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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
- Cathy Vancleave (St. Kateri)
Counters - Please contact the office
Eucharistic Ministers - Please contact the office
Lectors - Judith Gottschalk
Property Committee - Dcn Jan Sirek, Frank Van der Straay

Parish Schools

St Mary Elementary School
Joe Conway, Principal 705-789-6481
St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School
Carlo Iocono, Principal 705-646-8772
SMCDSB School Board Trustee
Joshua Boutotte 705- 722- 3555 ext. 462

Parish Office

Mary Helen Moes, Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday
9:30 am - 2:30 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Hotline: 705-789-0008

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 (Sept - June)

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 October 12 - 18, 2026

Tuesday, October 13

9:00 a.m. no intention

Wednesday, October 14

12:00 p.m. † Mark Bennett/Cindy Clarke

Thursday, October 15

9:00 a.m. † Jark Merry/Yvonne Spradbrow

Friday, October 16

12:00 p.m. † Chris Doyle/Eileen & George White

Saturday, October 17

4:00 p.m. SI Family Member/ Anonymous

Sunday, October 18

9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. SI Erelene Cardella on her 90th
Birthday/Jean & John MacInnis

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, 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 Woffle, June Anne Crawford, Megan Barnes,
Michaela Enright, Marta Klaja, Heather Adams, Sharon
Huckle, Deanna Neigel, Mike Pearson, Ursula & Bernard
Recker, Elisabeth Pasma, John Schreurs

In remembrance of our deceased

Theresa Schwaighoger, Milena Leonardy

A Shocking Parable?

The main thrust of the parable of the wedding feast is clear. It describes God's dealings with the Jews, their disobedience to him, and the new covenant, which will come about through Jesus and which will include the Gentiles.

However, Matthew's version of the parable sounds quite shocking. It starts off very promising, with a king inviting guests to the wedding feast of his son. But it quickly turns ugly. The invited guests, instead of accepting the king's gracious invitation, turn on the king's servants and kill them. This rightly makes the king furious. But his reaction is way over the top - he dispatches his troops, who kill the murderers, and burn down their city.

By any reckoning, this is ugly stuff. It seems so alien to the mind of Jesus. What are we to make of it all? The allegorical elements in the story are no doubt additions, made by the evangelist or the Church to an earlier and more straightforward parable.

A simple version of the parable is found in Luke's Gospel (14:15-24). It's about a man who invited people to a banquet. Once again those were invited refused to come. One by one they began to make excuses. One had brought a piece of land, and had to go and look it over. Another had brought some oxen, and needed to try them out. Yet another has just got married, and so was unable to come. The king was angry at their refusal, but didn't retaliate. Instead, he sent out his servants to invite others to take their place.

This is all pretty straightforward. The banquet stands for the kingdom of God. The people who were first invited stand for the Jews. But since they refused their place would be given to the Gentiles.

In all probability, Luke's version is the original version. How do we account for Matthew's version? Matthew wrote his Gospel somewhere between 80 and 90 AD. By that time Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Roman army (in 70 AD). Hence, Matthew puts his own 'spin' on Luke's parable, for the rejection of Jesus and the Jews. This is highly problematic, because it portrays God as being very vindictive.

Jesus foresaw that Jerusalem would be destroyed. But he didn't suggest that this would happen as a punishment for his rejection by the Jews, but rather as a consequence of their failure to listen to him. With tears in his eyes, he said, 'If only you understood the message of peace. But, alas, it is hidden from your eyes. Of you there will not be left a stone upon a stone, everything will be destroyed' (Lk 21:41-44).

Jesus did not cause the destruction of Jerusalem. He wanted to prevent it. On another occasion he said, 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that kill prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often have I longed to gather your children, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you refused!' (Lk 13:34-35)

Christianity, by its very essence, is a message that can be accepted or rejected. At the heart of Christianity lies that terrible and mysterious possibility of rejection. That is a freedom which God has given us and will never take away from us. The acceptance of Christianity would be meaningless if rejection were not possible. The aim of the parable is not to consider how we will be punished if we don't heed God's invitation. Those who refused to come missed out on the joy of the wedding feast. Only God knows what is truly best for us.

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 October 17 - 18, 2026

	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Lectors	Ron Downey	Gisele Neigel	Bert Vanderhulst
EMC			Jean MacInnis
Ushers	Ben Boivin Walter Gryz	Marguerite Goodfellow Ursula Lewgoud Mark O'Gorman Andre Lamy	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix Linda Lacroix

Counters: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 - Wanda Roberts & Jo Ann Giesler

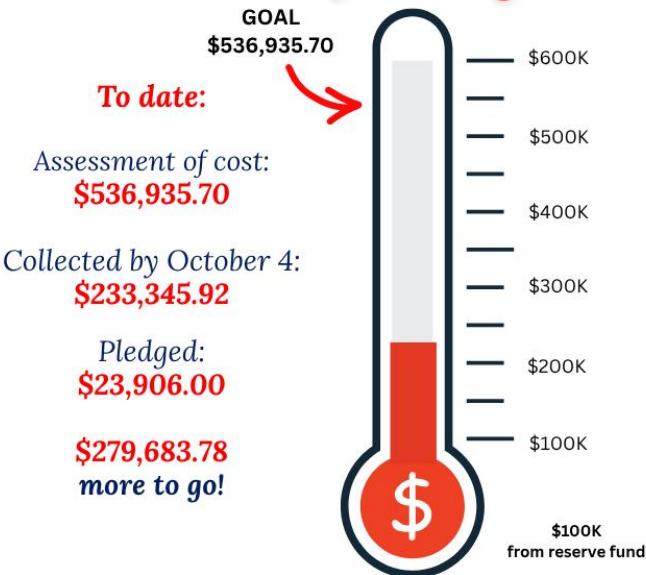


October is the month of thanksgiving, the month of abundance. The harvest in the barns is full. Come the month of Thanksgiving Day we gather to celebrate this abundance.

Tables are laden with food; turkey, corn, cranberries, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, rolls, gravy and pumpkins pie. The family crowds around the table to share the bounty of food, story and memory. I want to use this opportunity to wish everyone a happy thanksgiving as we celebrate this annual ritual of thanksgiving for the abundance. So nice that once a year as a nation we declare halt to our routine and give a thank to the Gifting God who blesses us so abundantly.

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Fundraising Progress



Restoration Appeal Update

It's hard to believe that we have come to the stage of new trim around the windows and the first coats of paint on the walls. Soon we will be able to see a finished building. Its not fancy. In fact everything is very simple, keeping 90% of the original design, with some shuffling of a few rooms to accommodate the new furnace, to replace the water damaged one. The whole south wall has new bricks, the windows are sealed properly and all walls are insulated! All the odd wiring they found from likely quick repairs 50 years ago, was also replaced. In these tough economic times its reassuring to know that this emergency mold restoration project has not wasted a cent of our donations. Al Kudryk will be updating us at all Masses this weekend

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.

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Parish Groups Meetings/ Events



Fundraising Meeting
Tues., Oct. 13
6:00 pm
Parish Hall



Confirmation Class
Wed., Oct. 14
7:00 pm
Parish Hall



Property Meeting
Thurs., Oct 15
4:00 pm
Parish Hall



RCIA Class
Sun., Oct. 18
3:00 pm
Parish Hall



K of C Meeting
Thurs., Oct 22
2:00 pm
K of C Room



Spaghetti Dinner
Sun., Oct. 25
5:00 pm
Parish Hall