

# Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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

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## SERVED BY:

Parish Priest	Fr. John Okosun
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Oliver Omega
Finance	Juliana Yacyshen
Secretary	Aleks Onita
Maintenance	Keven VanCauwenbergh
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:

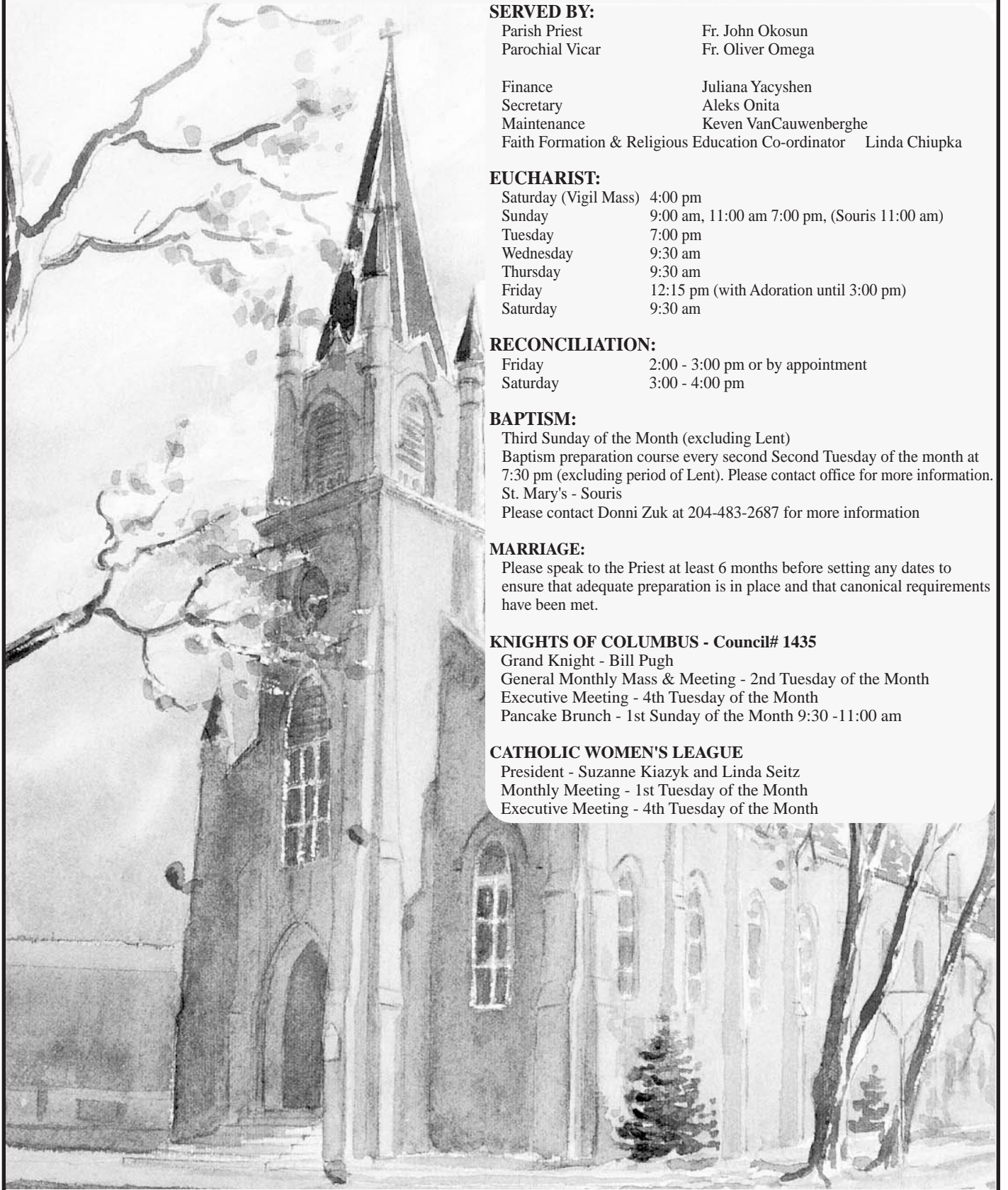
Please speak to the Priest at least 6 months before setting any dates to ensure that adequate preparation is in place and that canonical requirements have been met.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Council# 1435

Grand Knight - Bill Pugh  
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 Kiazzyk and Linda Seitz  
Monthly Meeting - 1st Tuesday of the Month  
Executive Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the Month





## The Pruning Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he common myth is that we receive a new body every seven years as cells die and are replaced. However, stomach cells are renewed every two days or so because of acids and enzymes. Skin cells are replaced every two to three weeks. Bone cells last about ten years, and our brain cells stay with us for our entire lives. In a sense, then, we might say that our bodies are pruned, part of us remaining long-term to nurture and sustain like the trunk of a tree, and part of us severed so that life may be renewed and continue on.

