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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 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.

Annointing 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 November 3 - 9, 2025

Tuesday, November 4

9:00 a.m. No Mass - All Priests on Study Day

Wednesday, November 5

12:00 p.m. No Mass - All Priests on Study Day

Thursday, November 6

9:00 a.m. No Mass - All Priests on Study Day

Friday, November 7

12:00 p.m. SI John Surers / Walter Grys

Saturday, November 8

4:00 p.m. † George Haskin / Nancy Stevenson

Sunday, November 9

9:00 a.m. SI Janine Wright / Brian & Diane O'Connor

11:00 a.m. For the 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, Ian Bruce,
Sharon Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Peter Poustie,
Pam & Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Tom Giesler,
Carole Ruttan, Stephanie Jarvis, Mabelle Claer,
Janine Wright, Jack Ataman, Mike & Loretta Pearson,
Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter, Dallas Clarke,
Tcherina Zylstra, Remi LeGros, Jim Poling Sr.,
Brian & Diane O'Connor, Terry Russell, Ed Quinn,
Veronica Cotman, Kenn Jumayao, Marg Grant,
Anna Maria Ertler, Mike Berardi, Michelle Haskin,
June Anne Crawford, Raul Hernandez, Kate Monk,
Bianca Herandez Laurie, Keith Ham, Bill Weber,
Linda Latour, Father Gene Shin

And in remembrance of the deceased

Keith Marsh, Wilhelm (Bill) Nagel

Where All Souls' Day Began

The practice of praying for the dead goes back to the early Church. Christians have always believed that prayers could help those who have died. Even in the early centuries, people would pray for the souls of loved ones, especially during the Mass. This belief grew stronger over time.

In the 10th century, a monk named St. Odilo of Cluny helped to officially start All Souls' Day. St. Odilo was the leader of a monastery in France. He wanted to set aside a special day to pray for all the souls in Purgatory. In the year 998, he declared that November 2 would be All Souls' Day. This practice spread to other parts of the Church.

Soon, All Souls' Day became a part of Catholic life across Europe. Different countries had their own customs for honoring the dead. Many people would go to Mass, pray, and visit cemeteries to remember their loved ones. Over time, these customs became a tradition that we still follow today.

In the Middle Ages, the Church strongly encouraged prayers for the dead. People were reminded that their prayers could help the souls in Purgatory. The idea of offering Masses and prayers for the dead became very important. This was a key part of All Souls' Day.

Here in St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, we remember All Souls Day by writing the names of our deceased loved ones, placing them on the church walls underneath the stain windows to help us with our prayers and remembrance of them. This year in particular, we are going to read the names out after the Profession to the Faith, observe one minute silence and conclude with the universal prayers of the faithful.

All Souls' Day has grown into a day of great love and care for those who have died. It is a day to remember that we can help the souls in Purgatory on their way to Heaven.

The Catholic Church teaches that Purgatory is a place where souls are purified before entering Heaven. Some souls are not ready to enter Heaven right after death. Our prayers can help them. This is why All Souls' Day is important.

All Souls' Day is different from All Saints' Day, which is the day before. All Saints' Day honors all the saints in Heaven. All Souls' Day focuses on helping those still waiting to enter Heaven. Both days remind us of the hope we have in eternal life.

May the Souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God Rest in Peace!

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 November 8 - 9, 2025

	4:00 pm	9 am	11 am
Lectors	Jim Waters	Judith Gottschalk	June McDonald
EMC			Dean Beaudry
Ushers	Marguerite Goodfellow	Natasha Aben	Hugh Knox
	Walter Grys	Urszula Lewgowd	Bob Lacroix
		Lou Luvison	Linda Lacroix
		Andre Lamy	

Counters: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 - Gisele Neigel and Mary Kudryk

Parish Announcements

St. Paul Prayer Meeting

The next St. Paul Prayer Meeting will be on Friday, November 14th at 7 pm, in the Church. All parishioners are invited to join the AMSP, 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.

CWL Meeting

Our Next meeting is on **Tuesday, November 11** after the Hot Lunch Meal, in the parish hall.

Can you donate blank greeting cards?

The CWL card ministry program provides a little spark of kindness from our parish to parishioners who are now home bound. At this time, donations of blank cards are needed to replenish the ministry supplies. Please leave them at the entrance of the Church, on the side table in the CWL area.

The Rosary Apostolate - rosaries needed

The Rosary Apostolate is beginning its program at St. Mary's School and are looking for any extra rosary beads you may want to rehome. If so, please leave the at the entrance of the Church, on the side table in the CWL area. If you are interested in volunteering in this ministry please contact, Linda Charbonneau at 705-571-1250.

The Diocesan Priest Study Days

Tuesday, November 4th to Thursday, November 6th, there will be not be Masses at St. Mary of the Assumption, as all the priests of the diocese are attending a Priest's Study Day.

Exercise Classes

Postponed for a few weeks. Please check back for updates.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November

For the prevention of suicide Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Sunday Collection, October 26, 2025

Offertory \$ 4,624.23 World Mission Sunday \$ 60.00 All Souls Memorial & Restoration \$ 1,080.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Restoration Appeal Building Update

We have finally received the engineer's report that was requested by the diocese. It's fair to say it confirmed what our local professionals already told us. (If you would like to see a copy, let us know! We would be happy to provide you with a copy from the office.) Fr Dominick has presented it to the diocese. We will get our marching orders from Fr Dominick shortly as to the next phase. Right now it is costing our parish an extra \$3000 per month on renting a small house for Fr. Dominick and Fr Cyprian. It is the cheapest place we could find and again we thank the MSP order for the deal.

We have paid \$3000 for a retainer to the engineer. And we have not received the engineering firm's final bill to

To confirm, all donations made to the Restoration Appeal stay in our parish. **No portion of your donation to the Restoration Fund will be going to the Diocese.**

We hope this will stop all rumours to the contrary. We are extremely thankful for every dollar given no matter how small. Even the small increases of offertory from \$20 to \$25, from \$5 to \$7 per week add up to a lot and helps us plan. Right now, all your donations are needed to keep us afloat during this critical time. Please consider giving today.



SCAN TO DONATE

"Each person should give what they have decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Altar Serving Society

All Adults and students interested in joining are asked to join Fr. Cyprian on Saturday, November 15th at 10 am in the Church. It promises to be a morning of new training and for some refreshing our skills for being on the altar and serving. Snacks provided!

Christmas Bake Sale

Saturday, December 6 AND

Sunday December 7
After each Mass

Let the CWL ladies help with your Christmas baking!



Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



Hot Lunch Tuesdays 11:30 am Parish Hall



Saturday Choir Practice Tuesdays 7:00 pm Church



Sunday Choir Practice Wednesdays 6:00 pm Church



RCIA Class Sun. Nov. 2 3:00 pm Parish Hall



Coffee Sunday Sun., Nov. 9 After 9 am Mass Parish Hall