



St. Agnes
Iron River



St. Cecilia
Caspian



Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026

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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.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 14

ICC 4:00 PM +Bob & +Jane Groulx
ST A 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, Anne Sparapani

MONDAY—February 16—NO MASS

TUESDAY—February 17—NO MASS

ASH WEDNESDAY—Feb. 18—ASH WEDNESDAY

ICC 9:00 AM For the Bakiares family—by Gina Santori
ST C 12:00 PM For our Tri-Parish family & guests

ST A 5:30 PM For the Religious Ed children/teachers

NO ADORATION

THURSDAY—February 19—5:30pm MASS (C)

FRIDAY—February 20—8:00am MASS (C)
Stations of the Cross after MASS (C)
ADORATION—to 11am Benediction

FRIDAY February 20—10:00am MASS (ICC)
Stations of the Cross after Mass (ICC)

FRIDAY—February 20—Stations of the Cross (A)

SATURDAY, February 21

ICC 4:00 PM For the Santori family—by Gina Santori
ST A 6:15 PM +Al Perlongo
by Jan, Derek, Koren, Noah, Nick

SUNDAY, February 22

ST C 8:00 AM For the parishioners
ST A 10:00 AM +Bill Stewart
by his wife Fran

Christmas Flowers—St. Cecilia

In memory of

Blanche & George Novak
Lorraine & Dominic Hebert
by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hebert

SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>Feb. 16 Mon</u>	Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13
<u>Feb. 17 Tue</u>	Jas 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21
<u>Feb. 18 Wed</u>	Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 2:12-18
<u>Feb. 19 Thu</u>	Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25
<u>Feb. 20 Fri</u>	Is 58:1-9b Mt 9:14-15
<u>Feb. 21 Sat</u>	Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32
<u>Feb. 22 Sun</u>	Gn 2:7-9 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

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
and for donations to date.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday—in Lent

St. Cecilia—after 8:00am Mass
Immaculate Conception—after 10:00am Mass
St. Agnes—at 5:30pm

Things You Should Know About the Sign of the Cross

A priest will make the Sign of the Cross when blessing someone, or a group of people, such as the congregation during Mass or other liturgical celebrations. However, many parents also bless their children with the ancient sign—and this is a good thing to do!

The following explanation from Aleteia includes a few beautiful options for a parental blessing from Scripture: Parents have the weighty task of bringing their children to God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains how, "Through the grace of the sacrament of marriage, parents receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children. Parents should initiate their children at an early age into the mysteries of the faith of which they are the 'first heralds' for their children." One blessing that is frequently used is from the book of Numbers and is referred to as the Aaronic Blessing: "***The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace***" (Numbers 6:24-26). Another blessing comes from the book of Tobit gives his son Tobi as a blessing before he departs on a journey: "***May God in heaven protect you on the way and bring you back to me safe and sound; may his angel accompany you***" (Tobit 5:17). A simple way to do this would be to take a bit of holy water and trace the sign of the cross on the forehead of your child (or simply place your hand on their head). While doing this you can pray any of the above prayers, or just say, "***May God bless you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.***" "***This is how to bless your children***", Aleteia Magazine

GOSPEL MEDITATION—2/15/2026—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37). He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers. *Father John Muir ©LPi*

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

St. Agnes	St. Cecilia	ICC
\$27,398.92 Assessed	\$26,296.98 Assessed	\$12,278.24 Assessed
\$10,335 paid to date	\$5,685 paid to date	\$2000 paid to date
\$11,785 pledged to date	\$6,785 pledged to date	\$2,550 pledged to date
\$15,613.92 unpledged	\$19,511.98 unpledged	\$9,228.24 unpledged
24 participants	28 participants	6 participants
172 total families	175 total families	52 total families
14% participation	14% participation	15% participation
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Please pray for the Eternal Repose of the soul of

Albert Manfredi

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

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.

Thank you for your patience and support.

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

Tony Fittante, Tootsie Amelio, Dr. Chuck Newby, Dan Ross, Stephanie Cruz, Bill Swierty, Dolores Ansay, Mike Sheehy, Jean Bess, Chuck Wiegand, Jr., Bernice Waite, Rawson Mangone, Carl Fitzpatrick, Dolores Sapletal, Ken Silven, Mark Shimun Sr., Gary Shimun, Sara Jean Tarsi, Carol Bastianello, 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, Betty Webber-Williams, Roman VonHolle, Stella VonHolle, Dcn Mike Mignery, Autumn Wilson, Jim Anderson

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—February 8

ST. AGNES	
Adults.....	\$3136.00
Loose.....	371.00
U.P. Catholic.....	103.00
Votives.....	56.60
Fuel /utility.....	100.00
Total last week.....	\$3766.60
101 envelopes, 59%, averaging \$31.05	

ST. CECILIA

ST. CECILIA	
Adults.....	\$1747.00
Loose.....	109.90
Cath. schools.....	25.00
U.P. Newspaper.....	151.00
First offering.....	10.00
Votive candles.....	51.25
Total last week.....	\$2093.25
45 envelopes, 26%, averaging \$38.82	

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Feb. 8 & Feb. 15 will be in the next bulletin

Adults.....	\$.00
Loose.....	.00
Fuel/ utility.....	.00
Votives.....	.00
Total last week.....	\$.00

envelopes, %, averaging \$

Thank you for your generosity!