



St. Agnes
Iron River



St. Cecilia
Caspian



Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 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.

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—5th anniversary/Mar. 12
by Veronica & Rich Junak
ST A 10:00 AM +Richard & Carol Ann Angeli
by Mary, Sarah, Anna Sparapani

MONDAY, March 16—NO MASS

TUESDAY, March 17

ICC 9:00 AM +Bob & Jane Groulx

WED., March 18—Stations 5:30pm at ICC & supper till 7pm

ST A 8:00 AM +Edward Darko—by Sue

ADORATION follows Mass until 10:30am

THURSDAY, March 19

ST C 5:30 PM +Bob & +Jane Groulx

FRIDAY, March 20—Stations after 8am Mass at St. Cecilia

ST C 8:00 AM +James & +Mary Murdoch
by Mary Pellizzaro & family

ADORATION until Noon at St. Cecilia

ICC 10:00 AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
by Gina Santori

ADORATION until Noon at ICC

ST A 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 21

ICC 4:00 PM +Carol Schemmer & family
by Wayne Schemmer

ST A 6:15 PM For the parishioners

SUNDAY, March 22

ST C 8:00 AM +Rose Remondini—by her family
ST A 10:00 AM +Tierney Cayo—for her Mar. 23 birthday
by her Mom & Dad

ST A 1-4:00 PM Lenten Retreat/4:00pm Confessions

Lenten Book Study

Tuesdays

6pm—7pm/St. Agnes Little Flower Room

The topic is "Confession"

You may miss a session or 2 and still join in.

There is book reflection, pondering & a bit of laughter!

Bring a friend. All are welcome.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mar. 16 Mon Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54

Mar. 17 Tue Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16

Mar. 18 Wed Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30

Mar. 19 Thu 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, Rom 4:13 Mt 1:16

Mar. 20 Fri Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Mar. 21 Sat Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53

Mar. 22 Sun Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

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

ST. CECILIA

Kneeler replacement

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Replace/level concrete in driveway—\$41,553

Install/replace emergency lighting at entrances—\$1500 est.

Thank you for all 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 5:30pm
followed by Soup & Bread Supper until 7pm

**Our Annual Community Easter Dinner
will take place on Easter Sunday—April 5th
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

Bishop Baraga Words of Wisdom

A well spent day, a full day, Thanks be to God. Preached 4 times, English, French, Indian, and German, & I believe they were useful, practical sermons. *Bishop Baraga, 3-11-1860*

Lenten Retreat—March 22—1:00pm to 4:00pm

Confessions follow at 4:00pm

St. Agnes Church

GOSPEL MEDITATION—3/15/2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you not see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze re-frame how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

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
UPCSA figures to date	UPCSA figures to date	UPCSA figures to date
2-13-2026	2-13-2026	2-13-2026

ORMT
(Out Reach Mission Team)
will meet on Tuesday, April 21—6pm
in the St. Agnes Little Flower Room

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 Sullin, 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 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.

OUR TREASURE SHARED

ST. AGNES

Adults.....	\$1822.00
Loose.....	259.00
Easter flowers.....	325.00
Fuel/utility.....	115.00
Votives.....	17.88
Catholic schools.....	30.00
Total last week.....	\$2592.88

38 envelopes, 38%, averaging \$28.03

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$3367.00
Loose.....	99.00
First offering.....	8.00
UP Catholic.....	25.00
Easter flowers.....	261.00
Votive candles.....	59.25
Total last week.....	\$3819.25

68 envelopes, 39%, averaging \$49.51

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adults.....	\$ 700.00
Loose.....	49.00
Easter flowers.....	90.00
Fuel/utility.....	20.00
Votives.....	21.00
Total last week.....	\$ 880.00

15 envelopes, 27%, averaging \$46.67

Thank you for your generosity!