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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
7:00 pm - St. Mary, Huntsville

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 Vanclieaf (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 March 16 - 22, 2026

Monday, March 16

12:00 p.m. no intention

Tuesday, March 17

9:00 a.m. No Mass - All Priests at deanery meeting

Wednesday, March 18

12:00 pm no intention

Thursday, March 19

9:00 a.m. SI Francine & Wayne Bonum / anonymous

Friday, March 20

12:00 p.m. no intention

Saturday, March 21

4:00 p.m. SI Walter Grys / Loring Family

Sunday, March 22

9:00 a.m. † George McDonald / Leah McDonald

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

7:00 p.m. For the Young Families of the Parish

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, Kate Monk, Michaela Enright, Pam & Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Keith Ham, Carole Ruttan, Stephanie Jarvis, Mabelle Claer, Janine Wright, Mike & Loretta Pearson, 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, Bianca Hernandez Laurie, Ted Dodds, Eleanor Wolfle, June Anne Crawford, Raul Hernandez, Joan Ranson, Michaela Enright, Megan Barnes, Walter Grys, Flo & Brian Dittmar, Dorothy & Vano Mauro

And in remembrance of the deceased

Berta Adelina Ramirez, Father Collins Okafor, SMMM

IT IS GOD-LIKE TO HELP AND HEAL THAN CRITICIZE

We begin our fourth week of Lent with John's story about the various ways that Jesus, the disciples, a man born blind, bystanders, parents and religious leaders chose to perceive God and others in their world. The scene opens as disciples notice a blind man. Rather than focus on him as a needy person like themselves, they ask who was to blame for his condition: Was God punishing him or was it a result of his parents' wrongdoing? They saw hardship and perceived sin.

How many people are trapped in this sort of thinking? Maybe it's not quite so blatant, but who hasn't heard someone say, "Why did God let this happen to me?" Interestingly, it doesn't just refer to bad things, but also, "God has blessed me with good things," or even something like, "God got me the parking spot just in time."

Some people often think that since God controls the events of our lives, he meting out rewards and punishments according to our behavior or divine whim. Throughout his mission, Jesus countered that theology. His perception of the work of God offered a bright contrast to that of many of his contemporaries. Instead of asking why or expecting God to intervene, Jesus did what he could: Using the medicinal techniques of his era, he healed the man's eyes. Jesus' healing action — which happened on a Sabbath — spurred deeper questions: How and when does God act in our world? What does God want from us?

Some in today's story simply avoided these questions. Rather than grapple with the issue of Jesus' goodness or sinfulness, the blindman's parents refused to get involved: "Ask him, not us!" Others evaded the problem saying that the guy they saw just looked like the blind man. Case closed.

Some who lived faithful to the law were genuinely confused. Was Jesus another magician or charlatan? Was he trying to discredit their religious traditions by working wonders and flaunting the Sabbath? Others who already distrusted Jesus judged him as a sinful Sabbath breaker.

The once-blind man, whom some traditions call Celidonium, started out as uncertain or blind as any of the others. He hadn't asked for sight, Jesus simply healed him. Then he heard folks turn the tables. People who used to call Celidonium a sinner now claimed that his healer was the sinner.

Perhaps because he knew they had judged him wrongly, Celidonium saw the situation differently. He stated the simplest facts, "About sin, I can't say, all I know is that he opened my eyes." Isn't that the point here? "Didn't he do something better than those who criticized me and my family or pitied me with a pittance?" Isn't it most Christian way to help, to heal, rather than criticize?

-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

March 21 - 22, 2026

| | 4:00 pm | 9:00 am | 11:00 am | 7:00 pm |
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| Lectors | Wanda Roberts | Gisele Neigel | June MacDonald | <i>Please Volunteer</i> |
| EMC | | | June MacDonald | <i>Please Volunteer</i> |
| Ushers | Ben Boivin Alision Coort <i>Please Volunteer</i> <i>Please Volunteer</i> | Maureen McIntyre Lou Luvison Al Kudryk Mary Kudryk | Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix | Jane Mwangi Andrea Arsenault <i>Please Volunteer</i> |

Counters: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 - Wanda Roberts & Jo Ann Giesler

Volunteering?

