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- Saturday Vigil Music
- Sunday Choir & Organist

Parish Groups

- Altar Society
- Friends of St. Kateri
- Friends of St. Mary's
- Gospel Reflection Group
- Holy Communion to Shut-ins
- Hot Lunch Program
- Parish Finance Committee
- Parish Screening Committee
- St. Mary's Parish Friends
- Sacramental Prep

Catholic Organizations

- Catholic Women's League
- Children's Rosary Program
- Development and Peace
- Knights of Columbus
- St. Vincent de Paul Society

DEATH

The raising of Lazarus from the dead is a milestone on our victory over death. Even before Jesus rose from the dead, there was no resurrection from the dead. One can't imagine the utter amazement of the privileged people who witnessed the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Although Lazarus had to die again, his raising from death by Christ is a prelude to his resurrection with Christ which he has come to bring to all of us, the children of God. The resurrection of Jesus is the greatest gift God has given to humanity. Since sin brings death onto us, the sacrifice of Christ on the cross not only brings forgiveness but rejoining with the everlasting life in heaven.

The Church takes this period of Lent to avail herself of this gift of God through prayer and penance to get her children ready to celebrate the great Reconciliation and the Resurrection.

Due to the resurrection of Christ, death should no longer be feared. We need to be enlightened into the process of dying and death. Death is manageable. With

understanding and faith we can meet death peacefully and with dignity. Death ought to be a high point in our journey of life.

St. Paul becomes emphatic about our blessings in the resurrection of Christ in his letter to the Romans where he says that our everlasting life with Christ is guaranteed by the Spirit of God, the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead.

The Spirit himself and our spirit Bear united witness. That we are children of God And if we are children, We are heirs as well: Heirs of God, and co-heirs with Christ, Sharing his suffering So as to share in his glory. We too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free. Romans 8:16-17,23

So, we are lucky sinners! But remember to do your Easter confession and prepare your heart in purity to celebrate the Easter joy, the resurrection of Christ from the dead, and our share in the everlasting life.

-Fr. Dominick Mbah, MSP

Parish Pastoral Team

- Alison Coort / Office Administrator
- Marguerite Goodfellow / Parish Nurse
- Judith Gottschalk / Ministry Rep (contact the parish office)
- Jan Sirek / Deacon /jsirek54@gmail.com
- Fr. Dominik Mbah / Pastor

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March 26, 2023

Mass Schedule

Week of March 27th - April 2nd

Tuesday, March 28st / 12Noon
+Verna Simioni

Wednesday, March 29th / 11:00AM Exposition & Adoration
Mass 12Noon -
+Ron Groulx

Thursday, March 30th / 9:00AM
SI For World Peace

Friday, March 31st / 9:00AM
+Karen Joan MacDonald

Saturday, April 1st / 4:00PM
+Daniel Waters

Sunday, April 2nd / 9:00AM
+Sally McIlroy

Sunday, April 2nd / 11:00AM
SI For the People of the Parish

Let us pray for those who have died especially, and for those who have asked for our prayers ...

Jaymie Ward, Phillip Tomkin, Joe Hanrath, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Ron & Margaret Smith, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Connie Gregory, Sharon & Ben Boivin, Sam Muzzi, Diane Haywood, Timothy Pelyk, Pat Morra, Kirsten MacDonald, Marion Majkot, Peter Poustie, Pam and Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Merle Jordan, Carole Ruttan, Kevin Phillips, Stephanie Jarvis, Ian Bruce, Mabelle Claer, Kristen Hackett, William Brennan, Janine Wright, & Rose Hamblin

Weekend Offertory
March 19, 2023
\$ 2,809.00

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Development and Peace Collection March 25th / 26th

TO GIVE LIFE, JESUS HAS TO DIE

Jesus is in control of his and destiny, even if his enemies plot against him, and even if their machinations seem to be succeeding. They “succeed” only because it is allowed by God. Jesus declares: “No one takes it (my life) from me, but I lay it down on my own” (Jn 10:18).

The “Lazarus story” is to be appreciated for its references and nuances. It leads to Jesus’ own death because the Good Shepherd must lay down his life for the sheep (cf Jn 10:11). Jesus is able to call Lazarus back to life because the Father has given the Son authority to raise the dead and give life (cf Jn 5:21). Moreover, the hour is coming when all in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out to the resurrection of life (cf n 5:28-29). In anticipation, Lazarus hears the voice of Jesus thus serves to underscore the theme of Jesus as the giver of life. But first, like a grain of wheat that falls on the ground and dies, Jesus must lose his life. Only then can he preserve it-and those of others-for eternal life (cf Jn 12:24-25).

