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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 Vancleave (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 July 20 - 26, 2026

Monday, July 20

12:00 p.m. SI Ted Dodds / Walter Gryś

Tuesday, July 21

9:00 a.m. no intention

Wednesday, July 22

12:00 p.m. SI Danny Recker / Moes Family

Thursday, July 23

9:00 a.m. † Mark Bennett / Cindy Clarke

Friday, July 24

12:00 p.m. no intention

Saturday, July 25

4:00 p.m. SI Eleanor Wolfle / Eleanor Erther

Sunday, July 26

9:00 a.m. SI Fr Dominick Mbah, MSP on his 35th
Ordination Anniversary
/ Larry & Sandra Cochrane

11:00 a.m. SI Maggie Smith on her 90th birthday
/ MacInnis 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, Ed Quinn, 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, Ed Quinn, 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, Fr. Christopher Reynolds

In remembrance of our deceased

Diane O'Connor

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Weeds Among the Wheat

The farmer in Jesus' story planted good seed in his field and expected a bumper harvest. Soon a host of sturdy green shoots sprang up, covering the field from end to end. It looked as if his expectations would be fulfilled.

The farmer was going through a honeymoon period. Everybody goes through it, whether in marriage, or in a vocation, or in an undertaking...

But then one morning the farmer discovered weeds growing among the shoots of wheat. Not just an odd weed here and there, but weeds everywhere. The honeymoon was over! He was shocked and bitterly disappointed. When he looked at the field now, all he could see were the weeds. The wheat seemed to have disappeared.

Sooner or later the weeds appear in our field too - a friend betrays us, a partner disappoints us or proves unfaithful ... We are shocked and hurt at the appearance of evil. The badness of a bad people we expect, and can forearm ourselves against. But the badness of good people takes us by surprise, and hurts all the more. For a while at least, we tend to see everything as bad. We become very negative.

The farmer had done everything right, yet the weeds appeared. What could he do? The simple answer was to pull the weeds up. However, this proved impossible. They were growing so close to the stalks of wheat that he could not uproot them without uprooting the wheat as well.

So what did he do? Well, for one thing he calmed down. This enabled him to see things in better perspective. True, there were weeds in his precious field. But there was wheat there too, wheat that was just as green and vibrant as ever. He would have to work hard on the wheat, coaxing and encouraging it in the hope that it would outgrow the weeds.

We can do our best, yet things go wrong. We mustn't despair. The world is a mixture of light and darkness, good and evil. Wheat and weed grow side by side in the same person, indeed, in ourselves. But all is not lost - there is good there too. No one understood this better than Jesus. Even in the small garden (the community of apostles) which he tended carefully for three years, the weeds persisted, yet he didn't write it off.

We have to work on the good. But what about the evil? Evil has to be resisted. But we have to do so in such a way that we not do further evil in the process. Evil can be overcome by good.

So the farmer set to work. It wasn't easy. But he tried to concentrate on the wheat. This proved a great help. When he looked closely at it he noticed that it was by reaching and straining upwards that it grew. He took heart from this because it meant that by making the wheat struggle harder, the weeds were actually having a beneficial effect on the crop.

Because of the presence of evil we have to struggle. But it is through struggle that we grow. Struggle awakens all that is good and precious within us. Indeed, the presence of evil could even be said to be necessary. Unless we had to make a choice between good and evil no virtue would be possible.

On the day of the harvest the farmer separated the weeds from the wheat. He reaped a fine harvest. Even though it fell short of the hundred percent he had hoped for, the quality was excellent. And for some strange reason, he got more satisfaction from reaping that harvest than from any other. There is more joy when the victory is hard-won.

The parable is optimistic - in the end good triumphs. Truth and goodness are invincible. We live in a world where Christian values are not adhered to, or are despised. We must hold firm, and not grow discouraged.

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 July 25 - 26, 2026

	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	7:00 pm
Lectors	Ben Boivin	Gisele Neigel	Bert Vanderhulst	Sandra Cochrane
EMC			Dean Beaudry	
Ushers	Ben Boivin Alison Coort <i>Please Volunteer</i>	Natasha Aben Urszula Lewgowd Doug Neigel Mike Pearson	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix	Urszula Lewgowd James Westgarth Alexandra Kiszti <i>Please Volunteer</i>

Counters: Tuesday, July 21, 2026 - June Anne Crawford & Mary Kudryk

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Friday, July 24th at 7 pm

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ALL PROCEEDS TO THE RESTORATION FUND

Fundraising Progress



Restoration Appeal Update

The Fundraising Committee would like announce that with the combination of donations received and pledges we have **raised over \$100,000 this summer!** Congratulations to all! And our humble gratitude to the to the many parishioners and visitors to our parish who made a gift to our Restoration Appeal. This brings us to over 40% of our goal!

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.

The restoration work is progressing rapidly with a goal of bringing our priests home by September. Bills need to be paid. 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.

Street Parking at St. Kateri BAYSVILLE

The Township of Lake of Bays has informed us that due to the road improvement designs that include new sidewalks installed in front of our St. Kateri Mission Church, parishioners are no longer allowed to park on what used to be the side of the road and is now paved sidewalk. Please be aware that there are by-law enforcement staff on Sundays and you may receive a ticket, if you park on paved sidewalk. Please let visitors know.



Mass Intentions

There are a number of available Masses in July and August. Consider booking a Mass to pray for a deceased or living member of your family.

Collections

July 5, 2026	Offertory	\$ 5,632.85
July 5, 2026	Restoration Appeal	\$ 9,560.00

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Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



MONDAY MASSES ARE BACK!

Every Monday
12:00 pm
Church



Fun Dance Party

Fri., July 24
7 pm
Parish Hall



World Day
for Grandparents
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2026

Grandparents & Elderly Day

Sun., July 26
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World Wide in Catholic Church