

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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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:

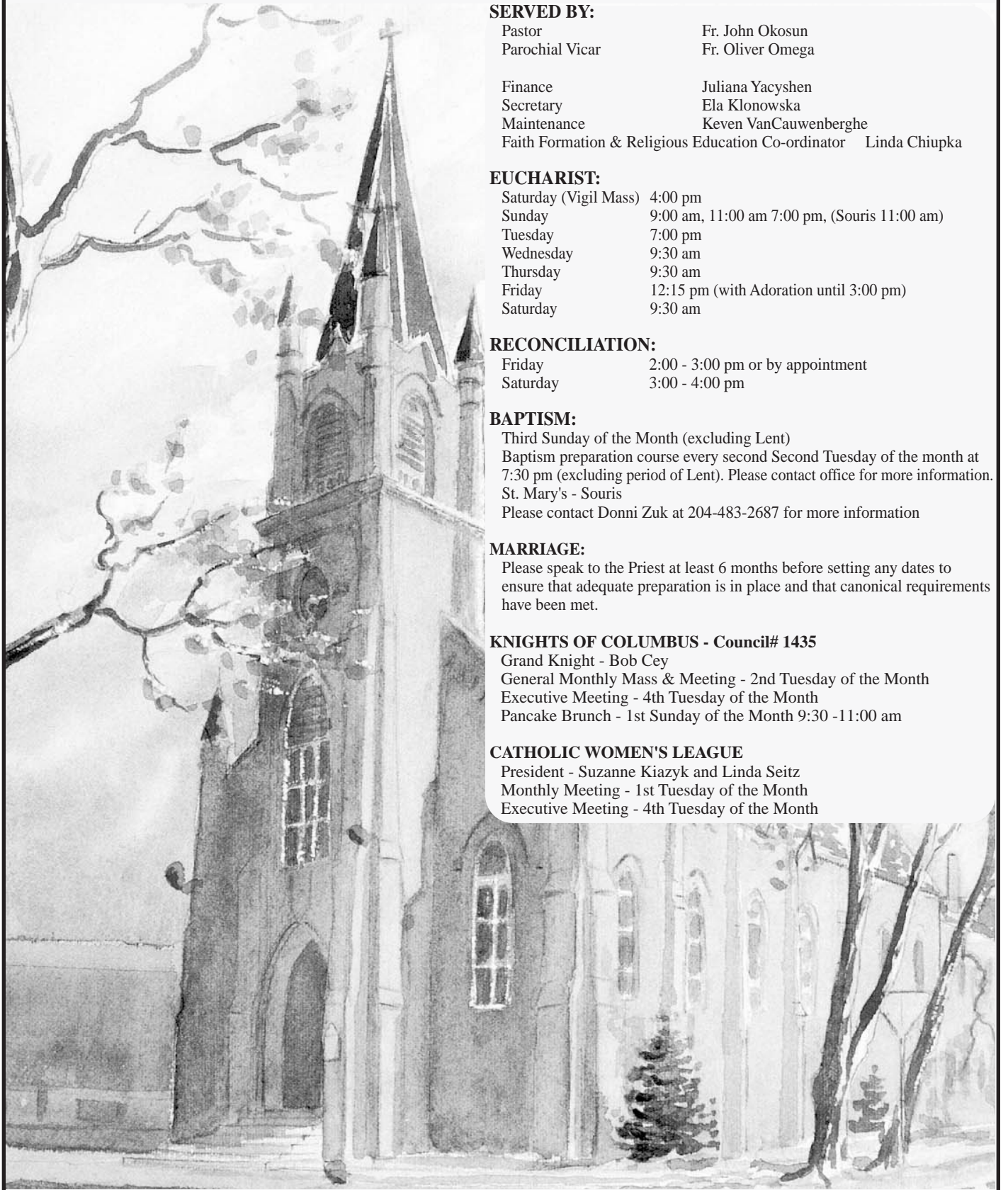
Please speak to the Priest at least 6 months before setting any dates to ensure that adequate preparation is in place and that canonical requirements have been met.

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





Open Door

MIGUEL DULICK

It is "Good Shepherd Sunday," and the gospel quotes Jesus: "I am the gate for the sheep." It seems the oddest of Jesus' "I am" identities, until you realize that the shepherd himself was often the literal gate of the sheep's pen, as he would lay his own body across the entrance to keep the sheep secure and safe from any predators. Actually, the predators that worry Jesus the most are other shepherds—"strangers" who came before him, all of whom Jesus flatly denounces as "thieves and robbers."

