

Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

Also serving Saint Mary's Church in Souris, MB (Sunday at 11 am)

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SERVED BY:

Pastor	Fr. John Okosun
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EUCHARIST:

Saturday (Vigil Mass)	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am, 11:00 am 7:00 pm, (Souris 11:00 am)
Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday	9:30 am
Thursday	9:30 am
Friday	12:15 pm (with Adoration until 3:00 pm)
Saturday	9:30 am

RECONCILIATION:

Friday	2:00 - 3:00 pm or by appointment
Saturday	3:00 - 4:00 pm

BAPTISM:

Third Sunday of the Month (excluding Lent)
Baptism preparation course every second Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm (excluding period of Lent). Please contact office for more information.
St. Mary's - Souris
Please contact Donni Zuk at 204-483-2687 for more information

MARRIAGE:

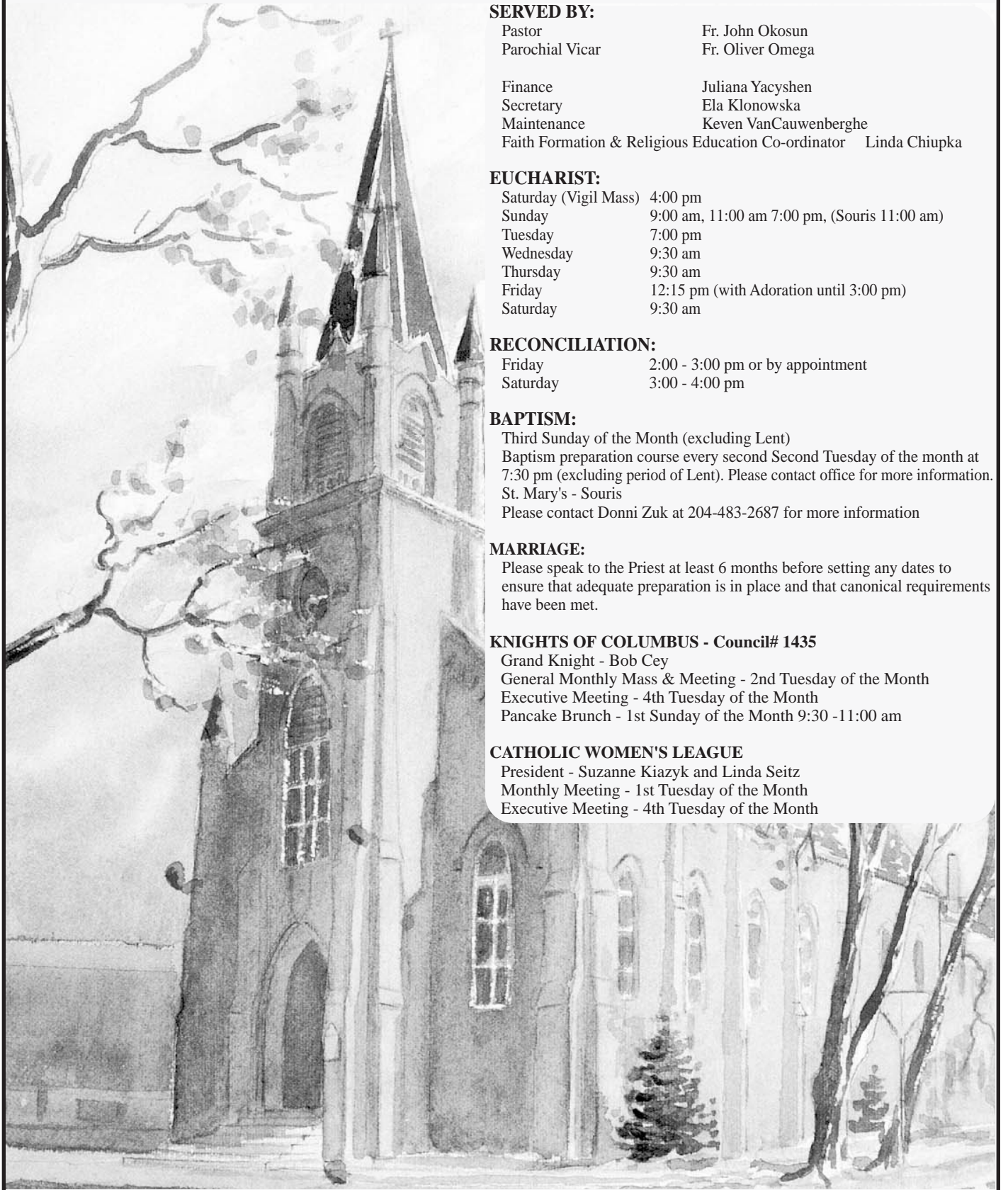
Please speak to the Priest at least 6 months before setting any dates to ensure that adequate preparation is in place and that canonical requirements have been met.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Council# 1435

