



St. Agnes
Iron River



St. Cecilia
Caspian



Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8, 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.

Welcome Fr. Ryan Ford!

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 7

ICC 4:00 PM For our parishioners
STA 6:15 PM +John Kudlaty
by Janice & Jim Kanis

SUNDAY, February 8

ST C 8:00 AM +Michael Hanmer
by Sue
STA 10:00 AM +Julia Zdunek
by Larry Zdunek

MONDAY—February 9—NO MASS

TUESDAY—February 10—NO MASS

WEDNESDAY—February 11—NO MASS

Mass for Mike Jacobs rescheduled to April 22, 2026

ADORATION from 8:30am—11am Benediction

THURSDAY—February 12—NO MASS

FRIDAY—February 13—NO MASS

ADORATION—from 8:30am—11am Benediction

FRIDAY—ICC—10:00 AM—NO MASS

NO ADORATION

SATURDAY, February 14

ICC 4:00 PM +Bob and Jane Groulx
STA 6:15 PM Intentions of Mariella Rudd
by her Godparents

SUNDAY, February 15

ST C 8:00 AM +Richard & +Carol Ann Angeli
by Mary, Sarah, Anna Sparapani
STA 10:00 AM For the parishioners

Please pray for the Eternal Repose of the soul of

Teresa A. Cristan

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>Feb. 9 Mon</u>	1Jgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56
<u>Feb. 10 Tue</u>	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 37-30Mk 7:1-13
<u>Feb. 11 Wed</u>	1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23
<u>Feb. 12 Thu</u>	1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30
<u>Feb. 13 Fri</u>	1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19 Mk 7:31-37
<u>Feb. 14 Sat</u>	1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34
<u>Feb. 15 Sun</u>	Sir 15:15-20 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37 27-28

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

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

Christmas Flowers, continued

Mrs. Patty Hartman

In memory of:

Frank Hartman family & the Roman Kowalski family

Jeanne Pangrazzi

In memory of:

Walter Brunswick, Caroline Applin, Mary Benzer, Tootsie Wodzinski, Gene Wodzinski

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Pellizzaro

In memory of:

Michael Pellizzaro and Evelyn & Harold Fillis

Things You Should Know About the Sign of the Cross

Initially the Sign of the Cross was made with the thumb, usually on the forehead but sometimes on the lips and chest. This small Sign of the Cross was commonly used by the end of the 4th century and is still used today at every Mass and in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Anointing of the Sick. It is also used for marking the forehead with ashes on Ash Wednesday. By the 6th century, people were using the first two fingers, held together to make a large sign of the Cross touching the forehead, chest, and shoulders. The two fingers symbolized the two natures (divine and human) of Jesus Christ. The use of three fingers became popular in the 9th century, by which the thumb and first two fingers were held outstretched together to symbolize the Trinity, while the remaining two fingers were bent to signify the two natures of Christ. This form of the large cross is still used today in Eastern churches where the right shoulder is touched before the left.

GOSPEL MEDITATION—2/8/2026—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.

Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14).

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that's part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn't call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let's ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

Father John Muir ©LPi

St. Agnes
\$27,398.92 Assessed
\$8,085 paid to date
\$11,085 pledged to date
\$17,313.92 unpledged
24 participants
172 total families
14% participation
43% of goal
UPCSA figures to date
1-20-2026

St. Cecilia
\$26,296.98 Assessed
\$5,285 paid to date
\$6,285 pledged to date
\$20,011.98 unpledged
28 participants
175 total families
16% participation
26% of goal
UPCSA figures to date
1-20-2026

ICC
\$12,278.24 Assessed
\$2,000 paid to date
\$2,3550 pledged to date
\$9,728.24 unpledged
8 participants
52 total families
16% participation
21% of goal
UPCSA figures to date
1-20-2026

**St. Agnes
Altar Society**
*Meetings for
Feb. & March
will be on the
third Tues.
February 17
and March 17*

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

VOCATIONS NIGHT

with Bishop John Doerfler, a special faith formation evening for Grades 6-8 will be held at American Martyrs, Kingsford, MI Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Registration 6:00pm. Pizza Plus Supper followed by a Vocations Panel Presentation with Bishop Doerfler, Fr. Ben Hasse, area priests and religious. Parents, please put this on your calendars.

*Our Tri-Parish prayer lists are going through a slight change.
I will be "refreshing" the lists periodically.
If you had a loved one on the list prior to this first "refreshing",
please call the office at:
906-265-4557, if you need to have them added on again.
We pray for their health to be restored & would like to be notified of that as well.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF ST. AGNES & ST. CECILIA

Tony Fittante, Tootsie Amelio, Dr. Chuck Newby, Dan Ross, Stephanie Cruz, Bill Swiety, Dolores Ansay, Mike Sheehy, Jean Bess, Chuck Wiegand, Jr., Bernice Waite, Rawson Mangone, Carl Fitzpatrick, Dolores Sapletal, Ken Silfven, Mark Shimun Sr., Gary Shimun, Sara Jean Tarsi, Stella Patricia Hebert, Carol Bastianello, Cyrus Bilderback, Jim & Geneva Anderson, Sheri Stauber, Jack Jacobson, Jim Brennan, Karen Dobson, Terry Rivard, Traci Wiegand, Ken Routheaux, Rachel Riverside, Marge Taetsch, Elizabeth Petroff, Diane McGinnis, Brenda Anderson-Baker, Anthony Clements, Leonard and Marilyn Gasperini, Steve Davis, Candy Roberts, Sister Peggy, Ramona Ross, Bill Gustafson, Duane Suliin, Rhonda Angeli, Nancy Clements, Seantel Duda, Autumn Wilson, Betty Webber-Williams, Roman VonHolle, Stella VonHolle, Dcn Mike Migney

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

OUR TREASURE SHARED—Feb. 1

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1511.00
Loose.....	317.00
Ascension of the Lord.....	15.00
U.P. Catholic.....	25.00
Mission collection.....	5.00
Fuel/utility.....	190.00
Votives.....	53.60
Total last week.....	\$2116.60

55 envelopes, 33%, averaging \$27.47

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1342.00
Loose.....	122.00
U.P. Catholic.....	20.00
Mission collection.....	5.00
Votives.....	37.00
Total last week.....	\$1526.00

43 envelopes, 26%, averaging \$31.21

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adults.....	\$ 535.00
Loose.....	39.00
Fuel/utility.....	48.00
Mission Collection.....	10.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	5.00
Votives.....	19.00
Total last week.....	\$ 666.00

16 envelopes, 30%, averaging \$44.69

Thank you for your generosity!