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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

Monday 12:00 pm
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 Vancleef (St. Kateri)
Counters - Please contact the office
Eucharistic Ministers - Please contact the office
Lectors - Judith Gottschalk
Property Committee - Deacon Jan Sirek, Frank Van der Straay

Parish Schools

St Mary Elementary School
Joe Conway, 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 August 17 - 23, 2026

A Tough Faith

Monday, August 17

12:00 p.m. no intention

Tuesday, August 18

9:00 a.m. no intentions

Wednesday, August 19

12:00 p.m. no intentions

Thursday, August 20

9:00 a.m. SI John MacInnis / MacInnis Family

Friday, August 21

12:00 p.m. † Adam Lenart / Lenart Family

Saturday, August 22

4:00 p.m. † Rennie Melnyk / Walter Gry

Sunday, August 23

9:00 a.m. SI Mariusz Gaworski / Family

11:00 a.m. † Linda Bemoit/ David & Cynthia Hall & Family

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, Dan Recker, 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, Ursula Recker, Mike Pearson, Bernadette Recker, Bernard Recker

In remembrance of our deceased

Edward Quinn, Jose Pastrano Robillos

The Canaanite woman is a great example of faith. We have this on the authority of Jesus himself. 'Woman, you have great faith.' We are familiar with the expression 'tough love.' Well, that woman possessed what we might call 'tough faith.'

First of all she humbled herself to ask a favour from a Jew. Then she refused to give up when her request wasn't granted at once. At first Jesus refused to answer her. Then he announced that he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel. (She a Gentile.) Even when the apostles tried to get rid of her, she persisted. So great was her faith in Jesus that she went on pleading. Finally, Jesus granted her request.

Sometimes you hear people say: 'Ah, it's easy for you; you have great faith.' Faith doesn't always make things easier. The opposite is sometimes the case. Faith impels us to persevere, to struggle on, with no guarantee of a happy ending. Faith is not a magic wand. It calls for humility, courage, perseverance, and above all love.

Sometimes it would be easier to give up, and to throw in the towel. But because we have faith, we refuse to give up. We don't give up on the elderly or the terminally ill. We don't give up on the severely handicapped. We refuse to consider the unborn child as disposable. Because we have faith we refuse to give in to the despair in face of the awful things that happen - things such as random acts of violence, horrific accidents, and illnesses that claim the lives of children or young parents. We refuse to give up even before death itself. A person with even a grain of real faith never gives up.

This nameless Gentile woman is an example of that tough faith we all need at times. But she is also a great example of love. Jesus could just as well have said to her: 'Woman, you have great love.' We see the depth of her love in the trouble she went to on behalf of her daughter. She had no thought of the cost to herself.

Hers was not only a tough faith, but also a faith that expressed itself in love. There is an essential link between faith and love. St. Paul says that we could have faith strong enough to move mountains, but if we are without love, it will be of no benefit to us (1 Cor 13:2).

Love is the greatest power in the world. It's amazing what people can do and will do when motivated by love. This is especially true of a mother. A mother will do anything, and endure anything, for sake of her child. A mother never gives up.

A mother's love is probably the most reliable human love most of us will ever know. No wonder the Bible uses a mother's love as an image of God's love for us. 'Can a mother forget the child at her breast, or fail to cherish the child of her womb? Yet even if a mother should forget, I will never forget you,' says the Lord (Is 49:15).

Isiah is telling us that God's love for us is even more reliable than a mother's love for her child. It is on this love - God's love for us - that our faith is based.

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

August 22 - 23, 2026

	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	7:00 pm
Lectors	Gaile Romanowski	Gisele Neigel	June McDonald	Sandra Cochrane
EMC			Dean Beaudry	
Ushers	Ben Boivin Alison Coort <i>Please Volunteer</i>	Krystyna Lenart Jerzy Lenart Al Kudryk <i>Please Volunteer</i>	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix	Urszula Lewgowd James Westgarth Alexandra Kiszti <i>Please Volunteer</i>

Counters: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 - Kim Loring and Mary Kudryk

St Kateri, Baysville

BOTTLE DRIVE

for the Restoration Fund

The Friends of St. Kateri are holding an ongoing bottle drive starting today that will run until Thanksgiving weekend. Please drop off your all your empties such as beer cans, wine bottles, and liquor containers at the St. Kateri Mission in Baysville. All contributions would be greatly appreciated. All funds raised will be directed to the Restoration Appeal.



FUN DANCE PARTY

For Adults/Seniors who just want to have fun!

Friday, August 28th

ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL

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7:00 PM

\$10 admission



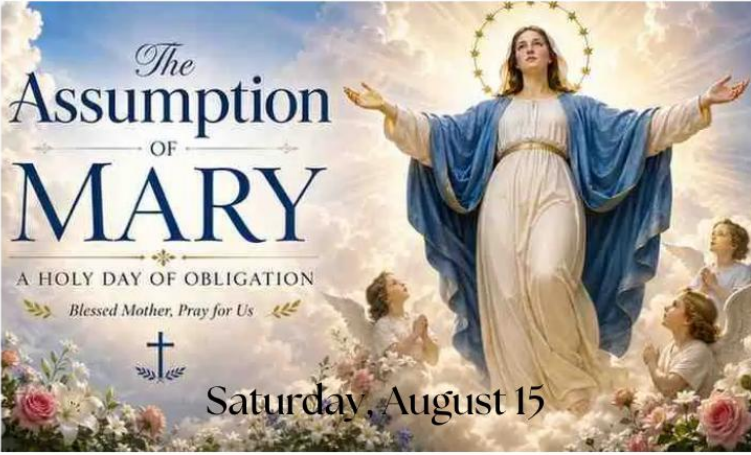
The Assumption

OF MARY

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Blessed Mother, Pray for Us

Saturday, August 15



RCIA Candidates
Please contact the office prior to Tuesday, September 1st to confirm your records.

Collections		
August 9, 2026	Offertory	\$ 4,694.83
August 9, 2026	Restoration Appeal	\$ 3,143.72
Thank you for your continued generosity.		



Restoration Appeal Update

This week was beehive of activity with masonry work, and new windows and doors installed.

Engineering and the building inspector were both on site to inspect the exterior sheathing and HVAC, and all has passed. The building inspector has no concerns on the project.

Coming up: Installation of some new masonry window sills to help with the water drainage and ease the brick spalling. And the fun stuff like Insulation will start next week followed by drywall.

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.

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Parish Groups Meetings/ Events

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Fundraising Meeting
Tues. Aug. 18
5:00 pm
Parish Hall



K of C Gen. Meeting
Thurs. Aug 27
3:00 pm
K of C Room



Fun Dance Party
Fri. Aug. 28
7:00 pm
Parish Hall



Confirmation Reg.
Tues. Sept. 15
7:00 pm
Parish Hall



1st Communion Reg.
Thurs. Sept. 17
6:30 pm
Parish Hall



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