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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, Rosie Vandenberg  
- Cathy Vanclleaf (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.

### 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.

# 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## JESUS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW OF GOD



### Masses for the Week of February 16 - 22, 2026

#### Monday, February 16

12:00 p.m. SI Diana & John Snowden / Lennox Family

#### Tuesday, February 17

9:00 a.m. SI Megan Barnes / Friend

#### Wednesday, February 18 ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 am HUNTSVILLE – For the Children of our Parish

7:00 pm HUNTSVILLE – For the Young Families of our Parish

7:00 pm BAYSVILLE – For the Sick of our Parish

#### Thursday, February 19

9:00 a.m. † Rodolfo Simioni / Sandra Cochrane

#### Friday, February 20

12:00 p.m. For the Elderly of the Parish

#### Saturday, February 21

4:00 p.m. SI Ted Dodds / Loring Family

#### Sunday, February 22

9:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased Members of the CWL

11:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

7:00 p.m. SI Ted Dodds/ Assoc. Missionaries of St Paul

#### **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, Mike & Loretta Pearson, Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter, Dallas Clarke, Linda Latour, Tcherina Zylstra, Remi LeGros, Jim Poling Sr., Brian & Diane O'Connor, Terry Russell, Ed Quinn, Marg Grant, Veronica Cotman, Kenn Jumayao, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike Berardi, Michelle Haskin, Bianca Hernandez Laurie, June Anne Crawford, Raul Hernandez, Joan Ranson, Michaela Enright, Eleanor Wolfle, Megan Barnes

#### **And in remembrance of the deceased**

Jorge Ramos, Martina Mbah, Amorfinia (Amie) Garland, Berta Adelina Ramirez

Karl Rahner, one of the greatest Catholic theologians of the 20th century, taught that we become fully human through love of neighbor. To understand this, observe a mother teaching her child to talk: The little one is learning vocabulary and also a way of life, a culture and what it means to be part of a family. At the same time, the mother becomes more of a mother with each loving interaction with her child. As humans, we have the opportunity to grow until we take our last breath, and each relationship enlarges our being.

Sirach, a wise man who wrote around 175 BCE, says something similar. His message today reflects what Moses said more than 1,000 years earlier: "I put before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life!" (Deuteronomy 30:19) Sirach uses the images of fire and water to say the same thing. Both want their people to realize that following God's will leads a person to become more profoundly who s/he is and at the same time become more deeply related to all others. Nobody can do it alone. We become who we are together.

When we think about Jesus in this context, we too often denigrate Pharisees and other religious groups of his time as being mired in the law. In truth, they debated the same theme Jesus preached about: how to live as God hopes we will. Jesus told his listeners, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it." Jesus interpreted the deep purpose of the law, demonstrating that the letter was nothing more than an entryway into its richness.

Jesus offered the disciples concrete examples of what it looks like to fulfill the intention of the law. For them as for us, his teaching can sound excessively demanding. But Jesus wasn't talking about ordinary life in society; he was explaining the ethics of the Reign of God.

For Jesus, murder was more than a question of knives, rope or stones. He considered any dehumanizing action as a mini-murder. For him, anything that undercut the dignity of another person functioned as a form of killing. It's one thing to get angry, even Jesus did that. It's another thing to nurse the kind of anger or wrath that classifies another as an enemy, an obstacle or an impediment. That erases their humanity in our minds. Calling someone raqa, or fool, denigrates an image of God, brazenly treating one of God's beloved as less than worthy. Considering others as despicable prepares people for war and accepts capital punishment. What the despisers don't realize is that choosing to view another as inconsequential desecrates them as much as their victim. In effect, Jesus has taught the love behind the law of God.

Jesus taught his disciples to live like he did because loving and cherishing each person is the only way to happiness and to grow our humanity and thus in union with our Trinitarian God.

Just like the Trinity, we're all in it together.

