



Welcome to our Tri-Parish Community 3 Parishes—1 United Family

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 12, 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.

Happy Birthday, Father Daniel!

April 15th

We are so blessed to have you as the leader of our flock.
You are loved beyond measure. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, April 11

ICC 4:00 PM For the parishioners

ST A 6:15 PM +Richard & +Carol Ann Angeli
by Mary, Sara, Anna Sparapani

SUNDAY, April 12

ST C 8:00 AM +Bob Lantz—by his family

ST A 10:00 AM +Bob & +Jane Groulx

MONDAY—April 13—NO MASS

TUESDAY, April 14

ICC 9:00 AM Intentions of Father Daniel—by Sue

WED., April 15—HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FR. DANIEL!

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

ADORATION 8:30am—10:30am Benediction

THURSDAY, April 16

ST C 5:30 PM +Dolly Watts—1 year anniversary
by Lisa & Tom Anderson

FRIDAY, April 17

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

ADORATION—8:30am—Noon Benediction

FRIDAY, April 17

ICC 10:00 AM +Bob & +Jane Groulx

ADORATION—10:30am—Noon Benediction

SATURDAY, April 18

ICC 4:00 PM For the Sainthood of Bishop Baraga
by Wayne Schemmer

ST A 6:15 PM For the Parishioners

SUNDAY, April 19

ST C 8:00 AM +Don, +Julie, +Jean McDonald
by Kevin & Scott

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| <u>Apr 13 Mon</u> | Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8 |
| <u>Apr 14 Tue</u> | Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15 |
| <u>Apr 15 Wed</u> | Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21 |
| <u>Apr 16 Thu</u> | Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36 |
| <u>Apr 17 Fri</u> | Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15 |
| <u>Apr 18 Sat</u> | Acts 6:1-17 Jn 6:16-21 |
| <u>Apr 19 Sun</u> | Acts 2:4, 22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35 |

Father Daniel's Wish List

ST. AGNES

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—\$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.
The lists have gotten much shorter!!!*

"Say
the Rosary
every day,
to bring peace
to the world
and the end
of the war."

Words spoken by our
Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima

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*If you haven't checked our Churches'
Facebook page,
please take a LOOK at all the beautiful pictures
from all 3 of our United Families
Holy Week Triduum Days.*

Saint Juan Diego

Patron of Indigenous people

The Miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe 1474-1548

Saint Juan Diego's story is one of simple faith and extraordinary miracles. Born in 1474 in what is now Mexico, Juan Diego was a humble man who lived a quiet life as a farmer. Although he was n't wealthy or powerful, Juan Diego was rich in his love for God and his devotion to the Virgin Mary.

One cold December morning in 1531, while walking to Mass, Juan Diego heard beautiful music and saw a radiant figure on Tepeyac Hill. It was the Virgin Mary, who appeared to him surrounded by light and dressed in clothes as bright as the sun. She spoke to Juan in his native language and asked him to tell the bishop to build a church on that very hill. Juan, though humble, faithfully carried her message.

When the bishop asked for a sign to prove the apparition was real, Juan returned to the hill. The Virgin Mary appeared again and instructed him to gather roses, growing miraculously in the cold winter soil. Juan carefully collected the flowers in his tilma, a simple cloak made of agave fiber. When he presented the roses to the bishop, they fell away to reveal the image of the Virgin Mary imprinted on the fabric of his cloak. This miraculous image, known as Our Lady of Guadalupe, became a powerful symbol of faith and unity in Mexico and is still venerated today.

GOSPEL MEDITATION—April 12, 2026—Second Sun. of Easter/Divine Mercy

“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’” (John 20:27)

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I’d want to sarcastically murmur, “Well, good for you.” I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: “I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?” My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

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

plz check your email

Third Tuesday monthly—9am—St. Cecilia Rectory

Outreach Mission Team

Meets 3rd Tuesday—April 21—6pm—LFR

Meeting 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

Be sure to color the pictures that were in the Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday bulletins, then bring them to the St. Agnes Rectory Office so we may share them with our Parish Family! We would love to see your colored pictures. Thank You

| St. Agnes | St. Cecilia | ICC |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| \$27,368.92 Assessed | \$26,296.98 Assessed | \$12,278.24 Assessed |
| \$13,470 paid to date | \$10,069 paid to date | \$2,850 paid to date |
| \$13,470 pledged to date | \$10,569 pledged to date | \$2,950 pledged to date |
| \$13,898.92 unpledged | \$15,727.98 unpledged | \$9,328.24 unpledged |
| 28 participants | 33 participants | 9 participants |
| 172 total families | 175 total families | 52 total families |
| 16% participation | 19% participation | 17% participation |
| 49% of goal | 40% of goal | 24% of goal |
| <u>UPCSA figures to date</u> | <u>UPCSA figures to date</u> | <u>UPCSA figures to date</u> |
| <u>4-6-2026</u> | <u>4-6-2026</u> | <u>4-6-2026</u> |

Good Shepherd Sunday

Our Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection

The weekend of April 25 & 26

Please be generous. Thank you

OUR TREASURE SHARED

ST. AGNES

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| Adults..... | \$ 883.00 |
| Loose..... | 306.00 |
| Easter Offering..... | 615.00 |
| Fuel/utility..... | 2.00 |
| Total last week..... | \$1806.00 |

31 envelopes, 18%, averaging \$28.48

ST. CECILIA

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| Adults..... | \$ 487.00 |
| Loose..... | 374.00 |
| Easter Offering..... | 600.00 |
| Easter Flowers..... | 10.00 |
| Votives..... | 26.00 |
| Total last week..... | \$1542.05 |

22 envelopes, 13%, averaging \$22.14

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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| Adults..... | \$ 515.00 |
| Loose..... | 113.00 |
| Easter offering..... | 410.00 |
| Votives..... | 17.00 |
| Total last week..... | \$ 677.00 |

11 envelopes, 20%, averaging \$46.82

Thank you for your generosity!

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