Therefore, if today you hear God’s voice do not harden your heart (Psalm 95) is the clarion call of Lent. As Lent is such a great time to encounter the Lord who is good to all and compassionate, we know that despite our trials and weaknesses He has sympathy for us.

We have a Father who created us in love. Even when we sin, he is not angry with us, nor does he ever give up on us. Instead, when we feel distant through our sins, he waits to welcome us back with open arms. We have a Father who is always ready to forgive.

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - April 1st/2nd, 2023

	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Readers	Ron Downey	Judith Gottschalk	John & Jean MacInnis
EMC	Deacon Jan	Deacon Jan	Diane Poling
Ushers	Tracy Shisko Marguerite Goodfellow Diana Snowden	Linda Latour Doug Neigel Al Kudryk Mary Kudryk	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, April 4, 2023	Mary Kudryk	& Gisele Neigel

Parish Pastoral News

Penitential Service & Confessions
Wednesday, March 29th / 6:00PM

Palm Sunday / Holy Week / Triduum Schedule

Palm Sunday / April 1st/2nd
Mass 4:00PM & 9:00AM St. Mary’s, Huntsville
Mass 11:00AM St. Kateri, Baysville

Confession / Wednesday, April 5th
St. Mary’s 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Holy Thursday/ April 6th / St. Mary’s
Mass 7:00PM
Exposition until 12midnight / Knights Room

Good Friday Service / April 7th / St. Mary’s
3:00PM

Holy Saturday / April 8th / St. Mary’s
10:00AM / Blessing of Easter Baskets

Easter Vigil / April 8th / St. Mary’s
Mass 8:30PM

Easter Sunday / April 9th
9:00AM St. Mary’s, Huntsville
11:00AM St. Kateri’s, Baysville

Week of March 27th - April 2, 2023

Stations of the Cross / Will be celebrated communally at St. Kateri’s in Baysville, 3:00PM, and at St. Mary’s in Huntsville, 7:00PM.

Penitential Service / followed by confession will be on Wednesday, March 29th at 6:00PM at St. Mary’s. Confessions will also be heard on Wednesday, April 5th from 2:00PM to 4:00PM.

CWL / Lenten Project “Go Make the Difference”: The CWL will be collecting items this lent to donate to indigenous families. The final weekend for this collection will be March 25th/ 26th. The following is a list of items that they will be collecting: Shawls, lap quilts, knitted or crocheted items or supplies needed to make such items. New or gently used children’s clothing, sports equipment, puzzles, games, arts & crafts supplies, items for baking, school supplies, items for new babies and mothers. Please bring your donation to the Church and place them on the altar.

Parish Directories / The Parish Photo Directories have arrived. They will be available for pick up in the office during office hours. They are free for anyone who had their photo taken.

Hot Lunch Tuesdays / In order to keep this program running, we need your financial support. We **serve 35 to 40 people every week.** Any monetary donations are greatly appreciated. You may use the Poor Box at the entrance of the church, or any envelope designated as Hot Lunch. Again, thank you for making this possible!

Easter Flower Collection / Please place any Easter Flower Donation envelopes in the offertory basket.

Friday Mass / We have had an inquiry about a weekday evening mass. Starting April 14th the Friday mass will be at 7:00PM.

The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish thank you for your continued and gracious donations to the Food Bank.

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Peace, Good Will, and Thank you!

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We wish to thank all who again helped to make this food drive such a success. We collected through your generosity, **338bs. of food.** The money we collect from you, helps us to buy some perishable food items that we are able to add to their food hampers. Those coming to our food bank receive not only food, but kindness and the encouragement to remain hopeful. *Shalom*

Parish Group Meetings

Mondays	9:30AM	Gospel Reflection Group / Sacristy / following 9:00AM Mass
Mondays	6:00PM	Huntsville Community Choir Practice / Parish Hall
Tuesdays	12:00PM	Hot Lunch / Parish Hall
Wednesdays	9:30AM	Gentle Exercises / Parish Hall
Wednesdays	6:30PM	Pope Francis Book Study / Sacristy
Wednesdays	6:00PM	Choir Practice / Church
Thursdays	6:00PM	Huntsville Community Band / Parish Hall
Fridays		Stations of the Cross during Lent/ 3:00PM at St. Kateri’s/ 7:00PM at St. Mary’s
Wednesday	March 30th	Penitential Service and Confession / St. Mary’s / 6:00PM
Wednesday	April 5th	Confession / St. Mary’s / 2:00PM - 4:00PM