Grand Knight - Bob Cey
General Monthly Mass & Meeting - 2nd Tuesday of the Month
Executive Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the Month
Pancake Brunch - 1st Sunday of the Month 9:30 - 11:00 am

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

President - Suzanne Kiazuk and Linda Seitz
Monthly Meeting - 1st Tuesday of the Month
Executive Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the Month





The Importance of Trust

ANN M. GARRIDO

We can readily understand Thomas' insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes. Would you believe it if someone told you that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?

At some time or other, all of us have been tricked into believing something we later found out was untrue and remember how foolish we felt. Haven't our parents told us not to believe everything we hear? Haven't our teachers taught us to do our own research? Doubt serves a valuable purpose, and we would be naive to disregard it.

At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they'd "done their own research," they wouldn't believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even "your own research" will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others' research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

At the close of today's gospel, Jesus names as "blessed" those able to discern what is true and believe not only because of what they have seen with their own eyes but also because of what they have heard through their ears from sources worthy of their trust. ●

Reflect

When has doubt served a purpose, and when has it gotten in my way?

Sing Aloud Mass of All Nations sponsored by Naija Catholics in Brandon will take place on Sunday **April 12th at 12:30 p.m.** All are welcome.

St. Augustine **Class Mass** for **grades 1, 3 & 7** is on Wednesday **April 15th** at 11:15 a.m.

Children's Mass – a joyful, family-friendly Mass especially for children and families will be celebrated on **May 3rd at 12:30 p.m.** Potluck will follow. If you would like your child to serve during this Mass, please contact Grace at tel. 204-572-4344 or Dulce at tel. 204-740-8664.

The next two **Eucharistic Holy Hours for Vocation** sponsored by the Vocation Committee are scheduled on Tuesdays **May 19th and June 30th** after the 7:00 PM Mass. We would appreciate it if you would support and promote this initiative.

Please note: The morning Mass on **Apr. 18th/Saturday** will be celebrated at **10:00 a.m.** as it will be the First Holy Communion Mass for children from 'the once-weekly catechism' program.

MASS INTENTIONS

TUES. April 14 (Acts 4.32-37; John 3.7b-15)		
7:00 pm	†Bea Gross	Beverley Hicks
WED. April 15 (Acts 5.17-26; John 3.16-21)		
9:30 am	Post Aboration and Single Parents	Life Culture Brandon
11:15 am	†Bev Litkowich	Noreen Dubois
THUR. April 16 (Acts 5.27-33; John 3.31-36)		
9:30 am	†Annie & John Baraniuk	Eileen Suski & Family
	†Gwen Gibney	Noreen Dubois
	†Yvonne Day	Bruce & Jackie Miles
	David Deschambault	Marge Deschambault
10:30 am FVH	†Beverley Litkowich	Carol Mackenzie
FRI. April 17 (Acts 5.34-42; John 6.1-15)		
12:15 pm	†Peter Yacysen	Daughters
	†Bea Gross	Josie Scaletta
	Thanksgiving to All Saints	Kerselin Fumier
	† Uncle Gene	Annette
	Eroisa Family	Lim Family
SAT. April 18 (Acts 6.1-7; John 6.16-21)		
Changed to 10:00 am	†Castrenze Barcellona	Wanda Bacellona & Family
4:00 pm	†Fiorella & Franco Dallari	Paola & Family
SUN. April 19 – 3rd Sunday of Easter		
9:00 am	Michelle McPike	Mom & Dad
11:00 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for All Parishioners)	
7:00 pm	Rose Hercun	Juliana
11:00 am/Souris		