You need to see Dave!

A gentle reminder from the Volunteer Screening Committee that every person in our parish who is a volunteer must fill out a new Volunteer Screening Form. To make the process easier, please include a copy of your ID (government issued). If you still need a form please contact Dave Loring or the office.

Lectors Needed

We are in need of more readers for our Weekend Masses in both Baysville and Huntsville. Most urgently is our growing 7 pm every Sunday. Please contact Judith @ 705-787-1608 or the parish office

Ushers Needed

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to assist our wonderful parish community. Due to sicknesses and travels we are now in need of more ushers for all Masses. Please contact: Mary Kudryk, 705-789-2163

Consider Offering the Gift of a Mass

We have a number of Mass dates available for your Mass intentions. You may have a Mass said for a Special Intention or in Memory of a Deceased Loved One. Mass intentions are available for weekday or weekend Masses. The stipend for a Mass intention is \$20.00 or \$10 for unannounced Mass intentions. If you would like to book a mass contact the parish office.

Offertory Collection

March 8, 2026 \$3,694.38

Thank you for your continued generosity.

My dear Parishioners,

Please excuse this quick update through the bulletin. There are a lot of things moving quickly in our parish family and I am realizing I do not have time to meet with each group individually or have a lot of personal conversations to update you, as I normally would.

The Rectory Update

On Wednesday, March 4th, I met with our Bishop. He expressed concern about us feeling homeless and the extra toll it is taking on me living off site. He was also concerned about the delays of the restoration becoming a hindrance to the day-to-day upkeep of the parish and our spiritually welfare as a parish community. He wants the rectory finished as soon as possible. In view of this, the Diocese has offered the parish a loan to complete the work as soon as possible.

The Diocese selected from the contracting bids, Winmar contracting, submitted by our summer parishioner John Markun. We awarded the contract to John and his team on Thursday, March 5th.

On Saturday, March 7th, John met with me and reviewed the work he will be doing to start the mold remediation process.

On Wednesday, March 11th the disposal bins were delivered as well as a storage container. The Winmar crew of workers started filling the storage container with furniture that will be shipped to Toronto to be cleaned of mold. This is at no charge to our parish. Winmar team also begun throwing out what is beyond saving.

On Thursday, March 12th, they are started removing all the old and broken plumbing that can not be saved.

On Monday another crew of Winmar workers are scheduled to start the removal of ceilings and wall that may be effected by the mold.

This is just the beginning and I hope you are excited as me to see progress.

Fundraising

The Diocese Fundraising Campaign titled Giving to Grow will be starting now. We have been slated in the 1st Wave of parishes. Not all parishes are starting at the same time. Having our parish included in the 1st Wave of the diocesan fundraising campaign, has impacted our Restoration Campaign program. Therefore we will be closing the Restoration Campaign at our parish and dissolving the existing fundraising committee for the Restoration Campaign. We thank everyone for the great work you did.

The Giving to Grow Campaign parish project is now for the restoration of our rectory. So all funds that are generated for the diocesan fundraising campaign will be also to support our parish project. We have been asked to provide immediately 8 – 15 volunteers from our parish to compose the new Diocesan Fundraising Campaign Committee for our parish. There is a Professional Fundraiser coming to our parish to train the group of parish volunteers. We will keep you updated with more developments as they arise.

Please keep praying for our parish to overcome all these challenges. And may God bless all our efforts and openness to rise to the challenges!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr Dominick Mbah, Msp

Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



Hot Lunch
Tuesdays
11:30 am
Parish Hall



Sun. Choir Practice
Wednesdays
6:00 pm
Church



Northern Deanery Meeting
Tues., Mar 17
NO MASS
AT ST MARY'S



Stations of the Cross
Fri., Mar. 20 AND Fri., Mar. 20
12:30 pm 3:00 pm
St. Mary's Church St. Kateri Church