

# 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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Secretary	Ela Klonowska
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Faith Formation & Religious Education Co-ordinator	Linda Chiupka

## 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:

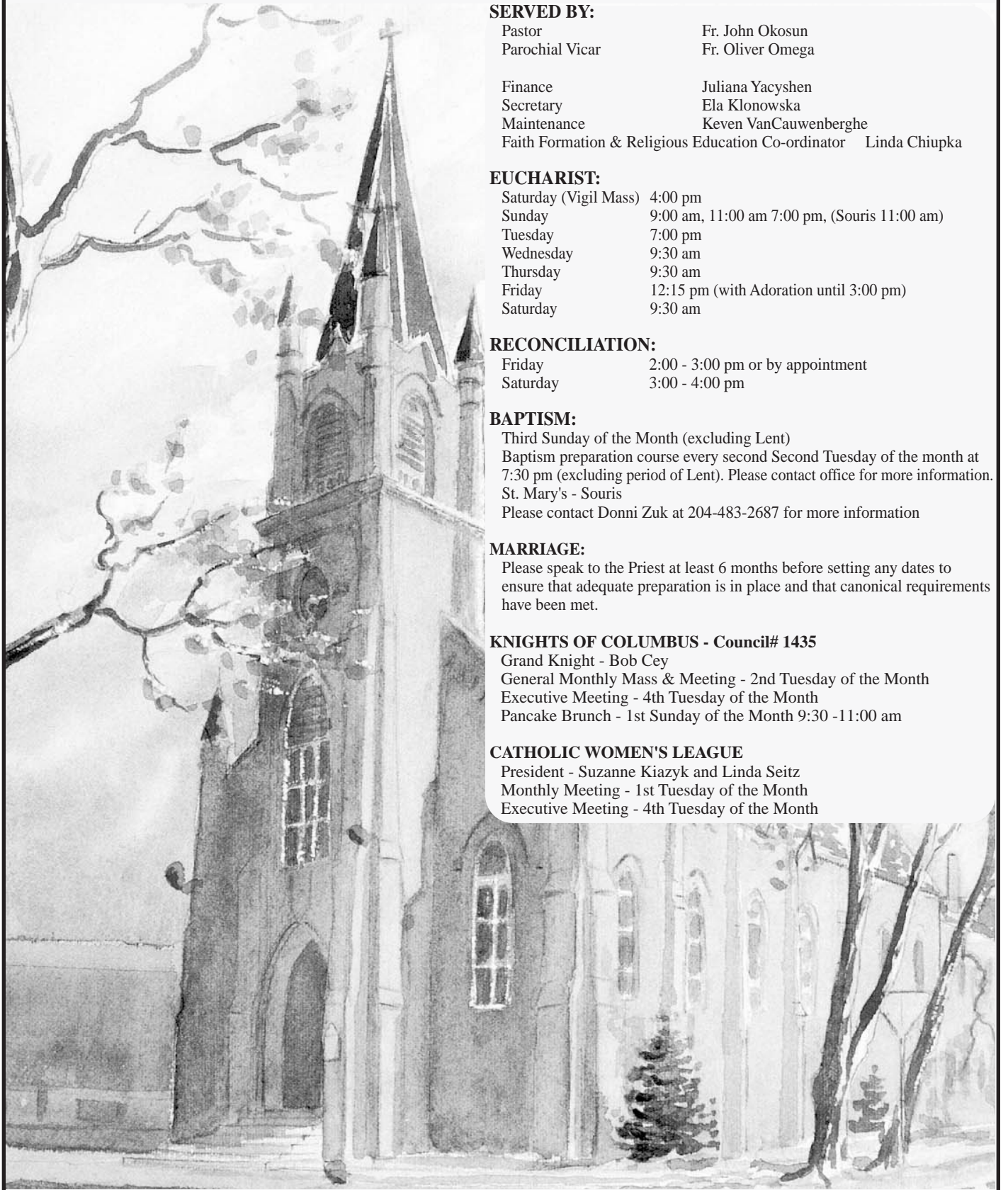
Please speak to the Priest at least 6 months before setting any dates to ensure that adequate preparation is in place and that canonical requirements have been met.

## 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





## Three Basic Rules

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**T**he Emmaus story is about two disciples walking seven miles from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not recognize. The story is rich in both symbolism and meaning. In a nutshell, it teaches us three basic rules for the formation of Christian community: *Welcome the stranger. Break open the word. Celebrate the Eucharist.* When we are faithful to these practices, we are faithful to the promise of the kingdom in our midst. If we choose to ignore these basic rules, we should not be surprised that we seem to be struggling.

Three out of three rules set the baseline. We cannot congratulate ourselves if we follow one or two of them

well enough and ignore the third. We cannot pick and choose. It is the Lord who sets the parameters; our mission is only to respond positively in faith to what he directs us to do.

