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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
- Cathy Vancleave (St. Kateri)
Counters - Please contact the office
Eucharistic Ministers - Please contact the office
Lectors - Judith Gottschalk
Property Committee - Dcn Jan Sirek, Frank Van der Straay

Parish Schools

St Mary Elementary School
Joe Conway, Principal 705-789-6481
St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School
Carlo Iocono, Principal 705-646-8772
SMCDSB School Board Trustee
Joshua Boutotte 705- 722- 3555 ext. 462

Parish Office

Mary Helen Moes, Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday
9:30 am - 2:30 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Hotline: 705-789-0008

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 (Sept - June)

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 Sept. 21 - 27, 2026

Tuesday, September 22

9:00 a.m. SI Elly Janssen / Elizabeth Janssen

Wednesday, September 23

12:00 p.m. NO MASS

Thursday, September 24

9:00 a.m. no intention

Friday, September 25

12:00 p.m. no intention

Saturday, September 26

4:00 p.m. † Maria Stefan / Medon Family

Sunday, September 27

9:00 a.m. SI Anna Hagan / Downey Family

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

7:00 p.m. People 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, Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter,
Dallas Clarke, Linda Latour, Tcherina Zylstra,
Jim Poling Sr., Brian O'Connor, Terry Russell,
Marg Grant, Joan Ranson, Lisa Knox,
Veronica Cotman, Kenn Jumayao, Anna Maria
Ertler, Mike Berardi, Bianca Hernandez Laurie,
Eleanor Wolfle, June Anne Crawford, Megan Barnes,
Michaela Enright, Marta Klaja, Heather Adams,
Sharon Huckle, Deanna Neigel, Mike Pearson,
Ursula & Bernard Recker, Elisabeth Posma,
John Schreurs

Children Before God

Most of us at some point in our lives have to go through the ordeal of looking for work, and usually this requires a lot of effort. We have to do our best to make a good impression and show ourselves to be motivated and sufficiently skilled. No employer is going to give us work if we come across as being idle. But it is just such people that the landowner in today's parable is so willing to employ. What is even more surprising is that at the end of the day, the landowner gives all the workers the same wage. What is going on?

I think the key to this parable is what the landowner says to the disgruntled labourers who worked all day and got the same wage as those who had worked only one hour. He says 'Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?'

So the landowner is being generous. Our Lord, like the landowner, does not ask us to work for Him because we are particularly skilled or motivated. Neither does He invite us to work for Him because He has any need for us. Rather He offers us His invitation because we need Him. Thus, His invitation to work for Him is an expression of His goodness which He so freely pours out onto our humanity.

As an analogy of what is going on, we can think of a mother who asks her child to help her make a cake. If she doesn't ask her young child to help, she can work very quickly and efficiently. But when she asks the child to help, things aren't so simple. Maybe the child drops an egg, perhaps cake mixture gets everywhere. The child might think he or she is doing a great job of mixing the ingredients but be oblivious to the fact that mum is holding onto the end of the spoon and doing most of the work. So it's not very efficient. But the whole point of making cakes is that it's not meant to be efficient. Rather, it's all about love. The mother could express her love for her child simply by making the cake without asking the child for help at all, but by asking the child to help, the bonds of love between mother and child grow even stronger.

It takes a great deal of humility to realise that we are all children before God, but the more we do so, the more we become open to that divine love through which everything comes into existence. It's a great surprise to realise that God is inviting all of us to help Him in His work of salvation and to share in His divine life. But this is what it means to be Holy – to share in the life and the work of God. And the source and summit of our share in the life and work of God is to be found in our participation in the Eucharist. Indeed, the Eucharist gives us a perspective on our lives in which we can see God working in us and through us. God has raised us up out of our idleness and given us the dignity of working in His vineyard and of bearing the fruit of His eternal love. And this is a gift for which we should always be grateful.

Fr. Dominick Mbah, MSP

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 September 26 - 27, 2026

	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	7:00 pm
Lectors	Gaile Romanowski	Helen Hebb	Michelle MacIassac	Sandra Cochrane
EMC			Jean MacInnis	
Ushers	Ben Boivin Alison Coort	Doug Neigel Mary Kudryk Andre Lamy Al Kudryk	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix	Urszula Lewgowd James Westgarth Alexandra Kiszti

Counters: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 - Mary Kudryk & Kim Loring

Parish Announcements



**YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE 5TH ANNUAL**

Art Show & Tea Room

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
11 AM - 2 PM**

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION
PARISH HALL
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Featuring the art of:
Marilyn Smith
Corinne Murdy
Pam MacKenzie
Catherine O'Mara
Annette Downey
Mary Helen Moes
Anna Silgado
Laura Coleman

This is an opportunity for our local artists, within our parish, to share with our community the talents God has so graced them with.

The art will remain on the wall for the month of October.

The artists will be present and if you are so inclined to purchase some art, you may have that discussion with the artist.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER For the Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

REMINDER: There will not be a Mass on Wed. Fr Dominick is at the Northern Deanery Meeting.

The Fun Dance Party

Unfortunately the Fun Dance Party has come to an end after a year and half of chachas, waltzes and a lot of rock & roll oldies. We would like to thank the volunteers and organizers, especially Ena Van Bilsen. Every month the proceeds from the Dance went towards the restoration appeal adding up to over \$1200. Thank you everyone.

Collections

September 13, 2026	Offertory	\$ 5,159.23
September 13, 2026	Restoration Appeal	\$ 3,126.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Week of September 21 - 27, 2026

Fundraising Progress



Restoration Appeal Update

This week we have seen more of our local electricians and HVAC technicians. Dumpsters and large trucks are still coming and going. The restoration of the rectory is going very smoothly.

For those that are visiting for the first time, our rectory was found to have a high level of mold in every single room. It was an unhealthy environment for our priests to live. Remediation of the mold is complete, which has exposed the extent of damage that is dictating the need for this huge amount of over \$536,000 to complete the restoration and make it livable for our priests.

If you can invest in our restoration appeal in any way **NOW IS THE TIME!** The Lord reminds us that a gift even as small as a mustard seed is destined to grow and will make difference to accomplishing our goal.

St Kateri, Baysville BOTTLE DRIVE for the Restoration Fund



The Friends of St. Kateri are holding an ongoing bottle drive that will run until Thanksgiving weekend. Please drop off your all your empties at the St. Kateri Mission in Baysville. All contributions would be greatly appreciated. All funds raised will be directed to the Restoration Appeal.

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Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



Parish Council Meeting
Tues., Sept. 22
6:00 pm
Parish Hall



KofC Meeting
Thurs. Sept. 24
2:00 pm
Parish Hall



Art Show & Tea Room
Sat. Sept. 26
11 am - 2 pm
Parish Hall



Property Committee
Tues., Sept. 29
4:00 pm
Parish Hall



School Mass
Wed., Sept. 30
9:30 am
Church



Finance Council
Wed., Sept. 30
2:00 pm
Parish Hall