In Our Prayers Are: Gresnor Acquisio, Hermann Aquin, Jamie Ashley, Myron Blocka, Thomas Egan, Colette Garlinski, Pat Golding, Jenny Hamill, Vera Lafreniere, Angela Lau, Paul Malabar, Susan Richardson, Marilyn Ross, Joan Tweedie, Anne West, Pat Chambers, Rhea Chudy, Jean Warwaruk, Leon Sanders, Jason Pascal, Anne Sawers, Arlene Spence, Albertine Moran, Angel Eranio Cabrera, Ladesma Cabrera, Emery Fouillard, Marie Bialkoski, Lorraine Williams, and the homebound.

Dear Padre,

We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, "Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive.

It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God's love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced. 🍌

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Financial Report for: April 05, 2026	
Weekly collection	\$ 16,933.
Children collection	\$ 200.
Holy Land collection (Good Friday)	\$ 6,220.
Sharing God's Gifts 2026	\$ 11,366.
Sharing God's Gifts 2026 Target	\$ 62,365.
Weekly average spending	\$ 11,000.

Options for Donating Money:

For your convenience we accept donation envelopes, e-transfers (finance@staug.ca) and pre-authorized payments. Please note: e-transfers are only funds to St. Augustine. **Please Do Not Use 2025 and Older Envelopes.** Thank you and God bless.

Men's Group will meet on Wednesday, **April 15** at 6:00 p.m. to learn: On Temperance – The Virtue of Enjoying Truly Good Things.

Next gathering for **Youth & Young Adults Group** is on Sunday **April 19** at 1:00 p.m. Topic to discuss: How to Become Holy – Vocations and Church Ministry.

CWL Scholarship

Applications for the **2026 St. Augustine's Catholic Women's League Scholarship** are now available at all Brandon High Schools and Souris High School. This \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a female student who is graduating from Grade 12 (Senior 4) in the current year and is an active member of St. Augustine's Parish, Brandon or missions served by St. Augustine's Parish. Applications may be delivered to St. Augustine's Parish Office. Also, forms are available at the Parish Office.

Deadline for applications is 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 29, 2026.

Welcome to Our Christian Community: Tiffany Ann Barsness, Morgan Le Campbell, Shelly-Anne Coull, Emilia Marcela Angel Sanchez, Diana Sandoval, Suzanne Louise Neufeld, Andis Edmunds Kaulins, Zachary Samuel Lynn Sauter, and Bradley Jason Wall.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be hosting the first annual **Golf Tournament on Saturday May 30th** at the Wheat City Golf Course. Here is the link for more information and how to register as a team or individually: <https://kofc1435.staug.ca/golf/>. Proceeds are going to the Catholic School Board.

The Parish is seeking volunteers for all the masses on **Pentecost Sunday May 24th** who will come beautifully dressed in their Cultural/Traditional Attire. Just like the apostles spoke in different tongues, our volunteers will have to say 'Welcome' in their mother tongue like we did last year. There will also be a potluck after the 11:00 AM Mass on that day, all are welcome. Sign up sheets will be at the entrance at every Mass till the 17th of May. Thank you.

APPRECIATION - MESSAGE FROM FR. JOHN

I would like to thank all our volunteers who made our Easter Celebrations so unique and memorable. I thank all the readers, instrumentalists, singers, altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, greeters/ushers, collectors & counters, Knights of Columbus, those that led the Stations of the Cross, leaders of Good Friday and Holy Saturday morning prayers, Jason – our livestreaming person, and those who helped decorate and prepare the Church and the altar for the Triduum.

I would also like to thank our wonderful staff and all our amazing and faithful parishioners. May God reward you all for sharing your time and talents with the people of God and may the joy and blessing of the risen Christ abide with you always.

Fr. John Okosun, Pastor



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