



St. Agnes
Iron River



St. Cecilia
Caspian



Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 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, 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 1:00 PM—Parish Retreat—Confessions at 4pm

MONDAY—March 23—NO MASS

TUESDAY, March 24

ICC 9:00 AM +Bob & Jane Groulx

WEDNESDAY, March 25—Stations of the Cross 5:30pm

ST A 8:00 AM +Arthur Carne
by his daughters Linda, Rose & Barbara

ADORATION 8:30am—10:30am Benediction

THURSDAY, March 26

ST C 5:30 PM NO MASS

FRIDAY, March 27—Stations of the Cross after 8 Mass

ST C 8:00 AM +Kristine Ehlinger & +Marcia Dobbs
by Kathy

ADORATION—8:30am—Noon Benediction

FRIDAY, March 27

ICC 10:00 AM Those suffering with illness
by Gina Santori

ADORATION—10:30am—Noon Benediction

SATURDAY, March 28

ST A 4:00 PM +Peter Paraventi—for his Mar. 25 birthday
by his wife Donna

SUNDAY, March 29—PALM SUNDAY

ST C 8:00 AM For the parishioners—Knights Corp. Com.

ICC 10:15 AM +Dallas Duda

by Micki Haydon & family

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

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 all you have done thus far.*

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

Friday—Mar. 27 last day at St. Agnes & St. Cecilia
Wed.—March 31 last day at Immaculate Conception

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes

3-21-2026

In memory of

Peter Paraventi

by his wife Donna

Lamp Stand Candle—St. Agnes

3-21-2026

In memory of

Mike Jacobs

by Donna Paraventi

Knights of Columbus Council 2300

As I write this it is only the second week of Lent. Fr. Daniel's sermon from last week is still resonating. Especially where he said, Christ essentially said to Peter, Shut up Peter, My Father is trying to tell you to listen to me and you are rambling about building booths. Father went on to explain how it is important for us to listen for God's instructions as well. My family and friends will tell you I am not a good listener. Sometimes though we hear without knowing we are listening. When 40 years ago I said yes to being a Knight, or later when though I don't see myself as a leader two councils saw more in me and asked me to be their leader as Grand Knight, I said yes. Will you hear without listening when you are asked. "Would you like to be a Knight?", and you answer yes.

Ralph Commenator
Membership Chairman
906-284-2498

***Come to our Parish Retreat starting at 1:00pm
concluding with Confessions at 4:00pm
Held at St. Agnes Church on Sunday, March 22.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mar 23 Mon Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7

Mar 24 Tue Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30

Mar 25 Wed Is 7:10-14; 8-10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

Mar 26 Thu Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59

Mar 27 Fri Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42

Mar 28 Sat Ez 37:21-28 Jn 44:45-56

Mar 29 Sun Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66

GOSPEL MEDITATION—3/22/2026—Fifth Sunday of Lent

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43) The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now. *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 3rd Tues.—6pm—LFR (APRIL 21)

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

\$27,398.92 Assessed
\$12,520 paid to date
\$12,520 pledged to date
\$14,878.92 unpledged
28 participants
172 total families
16% participation
46% of goal
UPCSA figures to date
3-5-2026

St. Cecilia

\$26,296.98 Assessed
\$9,969 paid to date
\$10,569 pledged to date
\$15,727.98 unpledged
33 participants
175 total families
19% participation
40% of goal
UPCSA figures to date
3-5-2026

ICC

\$12,278.24 Assessed
\$2,850 paid to date
\$2,950 pledged to date
\$9,328.24 unpledged
9 participants
52 total families
17% participation
24% of goal
UPCSA figures to date
3-5-2026

***Guardian
Angels
Penance
Service***

***Friday
March 27***

5:30pm

Please pray for the Eternal Repose
of the soul of

James "Jim" L. Anderson

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

Our Annual Community Easter Dinner

will take place on Easter Sunday—April 5th—at St. Agnes in the Parish Hall
Deliveries & takeouts available, call Karen at 906-265-9053
Dine-in Buffet begins at 1:00pm—no reservation needed & all are welcome.

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, 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

No contribution information
available this week,
due to weather conditions.

**Guardian Angels Church
Youth Rally!**

Date: April 18

Time: 9:00am—5:00pm

Concludes with Mass at 4pm
at Guardian Angels Church
Crystal Falls

Lunch will be provided.

Any questions call Vince at:
715-559-2532

All our youth K thru HS
are invited to attend this
Youth Rally!

See you there!