



St. Agnes  
Iron River



St. Cecilia  
Caspian



Immaculate Conception  
Watersmeet

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

### Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

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#### **ST. AGNES PARISH**

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

#### **ST. CECILIA PARISH**

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#### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

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**Web Site:** [www.catholicyoooperfaithful.org](http://www.catholicyoooperfaithful.org)

**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, February 28**

ICC 4:00 PM +Mary Cestkowski (for her Feb 26 birthday)  
by her family

ST A 6:15 PM For the parishioners

**SUNDAY, March 1**

ST C 8:00 AM +Edward Darko  
by Sue

ST A 10:00 AM +Bill Stewart  
by his wife Fran

**MONDAY, March 2—NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, March 3**

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

**WEDNESDAY, March 4—Stations 5pm at ICC/supper till 7pm**

ST A 8:00 AM +Mary “Marie” Kudlaty  
by Janice & Jim Kanis

**ADORATION follows Mass until 10:30am**

**THURSDAY, March 5**

ST C 5:30 PM +Mary & +Frank Guzowski  
by their family

ST C 6:00 PM—FIRST THURSDAY HOLY HOUR

**FRIDAY, March 6—Stations after Mass at St. Cecilia**

ST C 8:00 AM +Albert Kudlaty  
by Janice & Jim Kanis

**ADORATION until Noon at St. Cecilia**

ICC 10:00 AM +Bob & +Jane Groulx

**ADORATION until Noon at ICC**

**ST A 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross**

**SATURDAY, March 7**

ICC 4:00 PM For the parishioners of our  
Tri-Parish Family—by Gina Santori

ST A 6:15 PM +Jim Harris—by his wife Judy

**SUNDAY, March 8**

ST C 8:00 AM +Michael Pellizzaro  
by his Mom & Dad

ST A 10:00 AM For the parishioners

**Lenten Book Study**  
**begins on Tuesday, March 3rd**  
**6pm—7pm**  
**in the St. Agnes Little Flower Room**  
**The topic will be “Confession”**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

- Mar. 2 Mon** Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38
- Mar. 3 Tue** Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12
- Mar. 4 Wed** Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28
- Mar. 5 Thu** Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
- Mar. 6 Fri** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43
- Mar. 7 Sat** Mt 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Mar. 8 Sun** Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15

**\*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—\$27,845**

*(after donors pd \$3000 & \$500, so far)*

**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 donations to date.*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Every Friday—in Lent:**

St. Cecilia—after 8:00am Mass

St. Agnes—at 5:30pm

**Every Wednesday—in Lent:**

Immaculate Conception—begins at 5pm  
followed by Soup & Bread Supper until 7pm

**Serenity...**

Mini Explanation —What is serenity? It is an attitude of calm, one that can only be identified when contrasted with turmoil. It is stillness in a storm. It is Christ, walking steadily across the raging waves. It is the feeling we find when we are reconciled to God’s mercy.

The word “serenity” is only found once in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: in the section describing the effects of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, quoting the Council of Trent when it declared that a good confession “is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience.” (CCC 1468)

This may give the impression that serenity is not a foremost Catholic virtue, but the succinctness of the Catechism’s reference is actually proof of serenity’s importance.

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That the Catechism links it exclusively with reconciliation to God tells us all we need to know about this virtue. Where can we find calm in turmoil, stillness in storm? Where can we find serenity?

There is only one place: the merciful embrace of God in His sacraments. ©LPi

**GOSPEL MEDITATION—3/1/2026—Second Sunday of Lent**

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, "his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light" (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the "artifact" you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine. *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**

<u>St. Agnes</u>	<u>St. Cecilia</u>	<u>ICC</u>
\$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
<b>UPCSA figures to date</b>	<b>UPCSA figures to date</b>	<b>UPCSA figures to date</b>
<b>2-13-2026</b>	<b>2-13-2026</b>	<b>2-13-2026</b>

**Congratulations to John David Zelinski**  
 who was baptized at Immaculate Conception Church on  
 January 31, 2026  
 John David is the son of  
**Rudolph John & Katherine Louise (Lazzara) Zelinski**  
 There is one Lord, of faith, of baptism,  
 one God and Father of all. Eph 4:5-6  
 Please keep John David & his family in your prayers.  
 God bless this family.

**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, 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, Betty Webber-Williams, Roman VonHolle, Stella VonHolle, Dcn Mike Mignery, Adam Wilson, Jim Anderson, Carol Mottes, Ann Raymond, Jerry Petts

**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. 22**

**ST. AGNES**

Adults.....	\$ 831.00
Loose.....	240.00
U.P. Catholic.....	3.00
Catholic schools.....	25.00
Total last week.....	\$1099.00
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry....	\$507.00
33 envelopes, 20%, averaging \$25.18	

**ST. CECILIA**

Adults.....	\$1477.00
Loose.....	77.00
UP Cath. schools.....	58.00
U.P. Newspaper.....	25.00
Easter flowers.....	20.00
Votive candles.....	21.50
Total last week.....	\$1678.50
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry....	\$251.00
37 envelopes, 21%, averaging \$39.92	

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Adults.....	\$ 550.00
Loose.....	81.00
UP Cath. Schools.....	30.00
Fuel/utility.....	10.00
Votives.....	3.00
Total last week.....	\$ 681.00
22 envelopes, 42%, averaging \$25.00	

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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.

**Help for a local lady, a retired RN of 22 yr. from our local hospital... She is in need of someone to occasionally drive her to Iron Mountain for dialysis. Please call the Rectory Office: 265-4557 for name and contact info.**