



St. Agnes
Iron River



St. Cecilia
Caspian



Immaculate Conception
Watersmeet

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

The Ascension of the Lord May 17, 2026

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ST. AGNES PARISH

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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, May 16

ICC 4:00 PM +Fran Kessel
by Caron Family
ST A 6:15 PM For the parishioners

SUNDAY, May 17—The Ascension of the Lord trans. from 5-14

ST C 8:00 AM +Bob Lantz
by his family
ST A 10:00 AM +Val Mower
by Adamson & Carne families

While our Father Daniel is on vacation in Ghana, there WILL BE adoration at St. Agnes & St. Cecilia, BUT all weekday Masses will be rescheduled.

MONDAY, May 18—NO MASS

TUESDAY, May 19—NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, May 20—NO MASS

but ADORATION will be 8:30-10:30am AT ST. AGNES
Mass Intention for: +Jim Keeney
changed to July 8 at 8am

THURSDAY, May 21—NO MASS

Mass intention for: +Baker and +Gondek families
changed to July 9 at 5:30pm

FRIDAY, May 22—NO MASSES AT ICC OR ST. CECILIA

Mass intentions for: +Don, +Julie, +Jean McDonald
changed to August 5 at 8am

ADORATION—will be 8:30-Noon at St. Cecilia

SATURDAY, May 23

ICC 4:00 PM +Bob & +Jane Groulx
ST A 6:15 PM +Tootsie Wodzinski
by Mark & Sheri Stauber

SUNDAY, May 24—Pentecost Sunday

ST C 8:00 AM For the parishioners
ST A 10:00 AM +John Waite—for his birthday
by the Waite family

**~Don & Carol Bastianello~
45 Year Anniversary Marriage Blessing**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>May 18 Mon</u>	Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33
<u>May 19 Tue</u>	Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a
<u>May 20 Wed</u>	Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19
<u>May 21 Thu</u>	Acts 22:30; 26:6-11 Jn 17:20-26
<u>May 22 Fri</u>	Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19
<u>May 23 Sat</u>	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Jn 21:20-25
<u>May 24 Sun</u>	Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

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 emergency lighting at entrances—
\$1500 est.

Thank you for your donations, they are appreciated.

*There will be a Funeral Mass for
Wallace John Ross, Jr.
on Monday, May 18, at St. Agnes*

*There will be a Funeral Mass for
Anne Rosseau
on Friday, May 22, at St. Agnes*

Please pray for the Eternal Repose of the souls of:

**Dominic Brunamonti
&
Rachel Riverside**

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

Wisdom of Bishop Baraga

The missionaries 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. This missionaries 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

GOSPEL MEDITATION
The Ascension of the Lord
5/17/2026

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth.

This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "Consecrate them in the truth." (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews.

Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms.

And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours.

Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week.

Father John Muir ©LPi

First banners of marriage of
Mary Therese Howard and Niklas Alan Schulze
They are to be married on June 13, 2026

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 Tues.—6pm—LFR
 Meeting every other month. Next meeting April 21.

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

Deacon Drew Langton,

whom we were blessed to have with us last summer, will be ordained to the priesthood on Friday, June 5th, 2:30 CST at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette.

All are welcome to attend.

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Then we are blessed to have
Father Drew here the weekend of June 28 to celebrate Masses at our Churches!

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, 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, Kenneth Shimun

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.....	\$1181.00
Loose.....	360.00
Ascension.....	20.00
Votives.....	107.85
Total last week.....	\$1668.95

37 envelopes, 22%, averaging \$31.92

ST. CECILIA

Adults.....	\$1729.00
Loose.....	124.00
Priest Retirement.....	220.00
Ascension.....	15.00
Fuel/utility.....	180.00
Votives.....	45.50
Total last week.....	\$2313.50

58 envelopes, 33%, averaging \$29.81

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adults.....	\$ 420.00
Loose.....	127.00
Immaculate Conception.....	10.00
Votives.....	15.00
Total last week.....	\$ 572.00

17 envelopes, 30%, averaging \$24.71

Thank you for your generosity!