



**St. Agnes
Iron River**



**St. Cecilia
Caspian**



**Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet**

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

**First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 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 21

ICC 4:00 PM 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 +Joseph & +Mary Pellizzaro
by the Pellizzaro family
ST A 10:00 AM For the parishioners
Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion today

MONDAY—February 23—NO MASS

TUESDAY, February 24

ICC 9:00 AM +Bob & +Jane Groulx

WEDNESDAY, February 25

ST A 8:00 AM +Donald Frailing
by Rose Carne & Barbara Adamson

ADORATION 8:30am—10:30am Benediction

THURSDAY, February 26

ST C 5:30 PM +Peggy Rose
by Jan, Derek, Koren, Noah & Nick

FRIDAY, February 27

ST C 8:00 AM +Frank & +Mary Guzowski—by their family
ADORATION—8:30am—Noon Benediction

FRIDAY, February 27

ICC 10:00 AM +Bob & +Jane Groulx
ADORATION—10:30am—Noon Benediction

SATURDAY, February 28

ICC 4:00 PM +Mary Cestkowski
by her family
ST A 6:15 PM For the parishioners

SUNDAY, March 1

ST C 8:00 AM +Richard & +Carol Ann Angeli
by Mary, Sarah, Anna Sparapani
ST A 10:00 AM +Bill Stewart
by his wife Fran

Religious Education Meeting
6:00pm
Wednesday—February 25

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Feb 23 Mon Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46
Feb 24 Tue Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15
Feb 25 Wed Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32
Feb 26 Thu Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12
Feb 27 Fri Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26
Feb 28 Sat Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48
Mar 1 Sun Gn 12:1-4a 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

Father Daniel's Wish List

ST. AGNES

Replace rain gutters on the Rectory
Replace rain gutters on the Church
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

ST. CECILIA

Kneeler replacement—waiting for estimates
Repair cracks in Parking lot and apply sealcoat—\$1659

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Cecilia—after the 8am Mass on Fridays

St. Agnes—5:30pm on Fridays

Immaculate Conception—Wednesdays 5pm-7pm
Soup & bread supper to follow Stations of the Cross

Knights of Columbus

There are many types of vocations. We usually think of them as applying to Priestly or Holy Orders. It may also apply to secular work, your career or even one of the most important being a parent.

Vocations often mean some kind of focused service to others. The Knights can be a secondary vocation. The first principle or degree of the order is Charity, what is charity but service to others. Be it through fund raising as we do in our tootsie roll drive or sharing what we have like the Coats for Kids where we distribute winter coats to school children in need, or community service like our spring road trash pick-up or Black Cow events at the Veterans facility in Iron Mountain. The last one is serving Ice Cream Floats and pop to the residents and patients.

Think about it as you reflect during the remainder of Lent. Do you have a minor vocation to be a Knight? If someone asks you if you would like to be a Knight, do as I did nearly 40 years ago. Say an unqualified yes. I assure you as I have you will get far more out of it than you put in. No matter how much or little that is.

Ralph Commenator
Membership Chairman
Council 2300

GOSPEL MEDITATION—2/22/2026—First Sunday of Lent

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

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

The Sign of the Cross is a weapon against the devil.

St. Athanasius wrote that before the coming of Christ, demonic powers used to deceive the pagans into worshipping them and obeying their oracles. **“But now,”** he observed in the 4th century, “since the divine appearance of the **Word (Christ)**, all this deception has come to an end. For by the Sign of the Cross, if a man will only use it, their deceptions are driven out.” Paul Thigpen

St. Agnes	St. Cecilia	ICC
\$27,398.92 Assessed	\$26,296.98 Assessed	\$12,278.24 Assessed
\$11,210 paid to date	\$7,685 paid to date	\$2,550 paid to date
\$12,060 pledged to date	\$9,085 pledged to date	\$2,550 pledged to date
\$15,338.92 unpledged	\$17,211.98 unpledged	\$9,728.24 unpledged
27 participants	31 participants	9 participants
172 total families	175 total families	52 total families
16% participation	18% participation	17% participation
44% of goal	35% of goal	21% of goal
UPCSA figures to date	UPCSA figures to date	UPCSA figures to date
2-13-2026	2-13-2026	2-13-2026

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 Swienty, Dolores Ansay, Mike Sheehy, Jean Bess, Chuck Wiegand, Jr., Bernice Waite, Rawson Mangone, Bob Cole, Carl Fitzpatrick, Dolores Sapletal, Ken Silfven, 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, Adam Wilson, Betty Webber-Williams, Roman VonHolle, Stella VonHolle, Dcn Mike Mignery, Jim Anderson, Carol Mottes, Jerry Petts, Ann Raymond

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

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1717.00
Loose.....	263.00
World Church.....	15.00
U.P. Catholic.....	100.00
Fuel/utility.....	65.00
Votives.....	41.00
Total last week.....	\$2201.00
49 envelopes, 29%, averaging \$35.04	

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1322.00
Loose.....	232.00
U.P. Catholic.....	25.00
Fuel/utility.....	50.00
Votives.....	8.10
Total last week.....	\$1637.00
37 envelopes, 21%, averaging \$35.73	

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

~Combined collection for Feb. 7 & Feb. 14~

Adults.....	\$1316.00
Loose.....	89.75
Fuel/utility.....	173.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	5.00
Votives.....	27.00
Total last week.....	\$1740.75
35 envelopes, 65%, averaging \$37.60	
St. Vincent de Paul—Food Pantry...\$214.25	

Thank you for your generosity!