



**St. Agnes
Iron River**



**St. Cecilia
Caspian**



**Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet**

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

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 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, March 7

ICC 4:00 PM 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

MONDAY—March 9—NO MASS

TUESDAY, March 10

ICC 9:00 AM +Michael Hanmer—by Sue

WEDNESDAY, March 11

ST A 8:00 AM +Betty Bal—by Ryan & Melissa Wilhelmi

ADORATION 8:30am—10:30am Benediction

THURSDAY, March 12

ST C 5:30 PM +Debby Frank—by Sue

FRIDAY, March 13

ST C 8:00 AM +Elaine Leving
by Mary Pellizzaro & family

ADORATION—8:30am—Noon Benediction

FRIDAY, March 13

ICC 10:00 AM +Bob & Jane Groulx

ADORATION—10:30am—Noon Benediction

SATURDAY, March 14

ICC 4:00 PM For the parishioners

ST A 6:15 PM For the Priests & Deacons of our parishes
by Gina Santori

SUNDAY, March 15

ST C 8:00 AM +Beth Vezzetti—her 5th anniv. March 10
by Veronica & Rich Junak

ST A 10:00 AM +Richard & +Carol Ann Angeli
by Mary, Sarah, Anna Sparapani

The Lord Is My Sheperd I Shall Not Want

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mar 9 Mon 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Lk 4:24-30

Mar 10 Tue Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35

Mar 11 Wed Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19

Mar 12 Thu Jer 7:23-38 Lk 11:14-23

Mar 13 Fri Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34

Mar 14 Sat Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14

Mar 15 Sun 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-49

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 5:30pm-7pm
Soup & bread supper to follow Stations of the Cross

Bishop Baraga Words of Wisdom

The missioners told me that most of the people in their missions, consisting of Indians, half-Indians, and Canadians, are fishermen, and that as soon as the ice on Lakes Huron and Michigan thaws they go fishing, 50-80 miles away, and there they spend the entire spring and summer. The missioners endeavor to visit them on their fishing shores from time to time, to offer Mass, preach and distribute the Holy Sacrament among them. *Bishop Baraga to WF, Sault Saint Marie-March 3, 1860*



*Advice from Nature—an Eagle
Let your Spirit Soar
See the Big Picture—Easter is Near
Cherish Freedom
Thank God for All Things*

GOSPEL MEDITATION—3/8/2026—Third Sunday of Lent

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: “One sows and another reaps” (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen. ©LPi

<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
<u>UPCSA figures to date</u>	<u>UPCSA figures to date</u>	<u>UPCSA figures to date</u>
<u>2-13-2026</u>	<u>2-13-2026</u>	<u>2-13-2026</u>

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
 ICC—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

ORMT

(Out Reach Mission Team)

will meet on Tuesday, March 17—6pm in the St. Agnes Little Flower Room.

They will now be meeting every other month.

Book Study

Tuesdays—Little Flower Room at St. Agnes

6pm—7pm

Come join us. All are welcome.

Our Annual Community Dinner

will take place on Easter Sunday—April 5th—at St. Agnes in the Parish Hall

Donations of canned cut green beans/canned sweet potatoes or yams/pineapple tidbits would be very much appreciated. Boxes for these items are at our 3 churches.

We are also in need of volunteers to help with set-up/prep work on Saturday—9am

Sunday—8am food prep/cook

Finish with clean-up

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.....	\$1556.00
Loose.....	254.00
Catholic Schools.....	10.00
Easter Flowers.....	415.00
Fuel/utility.....	185.00
Votives.....	91.50
Total last week.....	\$2511.50
53 envelopes, 31%, averaging \$29.36	

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1235.00
Loose.....	155.00
First offering.....	5.00
Easter Flowers.....	64.00
Votives.....	31.00
Total last week.....	\$1490.00
26 envelopes, 15%, averaging \$47.50	

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adults.....	\$1180.00
Loose.....	241.00
Catholic Schools.....	50.00
Easter Flowers.....	45.00
Votives.....	51.00
Total last week.....	\$1567.00
19 envelopes, 35%, averaging \$62.11	

Thank you for your generosity!