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Welcome

Whether you and your family are new to the area, or here for a short visit, you are most welcome to worship with us. May you find God's peace, hospitality and friendship with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, the doors of our Parishes and our hearts are open to you. Let us gather as a community to celebrate the blessings that surround us.

Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 pm - St. Mary, Huntsville

Sunday 9:00 am - St. Mary, Huntsville

11:00 am - St. Kateri, Baysville

WEEKDAY MASSES - St. Mary, Huntsville

Tuesday 9:00 am

Wednesday 12:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am

Friday 12:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm - St. Mary, Huntsville
Anytime by Appointment

Adoration

First Friday of the Month at 11 am, followed by Mass

Parish Departments

Parish Council - Jo Ann Giesler

Finance Committee - John Emsley

Music Ministry - Belinda Moretto, Rosie Vandenberg
- Cathy Vanclleaf (St. Kateri)

Counters - Please contact the office

Eucharistic Ministers - Please contact the office

Lectors - Judith Gottschalk

Property Committee - Deacon Jan Sirek

Parish Schools

St Mary Elementary School

Barbara Heeneman, Principal 705-789-6481

St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School

Joe Conway, Principal 705-646-8772

SMCDSB School Board Trustee

Joshua Boutotte 705- 722- 3555 ext., 462

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Hotline: 705-789-0008

Parish Office

Mary Helen Moes, Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Catholic Funeral Rites

Please call the parish office to arrange funeral Masses. We work closely with the funeral homes and will assist you with the liturgical arrangement to honour the departed family member.

Rites of Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Classes begin in October for Adults seeking baptism or full communion into the Catholic Christian faith. Please contact the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Baptism (Infants)

Please contact the parish office for details. A pre-baptism meeting is required.

Catechism Classes (Oct - May)

First Communion and Confirmation classes are held at the parish. Registration takes place in September.

Sacrament of Marriage

Kindly contact the parish office at least six months prior to desired date of marriage. A Marriage Preparation Course is essential as are several meetings with the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

If you have a family member sick or know of someone near death please call the parish and request the sacrament of the sick.

Sick and Homebound

Please contact the parish office if you know someone confined to home or in hospital, so sacramental and pastoral care may be arranged.



Masses for the Week of January 4 - 11, 2026

Monday, January 5

12:00 p.m. no mass intention

Tuesday, January 6

9:00 a.m. † William Roberts / Wanda Roberts

Wednesday, January 7

12:00 p.m. no mass intention

Thursday, January 8

9:00 a.m. no mass intention

Friday, January 9

12:00 p.m. no intention

Saturday, January 10

4:00 p.m. no intention

Sunday, January 11

9:00 a.m. † Gertrud Dutkiewicz / Knights of Columbus

11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

7:00 p.m. no mass intention

Prayers for the Sick

Especially for Sam Muzzi, Jaymie Ward, Phillip Tomkin, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Connie Gregory, Sharon Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Peter Poustie, Bill Weber, Pam & Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Keith Ham, Carole Ruttan, Stephanie Jarvis, Mabelle Claer, Janine Wright, Mike & Loretta Pearson, Kate Monk, Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter, Dallas Clarke, Linda Latour, Tcherina Zylstra, Remi LeGros, Jim Poling Sr., Brian & Diane O'Connor, Terry Russell, Ed Quinn, Marg Grant, Veronica Cotman, Kenn Jumayao, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike Berardi, Michelle Haskin, Bianca Hernandez Laurie, June Anne Crawford, Raul Hernandez, Neil McAllister

And in remembrance of the deceased

Rolf Posma

WHAT DOES EPIPHANY MEAN?

Epiphany is God's self revelation to the Gentiles. Epiphany means appearance or manifestation. The feast commemorates the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds, and the star revealed him to Magi, who had already received hints of Him from Jewish scriptures. The story of the three wise men coming from the east is true "gospel" in that it announces to us the "good news" about Jesus.

Their story is an anticipation of the "revelation" of Jesus to the Gentiles, the non-Jews. While God revealed himself to Israel through his Law and his mighty deeds, the Gentiles could only perceive his eternal power and divinity through creation. This ends with the coming of Jesus who, by preaching to the Gentiles in Galilee, gives light to the people who sit in darkness and in the land over-shadowed by death (Mt 4:14-16). After his resurrection, Jesus commands the apostles to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19). The Acts of the Apostles chronicles the story of the Church after Pentecost. It is a chronicle of the spread of the good news to the Gentiles. God is light and when his light shines into our darkness, we begin to see clearly. So, now, this light is all around us piecing our darkness in so many ways. Millions of quiet acts of generosity and kindness on the part of anonymous individuals each day illuminate the lives of many.