How are we doing? An honest appraisal probably suggests that improvement is needed. Each of our local communities, and indeed even the wider Church, sometimes struggles to form an Emmaus community of faith. We know we can do better. The good news is that we are not uninformed, and we know where we need to place the most effort. The Holy Spirit of God will show us how we need to apply this renewed effort. ●

### Reflect

*Where does my family and parish need improvement to form a genuinely faithful Emmaus community?*

#### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>TUES. April 21 (Acts 7.51-8.1a; John 6.30-35)</b>		
7:00 pm	Melina Edmundson	Sally Scaletta
<b>WED. April 22 (Acts 8.1b-8; John 6.35-40)</b>		
9:30 am	† Gladys Yacyshen	Juliana & John
11:15 am	Thanksgiving	Eroisa Family
<b>THUR. April 23 (Acts 8.26-40; John 6.44-51)</b>		
9:30 am	† Bea Gross	Rick & Jocelyn Kehler
	Karen Fitzpatrick	Prayer Partner
	Gerri Scott	Friend
	† Bev Litkowich	Bruce & Jackie Miles
	† Percy M. Villafana	Carla Villafana
10:30 am FVH	† Marion McDuffe	Carol Mackenzie
<b>FRI. April 24 (Acts 9.1-20; John 6.52-59)</b>		
12:15 pm	Janelle Wilts & Family	Markmann Family
	Baby	Jismon & Anu
	† Marcela Vaskor & Pavla	Laura Gurr
	Brousseau	
	† Bernard O'Brien	Issigonis Family
	Gary Matildo	Matildo Family
<b>SAT. April 25 (1 Peter 5.5b-14; Mark 16.15-20)</b>		
*Changed to	Thanksgiving	Joycie De Guzman
10:00 am		
4:00 pm	† Peggy Clark	Garry & Lorraine Winters
<b>SUN. April 26 – 4th Sunday of Easter</b>		
9:00 am	Arlene Spence	Rod Ferris
11:00 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for All Parishioners)	
7:00 pm	† Nena Abao	Dulce & Rey Lizada & Family
11:00 am/Souris		

St. Augustine **Class Mass** for **grades 1/2, 5 & 6** will be on Wednesday **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 11:15 a.m.

**This year Closing Mass** for children from the 'once-weekly catechism' program is on **Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:30 p.m.

**Please note:** The morning Mass on **Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>/Saturday** will be celebrated at **10:00 a.m.** as it will be the First Holy Communion Mass for St. Augustine School students.

**Children's Mass** – a joyful, family-friendly Mass especially for children and families will be celebrated on **May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>** after the 7:00 PM Mass. We would appreciate it if you would support and promote this initiative.

**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,

## Why are there different stories about Jesus' resurrection?

As a whole, the New Testament is a testimonial to the resurrection. About twenty years after Jesus' death, St. Paul offers the earliest written reference to the resurrection. (See 1 Thessalonians 1:10.) All four gospels tell the story of Jesus, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and appeared to his disciples. However, the evangelists incorporated elements that were handed on orally, and they presented them in their own style to address the particular needs and cultural backgrounds of their readers. Each author attempted to express the inexpressible resurrection within the limits of language, and they selectively highlighted or omitted material for theological purposes. If minor details vary among the writers—such as the number of women or angels at Christ's tomb—these variations are consistent with the nature of eyewitness accounts and recorded events as they are remembered. Divergent accounts are not false accounts. Despite discrepancies, the objective of the authors remained uncompromised: the identity of the historical Jesus of Nazareth is now the risen Lord of All. (See Acts 10:34–43.) Moreover, the authors wanted to convey this fundamental truth: Jesus Christ's defeat of death by his resurrection is central to our Christian hope and is the assurance of our own resurrection! Guided by the Holy Spirit, the gospels' resurrection accounts have inspired believers for 2,000 years—for “if Christ has not been raised, then...empty, too, your faith” (1 Corinthians 15:14). ●



Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

### Financial Report for: April 12, 2026

Weekly collection	\$	10,254.
Children collection	\$	173.
Sharing God's Gifts 2026	\$	11,622.
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.

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.

Next gathering for **Youth & Young Adults Group** is on **Sunday May 3rd** at 1:00 p.m. Topic to discuss: “Devotion to Mary”.

### Welcome to Our Christian Community:

Adebosola Rosie Ayo-Esan

The **Knights of Columbus** will be hosting the first annual **Golf Tournament** on **Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### 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.

### Refugee Committee

If you have religious items (e.g. Statues, Crucifixes, Rosaries or Religious Books), that you no longer need, please consider donating them to the refugee committee. This Committee is hoping to display these items in May, so that people who need them can take from them and give a freewill donation to support their cause of sponsoring and supporting refugees. There will be bins set out at the church entrances for the religious articles you wish to donate. Thank you.



### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*The Church is brokenhearted at the cry of pain rising from places devastated by war.... We must never get used to war!... For this reason, in the name of human dignity and international law, I reiterate to those in positions of responsibility the frequent warning of...Pope Pius XII: "Nothing is lost with peace. Everything may be lost with war."*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 18, 2025



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