Does that scare us today? Are we vulnerable to attacks, even from those supposedly in charge of our care? When Jesus opens the gate, we go in and out through him, through Jesus, to find pasture. We follow

him because we recognize "his voice." In the synodal Church that Pope Francis called us to, and to which we continue to be called by Pope Leo XIV, every voice is welcome and needed so that the Holy Spirit will fill the whole Church with truth.

Here in Honduras, where I live, folks with little education can offer profound witness to the love of God. It comes from their own intimacy with Jesus, recognizing his voice in their daily life. They are often the poor victims of widespread corruption, like "a thief [who] comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy." Here in Honduras, we take refuge in Jesus, that we "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). ●

Reflect

How can we recognize voices that speak the truth? How do we recognize Jesus' voice?

MASS INTENTIONS

TUES. April 28 (Acts 11.19-26; John 10.22-30)		
7:00 pm	†Bea Gross	Pam & Terry Szmon
WED. April 29 (Acts 12.24-13.5a; John 12.44-50)		
9:30 am	†Jean Meakin	Carol Mackenzie
11:15 am	†Vic Hercun	Greg & Yvonne Skura
THUR. April 30 (Acts 13.13-25; John 13.16-20)		
9:30 am	Fr. John & Fr. Oliver	Markmann Family
	†Jeanette Tripp	Florence Marcino
	†Bob Shineton	Joyce & Tom Lehman
	Arlene Spence	Maria & Charles Lim
10:30 am FVH	†Beverley Litkovich	Josie Scaletta
FRI. May 01 (Acts 13.26-33; John 14.1-6;)		
12:15 pm	†Bea Gross	Adam & Laura Gurr
	†Peggy & Gerry Clark	Pat, Gerry & David Clark
	Okoshi Maria Paz	Charles & Mair Lim
	†Beverley Litkovich	Juliana & John
	†Mary Kennedy	Ray & Anne West
	Fr. Dominic Yuen	Markmann Family
SAT. May 02 (Acts 13.44-52; John 14.7-14)		
9:30 am	†Lawrence Dubois	Bruce & Jackie Miles
4:00 pm	†Louis Annie & Jonnie Bart	Betty Watson & Family
SUN. May 03 – 5th Sunday of Easter		
9:00 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for All Parishioners)	
11:00 am	†Veitch & Simms Families	Ray & Mary Lou Simms
7:00 pm	†Arminda Magalhaes	Fernando Magalhaes
11:00 am/Souris		

St. Augustine **School Mass** will be on Wednesday **April 29th** 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 or sing in a choir during this Mass, please contact Grace at tel. 204-572-4344 or Dulce at tel. 204-740-8664.

Choir practice will be held on **May 1st** from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All children & youth are invited to participate.

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.

There will be **no daily Masses** between **May 4th – May 8th** (included) due to our priests being away for their retreat.

Our Church will be **closed** for public on **May 6th and May 7th** for carpet cleaning.

In Our Prayers Are: Gresnor Acquasio, 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,

Should Christians avoid practicing qi gong or tai chi? Or even meditation in which you empty your mind? Thank you.

This is one of those questions that has been debated for a long time. Social media offers many so-called experts with vastly different opinions. It can be very confusing, particularly if you are looking for a black-and-white answer, a yes or a no.

The pope who provides us with the most helpful direction to answer this question is Pope Benedict XVI. He did not forbid Eastern spiritual practices entirely but warned against their integration into Christian life without proper discernment. His perspective was rooted in a theological understanding that Christian spirituality is a unique path focused on a relationship with Christ. He emphasized that our Catholic spiritual tradition is distinct from the goals and methods of non-Christian traditions. He believed the practice of such non-Christian traditions, without preparation and without awareness of the challenge they present, could lead to spiritual error if not approached with caution and discernment.

So, the answer is nuanced. If you are using the practice as a spiritual practice, you should proceed with the utmost caution. If, on the other hand, you are using these practices for the more common physical or psychological—not spiritual—reasons, then it is permissible. ●



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

Financial Report for: April 19, 2026

Weekly collection	\$	9,832.
Children collection	\$	198.
Sharing God's Gifts 2026	\$	11,642.
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.

Farewell to Keven

There is an opportunity to say farewell to Keven Vancauwenberghe who has worked for our Parish for about 13 years and has decided to retire. Please join us for **Come & Go Tea & Coffee on Wednesday April 29th** between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Parish square.

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: Amine Gelila, Natalie Kebreab Kidne, Levi Jirozane Fermin, Hadriel Theodore Sampang, and Emma Theresa Early (Souris).

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.

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.

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