A certain amount of sensitivity and openness is required to see the light which God is. Dwelling and focusing on the negative and revelling in humanity's failings will guarantee that we miss the light when it passes by. The light of God is within each one of us if only we open our hearts to it's presence.

The story of the Magi is, therefore, the story of the Gentile Christians of Matthew's time, it is also our very own story. When the Irish missionaries and those from other parts of Europe came to bring the Good News of Christ to the continent of Africa, we got converted and were baptised. And this is how the message of Christ spread to various places where it has not been preached is continuing all over the world till today. Tradition has presented the three Magi to be white, dark brown and black. Does this not express the truth that God, through Jesus his Son, reveals his glory and goodness to all people and races?

This message teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring him their hearts. Since the Magi came with joy in their hearts to visit the Christ child, God allowed them to see wondrous things.

- Fr. Dominick

Parish Groups

Altar Care Society
Altar Servers Group
Friends of St. Kateri
Friends of St. Mary
Hot Lunch Program

Catholic Organizations

Catholic Women's League (CWL)
Knights of Columbus Council #7851
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Assoc. Missionaries of St. Paul (AMSP)

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule

January 10 - 11, 2026

	4:00 pm	9 am	11 am
Lectors	Ron Downey	Judith Gottschalk	Bert Vanderhulst
EMC			Jean MacInnis
Ushers	Ben Boivin Alison Coort	Krystyna Lenart Jerzy Lenart Al Kudryk Mary Kudryk	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix

Counters: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 - Gisele Neigel & Mary Kudryk

1st Communion Classes

The classes for students to make the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation & Communion will begin on Wed., January 7, 6:30 – 8 pm in the Parish Hall. Children and parents are both asked to attend the meeting. If you have not registered your child yet, please bring them to the first meeting to fill out the registration forms.



Property Committee

The next meeting will on Wednesday, Jan. 7th at 3 pm. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact Fr Dominick or leave a message with the office.

Restoration Appeal:

Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs Request

As presented at our recent Town Hall Meeting the estimated costs of renovating the existing rectory for address the ventilation and mold issues in the church, and renting a place as our temporary rectory for 2 years is, \$972,000.00. It is now time to start the ball rolling and save our parish. We need skilled people from all walks of life to help us achieve this financial goal. Right now Fr Dominick is looking for Co-Chairs for the Fundraising Committee to work together to layout a very simple and achievable plan for our parish that incorporates all committees, organizations, groups etc. that call our beloved parish their spiritual home. If you are interested in being part of this team, or would like to nominate someone else, please let Fr Dominick know or contact the office.

St. Paul Prayer Meeting

All parishioners are invited to join the AMSP, on Friday, October 17th, at 7 pm, as Fr Cyprian leads us in a Prayer Meeting (which is not a traditional meeting but meeting-in-prayer), that includes adoration, reflection and song. Please plan to join us every 2nd Friday of the month to praise and worship our Lord.

Collections

December 21, 2025	Offertory	\$4,885.38
December 25, 2025	Christmas	\$6,160.00
December 28, 2025	Offertory	\$3,890.88
December 28, 2025	Restoration	\$1990.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

To our Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your faithful presence and giving hearts this Christmas. It's people like you who make our parish a vibrant body of Christ. The church was beautiful cleaned and decorated, the choirs filled every mass with music that truly lifted our spirits and brought joy. The servers, readers and ushers dedication provided a sense of welcome and community that blessed every mass. The Children's Tableau was a magnificent tradition to start! Our parish helped over 32 families in our community this Christmas by serving a full Christmas meal with all the trimmings on Dec. 23rd and packed up large Christmas meals for those that would have had to go without. There were so many volunteers that showed up to help our kitchen could not accommodate everyone. Thank you to the CWL, K of C, SVDP, AMSP, Friends of St Mary's, Friends of St. Kateri and especially to Walter Grys for donating so much of the food served. You are all a beacon of God's love.

Christmas Flowers

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Romeo & Blanche Bisson

William Roberts

Bryan Smith

Mary Mitchell



2026 Offertory Envelopes

are now available at the entrance of the church. Please be sure to take your box. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please contact the office. It is purely an oversight on our part. Some envelope numbers have changed so please do not use previous years' envelopes.

Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



Hot Lunch: Jan 6th
Tuesdays
11:30 am
Parish Hall



Sun. Choir Practice
Wednesdays
6:00 pm
Church



Property Committee
Wed. Jan 7
3:00 pm
Sacristy



1st Communion Class
Wed. Jan 7
6:30 pm
Parish Hall



Prayer Meeting
Fri. Jan 9
7:00 pm
Church



RCIA Class
Sun. Jan. 11
3:00 pm
Parish Hall



Coffee Sunday
Sun. Jan 11
After 9 am Mass
Parish Hall