-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**

**February 21 - 22, 2026**

	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Wanda Roberts	Helen Hebb	June MacDonald	<i>Please Volunteer</i>
<b>EMC</b>		Gisele Neigel	Dean Beaudry	<i>Please Volunteer</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	Ben Boivin	Natasha Aben	Hugh Knox	<i>Please Volunteer</i>
	Alison Coort	Maureen McIntyre	Bob Lacroix	<i>Please Volunteer</i>
	<i>Please Volunteer</i>	Andre Lamy	Linda Lacroix	<i>Please Volunteer</i>
	<i>Please Volunteer</i>	Mike Pearson		

**Counters:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - Gisele Neigel & Mary Kudryk

## Restoration Appeal:

### Calling All Contractors - Open Bid

The Property Committee is inviting all contractors interested in bidding on the gutting work and mold remediation needed on the rectory, to request a scope of work from the office. Contractors can view the property on **Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> between 3 and 6 pm.** For more information, please contact the office and leave a message for Frank van der Staay, Property Committee Co-Chair.

### Ushers and Lectors Needed **Urgently**

We desperately need of more ushers and lectors for all masses. Please contact:  
Ushers - Mary Kudryk at 705-789-2163  
Lectors - Judith Gottschalk, call parish office



### Palms Needed

Ash Wednesday this year is on February 18. We ask that you please drop off your palms from last year either to the church or the office by Tuesday. We will burn the palms from last year to make the ashes for this Ash Wednesday.



### World Day of Prayer 2026 at St. Kateri in Baysville

Thursday February 26 @ 10:00 a.m. The Friends of St. Kateri in Baysville invites you to join us for our World Day of Prayer Service on February 26. WDP is a prayer movement coordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and invites us to enrich our faith experience through the life events of Christians from other countries and cultures, and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The 2026 service was written by the Nigerian World Day of Prayer committee. We look forward to seeing you! For more information or to RSVP, email [stkateribaysville@gmail.com](mailto:stkateribaysville@gmail.com)

### Knights of Columbus Lottery Winners!

The winner of the K of C Calendar Lottery for January 2026 was:  
Walter Gryns \$50.00 Congratulations!



### Offertory Collection

February 8, 2026 \$3,785.38

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

Dear Parishioners,



The 22 members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this past year. With almost 2000 hours of service our members have been able to serve 175 households and responded to 479 calls. We served 275 adults and 147 children. But numbers do not tell the whole story.

Yes, we have provided groceries, clothing, furniture, school supplies, rental assistance, prescriptions, such as inhalers and diabetes strips. and we covered the cost of transportation for a mother to take her child to the hospital. With your help and the help of the Knights of Columbus we gave 36 families a lovely Christmas. All these small acts of kindness really mean so much to families who struggle to choose between paying the rent or buying groceries. All parents want to do what is good for their children. All senior citizens want to live in some comfort and not worry about what will happen tomorrow. Several of our clients have needed us just to get over the hump... help until they find another job, medical care or assistive devices to improve their health, clothing for their children so that they are just like everyone else in the class. Most parents are grateful that their financial worries do not impact their children's happiness. Many clients have given back to us when they were back on their feet. As one person said many a meal on our family table was provided by SSVP. Thank you and please ensure that families continue to have meals on their tables.

SSVP at St. Mary's of the Assumption and St. Kateri begins this year in the hope of providing more assistance to more elementary schools, more families and to all those who struggle to keep a roof over their heads and food on the table.

If you feel called to reach out to the marginalized, we welcome you to join us. Let us dream of the possibilities of how we can serve Christ in others with love, respect, justice and joy.

They and we are truly grateful for your support and generosity.

SSVP 2025 tax receipts were sent out on February 2, 2026

## Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



**Hot Lunch**  
Tuesdays  
11:30 am  
Parish Hall



**Sun. Choir Practice**  
Wednesdays  
6:00 pm  
Church



**Contractors Viewing**  
Wed. Feb 18  
3 - 6 pm  
Rectory



**Property Committee**  
Thurs. Feb. 19  
3:00 pm  
Parish Hall



**RCIA - Rite of Election**  
Sun. Feb. 22  
9:00 Mass  
Church