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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

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.



Masses for the Week of December 29, 2025 - January 4, 2026

Monday, December 29

12:00 p.m. no mass intention

Tuesday, December 30

4:00 p.m. no mass intention

Wednesday, December 31

4:00 p.m. (Baysville) For the People of the Parish

Thursday, January 1

9:00 a.m. (Huntsville) † Robert and the Unborn
/anonymous

11:00 a.m. (Baysville) † Nora Martyn / Moes Family

Friday, January 2

12:00 p.m. no intention

Saturday, January 3

4:00 p.m. no intention

Sunday, January 4

9:00 a.m. † Gertrude Dutkewicz / David & Gisele Neigel

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

7:00 p.m. no mass intention

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, Pam & Don Mackenzie,
Esther Phillips, Keith Ham, Carole Ruttan, Stephanie Jarvis,
Mabelle Claer, Janine Wright, Mike & Loretta Pearson,
Kate Monk, 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, Neil McAllister

And in remembrance of the deceased

Gertrud Dutkewicz

The Role of the Family



A tree planted in an exposed place is very vulnerable. It is at the mercy of every wind that blows. If it survives at all, it will be in a twisted and stunted form. If you want a tree to grow to its full potential, you must plant it in a more sheltered place. And not on its own, but with some other trees.

It is vital to get the space between the trees right. They must be close enough to be able to provide shelter and protection for one another. But not so close as to stifle one another. Each must have room to grow to its full potential. This is a great challenge: how to achieve closeness without stifling or dominating one another.

It is not good for a tree to be alone. And it is not good for us human beings to be alone. Alone we are at mercy of cold winds of anguish and loneliness. We need ties of love and friendship with other human beings in order to become what God intended us to be.

This is where the family comes in. In the family we have close ties with people who accept us for what we are. We have people to whom we are special, and who are special to us. We have a clear and unmistakable identity. We have a sense of belonging.

There are two things people suffer from in families or communities. One is the feeling of suffocation, of not being allowed to be oneself. The other is the opposite - a feeling of loneliness, of not really being together.

In the ideal family there is both closeness and space. The closeness means members are able to provide mutual support. The space ensures that they do not stifle one another.

Harmony in the family is achieved by the practice of virtues such as kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and mutual forgiveness. These are not easy virtues to practice. But when practiced with consistency, the rewards are great in terms of peace and harmony in the home.

No family is perfect, but no better place for raising children has been devised. It was by living in a small community of love with Mary and Joseph at Nazareth that Jesus grew in wisdom and in favour with God and people.

'Like the tree that puts roots deep into the clay, each of us needs the anchor of belonging to bend with the storms and continue towards the light.' (John O'Donohue)

- 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

January 3 -4, 2026

	4:00 pm	9 am	11 am
Lectors	Ben Boivin	Helen Hebb	Nick Arruda
EMC			June MacDonald
Ushers	Marguerite Goodfellow Walter Gryz	Natasha Aben Urszula Lewgowd Mike Pearson Andre Lamy	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix

Counters: Tuesday, December, 2025 - Wanda Roberts, Jo Ann Giesler, Mary Kudryk

1st Reconciliation & Communion Classes

The classes for students to make the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation & Communion will begin on Wed., January 7, 6:30 – 8 pm in the Parish Hall. Children and parents are both asked to attend the meeting. If you have not registered your child yet, please bring them to the first meeting to fill out the registration forms.



Property Committee

The next meeting will on Wednesday, Jan. 7th at 3 pm. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact Fr Dominick or leave a message with the office.

Restoration Appeal:

Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs Request

As presented at our recent Town Hall Meeting the estimated costs of renovating the existing rectory for address the ventilation and mold issues in the church, and renting a place as our temporary rectory for 2 years is, \$972,000.00. It is now time to start the ball rolling and save our parish. We need skilled people from all walks of life to help us achieve this financial goal. Right now Fr Dominick is looking for Co-Chairs for the Fundraising Committee to work together to layout a very simple and achievable plan for our parish that incorporates all committees, organizations, groups etc. that call our beloved parish their spiritual home. If you are interested in being part of this team, or would like to nominate someone else, please let Fr Dominick know or contact the office.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for January



For Prayer With The Word Of God Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Sunday Collection, December 21, 2025

Offertory \$ 4,885.38

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Christmas Office Hours

The office will be closed

Thursday, December 25, 2025 to Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

We wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas!



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Rennie Melnyk

Johann Ertler

Czestaw & Gertrud Dutkiewicz

Romeo & Blanche Bisson

William Roberts

Bryan Smith

Mary Mitchell



2026 Offertory Envelopes

are now available at the entrance of the church. Please be sure to take your box. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please contact the office. It is purely an oversight on our part. Some envelope numbers have changed so please do not use previous years' envelopes.

END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS & TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made to the parish in 2025 will be available in the new year. Parishioners making end-of-year donations are reminded that only those envelopes and online donations received by the parish on/prior to December 31st can be included on 2025 tax receipts. Online donations sometimes lag by several days as transactions are posted by banks, please keep this in mind when making your offering.

New Years Masses

New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31, 2025

4 pm (Huntsville)

New Year's Day, Friday January 1, 2026

9 am (Huntsville) and 11 am (Baysville)

Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



Hot Lunch resume on Jan 6th
Tuesdays
11:30 am
Parish Hall



Sun. Choir Practice
Wednesdays
6:00 pm
Church



Property Committee
Wed. Jan 7
3:00 pm
Sacristy



1st Reconciliation Class
Wed. Jan 7
6:30 pm
Parish Hall



RCIA Class
Sun. Jan. 11
3:00 pm
Parish Hall



Coffee Sunday
Sun. Jan 11
After 9 am Mass
Parish Hall