +Gene Peruzzi  
by Tim & Bonnie Peruzzi

**FRIDAY, January 2**

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

**NO ADORATION**

ICC 10:00 AM +Dan Vignali—by Sandy Vignali-Kabat

**NO ADORATION**

**SATURDAY, January 3**

ICC 4:00 PM For the parishioners  
ST A 6:15 PM +Dorit Mohorovicic  
by Sue Maki

**SUNDAY, January 4**

ST C 8:00 AM +Todd Ingram  
by his family  
ST A 10:00 AM +Richard and +Carol Ann Angeli  
by Mary, Sarah, Anna Sparapani

Lamp Stand Candles—St. Agnes  
In loving memory of  
**Patty Waite**  
For her 12th anniversary  
by her mom Bernice

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

**ST. AGNES**

Motion sensor lighting at office entrances—\$675  
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—\$4354  
Replace electronic sign—remaining amount—\$28,245—  
after donor paid \$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.

*Thank you for your consideration  
and for donations to date.*

*Wishing our parishioners and guests a very  
Healthy & Happy New Year!*

**Rectory Office  
CLOSED  
January 1st**

Lamp Stand Candles—St. Agnes  
In loving memory of  
**Patty Waite**  
For her 12th anniversary  
by the Waite family

Lamp Stand Candles—St. Cecilia  
In loving memory of  
**Larry Leonarduzzi**  
by his wife Traci & family

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Dec 29 Mon** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35  
**Dec 30 Tue** 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40  
**Dec 31 Wed** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18  
**Jan. 1 Thu** Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
**Jan. 2 Fri** 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28  
**Jan. 3 Sat** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34  
**Jan. 4 Sun** Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3:5-6 Mt 2:1-12

**Pilgrimage to Ireland: 10/12/2026—10/21/2026**

Join Bishop John Doerfler and hosts Dc. Steve and Jackie Gretzinger on an amazing journey to the Green Isle. For detailed information visit: [www.petersway.com/1400.html](http://www.petersway.com/1400.html) or call Megan at Peter's Way Tours 516-605-1551 ext. 18 or [megan@petersway.com](mailto:megan@petersway.com)

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION—12/28/2025—Third Sunday of Advent**

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20). First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence

Father John Muir ©LPI

<b>St. Agnes</b>	<b>St. Cecilia</b>	<b>ICC</b>
\$27,398.92 Assessed	\$26,296.98 Assessed	\$12,278.24 Assessed
\$8,085 paid to date	\$5,285 paid to date	\$1,700 paid to date
\$10,085 pledged to date	\$6,285 pledged to date	\$2,350 pledged to date
\$17,313.92 unpledged	\$20,011.98 unpledged	\$9,928.24 unpledged
19 participants	24 participants	6 participants
172 total families	175 total families	52 total families
11% participation	14% participation	12% participation
37% of goal	24% of goal	19% of goal
<b><u>UPCSA figures to date</u></b>	<b><u>UPCSA figures to date</u></b>	<b><u>UPCSA figures to date</u></b>
<b><u>12-4-2025</u></b>	<b><u>12-4-2025</u></b>	<b><u>12-4-2025</u></b>

### **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, Mary Cestkowski, Leonard Valentine, Dan Pudlo, Jim Zelinski, Robert Brownell, Amy Lepanen, 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.

### **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**

*Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes*

*12-27-2025*

*In memory of*

***Eddie and Luella Ambach***

*by Jane and Greg Townsend*

Mission Combined Collection  
Support the Missions Collection on  
Jan. 1-11-2026

### ***Bishop Baraga Words of Wisdom***

***From this journey I returned half sick and exhausted, because it was a difficult circuitous journey through all our missions among the Ottawa Indians. In these missions one must either go from one mission to another on foot or sail on the stormy Lake Michigan in a small Indian boat, which is often connected with danger to life, and which would be even more dangerous. If the Indians were not so skilled in guiding their boats. On these journeys one must also spend the night at times on the shore, and this spring the nights here were very cold.***

***Bishop Baraga to WF, Sault Saint Marie, June 24, 1859***