



St. Agnes
Iron River



St. Cecilia
Caspian



Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet

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

The Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2026

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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.

SATURDAY, January 10

ICC 4:00 PM +Arnoldine Basanese
by her husband Parnell
ST A 6:15 PM +Michael Johnivan &
the deceased Veich family members
by Stephanie Cruz

SUNDAY, January 11

ST C 8:00 AM +Don, +Julie, and +Jean McDonald
by Kevin & Scott
ST A 10:00 AM For the parishioners

MONDAY, January 12—NO MASS**TUESDAY, January 13**

ICC 9:00 AM +Mary & +Frank Guzowski
by the their family

WEDNESDAY, January 14

ST A 8:00 AM +Julia Zdunek
by Larry Zdunek

ADORATION follows Mass until 10:30am**THURSDAY, January 15**

ST C 5:30 PM +Theodore Paul/day of birth & risen 5-30
by Rowney family

FRIDAY, January 16

ST C 8:00 AM +Don Pellizzaro—19th anniversary
by Mary & family

ADORATION follows Mass until Noon

ICC 10:00 AM +Don, +Julie, +Jean McDonald
by Kevin & Scott

ADORATION follows Mass until Noon**SATURDAY, January 17**

ICC 4:00 PM For the parishioners
ST A 6:15 PM +Luella Ambach—by Toni Jacobs

SUNDAY, January 18

ST C 8:00 AM +Nelda Argentati
by Don & Sally Fiorani
ST A 10:00 AM +Luella Ambach
Joyce Myefski

~Iron County Right to Life~

**Join us for the monthly meeting on
January 12th—6:00pm**

**The meeting will be held in the St. Agnes School building.
All are invited!**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jan. 12 Mon 1 Sm 1:1-8 Mk 1:14-20
Jan. 13 Tue 1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28
Jan. 14 Wed 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39
Jan. 15 Thu 1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45
Jan. 16 Fri 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10:22a Mk 2:1-12
Jan. 17 Sat 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17:19, 10:1 Mk 2:3-17
Jan. 18 Sun Is 49:3 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

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.***

Our first FEAST DAY in 2026 is:

Jan. 25—For the Growth of our Church—

St. Agnes Feast Day

10am Mass at St. Agnes

A meal will be served following Mass.

Father Daniel invites all to the Mass and meal.

Wear your Parish T-shirts!

Please join us, all are welcome!

Things You Should Know About the Sign of the Cross

It is a sacramental. The Catechism of the Catholic church recommends the practice of sanctifying our daily life with sacramentals, chief of which is the Sign of the Cross. Many Catholics don't know that the sign of the cross is a sacramental! When we make the Sign of the Cross before we begin an activity, we elevate whatever it is we are doing. It becomes an opportunity for drawing nearer to God.

In the book, *Manual for Spiritual Warfare*, author Paul Thigpen explains the power of sacramentals for spiritual warfare. He reminds us that sacramentals are sacred signs that bear a resemblance to the sacraments. They signify effects—especially of a spiritual kind—that are obtained through the Church's intercession and “are extremely powerful in our fight against the evil one.”

Other sacramentals are material, such as the Brown Scapular, Holy Water, liturgical or blessed candles, Holy relics or items such as crucifixes, medals or rosaries. The Sign of the Cross is a sacramental *gesture*.

GOSPEL MEDITATION—1/11/2026—The Baptism of the Lord

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called “Behind the Mac – Greatness.” It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, “There’s a certain kind of person who doesn’t wait for greatness. They make it.” It’s a compelling message. There’s beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can’t anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today’s Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn’t preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” It’s not a reward for success. It’s not earned. Before he does anything “great,” Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: “You are my beloved.” That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

Father John Muir ©LPI

| St. Agnes | St. Cecilia | ICC |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$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 |
| UPCSA figures to date | UPCSA figures to date | UPCSA figures to date |
| 12-4-2025 | 12-4-2025 | 12-4-2025 |

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

In loving memory of

Larry Leonarduzzi

for his 5th anniversary on January 13

by his sister Marsha and family

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

OUR TREASURE SHARED—Dec. 28

ST. AGNES

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| Adults..... | \$1093.00 |
| Loose..... | 1202.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary..... | 50.00 |
| Christmas..... | 1406.00 |
| Total last week..... | \$3751.00 |

26 envelopes, 16%, averaging \$42.04

ST. CECILIA

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| Adults..... | \$2493.00 |
| Loose..... | 239.55 |
| All Saints \$5/All Souls \$10.... | 15.00 |
| Immaculate Conception..... | 4.00 |
| Christmas flowers..... | 15.00 |
| Christmas..... | 990.00 |
| Votive candles..... | 61.00 |
| Total last week..... | \$3864.55 |

40 envelopes, 23%, averaging \$62.33

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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| Adults..... | \$2145.00 |
| Loose..... | 831.00 |
| Ascension..... | 30.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary..... | 30.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul..... | 10.00 |
| Christmas..... | 20.00 |
| Votes..... | 13.00 |
| Total last week..... | \$3050.60 |

47 envelopes, 89%, averaging \$45.64

Thank you for your generosity!