If so with our bodies, are not our spirits also pruned? There is a core part of who we are that wends its way throughout our lives. Yet that “who” has rough edges in need of being smoothed; barbs need to be dulled; and certain inclinations simply need to be severed.

Spouses tend to prune one another, the grace of a loving marriage. Children sometimes keep parents honest. Life events may grind down our independence and self-sufficiency. Illnesses, aging, job loss, the death of loved ones—all forcing us to recognize that we are not in control of life. We are thus pruned, forced to surrender much of what we once thought we could control.

Where is God in all of this? If God is woven into the warp and woof of all life, then all the events and rhythms of life can draw us closer to God, pruning us into goodness and fruitfulness. ●

### Reflect

**How have you been pruned and has this pruning led to new growth, new life?**

### MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. Apr. 30 7:00 pm	Kay & Mary Lou Simms	Your Family
Wed. May 01 9:30 am	Hermann & Elfriede Schick	Your Family
Thur. May 02 9:30 pm	Beverley Litkovich	Marlene & Gerry
	Special Intention	Rick & Jocelyn Kehler
	Jim Marr	Colleen & Keven
Fri. May 03 12:15 pm	Mothers	CWL
	Private intention	Mary Anne & Family
	Bill Dinsdale	Pat Dinsdale
Sat. May 04 09:30 am	†Cecile Chicoine	Bea Gross & Family
4:00 pm	†Marianne Plante	Plante/Vasilarakis Family
Sun. May 05 9:00 am	†Deceased friends & relatives	Tony & Linda DeVliegere
	11:00 am	Pre-born babies
	7:00 pm	†John, Jean, Janet & Craig Gumienny
Souris 11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. John & Fr. Oliver

**Priests retreat.** Fr. John and Fr. Oliver will be at the annual priests retreat from Monday **May 6<sup>th</sup>** until Friday, **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. There will be No Mass in our parish during that period. Please pray for our priests.

### Children Rosary

Please join the Children's Rosary on **May 4<sup>th</sup>** after the 9:30am Mass. We need volunteer children to lead the rosary and offer flowers for Mary. Please see poster for details.



### Quiz time

St. Augustine's Education Committee will host a Quiz Competition on May 26, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. The first 4 teams of 4 (representing their particular ministry) to register, will compete for cash prizes. Rounds include: Scripture, the Catechism and the Mass. See poster or contact Linda at

faithformation@staug.ca for more information or to register. All are invited to watch this exciting competition.

### CFC Announcements

Calling all members of the Couples for Christ (CFC); we are having the annual Central Regional Conference on May 17, 18 & 19th at Canad Ins, Winnipeg.

On **May 19<sup>th</sup>** after the CFC conference there will be a Live Loud Concert at the same venue. The praise and worship concert is open to all. Please see posters for details on how to register.

### Homes Enthronement of Sacred Heart

The Enthronement is the official and social recognition of the role of the Sacred Heart of Jesus over the Christian family, made permanent by the solemn installation of the image of that divine Heart at home. Please call the office for more information and to book your visit.

**In Our Prayers Are:** Teresa Usiner, Liam Penner, Vera Lafreniere, Angel Eranio Cabrera, Thomas Egan, Gresnor Acquisio, Eric DePass, Judy Bryant, Colette Garlinski, Jenny Hamill, Angela Lau, Paul Malabar, Millicent Mychasiw, Susan Richardson, Bonnie Schellenberg, Ron Umpherville, and the homebound.

### This week activities at St. Augustine:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>RCIA</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
	<b>Finance Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
	<b>PPC Meeting</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Hamper Program (St. V de P)</b>	<b>1:30-3pm</b>
	<b>RCIC</b>	<b>4:30-5:30 pm</b>
	<b>St. Cecilia Choir</b>	<b>5:45-6:45 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>6:30-8:30 pm</b>

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for the Month of May:** For the formation of religious women and men and seminarians. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



# Dear Padre,

**Several months ago my son died in a tragic car accident. Life, work, family, and even religion seem so meaningless now. How can I find my way back?**

You have suffered a great loss. When you are able, you can choose to live in a way that will respect both your son's memory and your own ongoing life. Here are a few gentle steps that might help.



- Expect to feel numb at first. This is nature's way of helping you deal with your loss. Keep following the normal patterns of your life and, eventually, meaning will return.
- Allow your friends to help. "Sorrows shared are sorrows lessened."
- If you are sad, let the tears come! Even Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:32-35).
- If you are angry, look for a healthy release. Focus the energy of your anger into productive work, even if it's just doing dishes or yard work.
- Use your experience to help others. While helping others, the Lord often reveals to us the meaning of our own losses.
- Don't be afraid to seek professional help. A therapist has the expertise to help you talk about your loss and cope with your grief.
- Pray for yourself, for your son, for all whose lives he touched, for all those who are grieving.
- After you have done everything you can, leave your loss in God's hands. The Lord will do for you what you cannot do for yourself. ●

**The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26	April 30 Easter Weekday Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a	May 1 Easter Weekday Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8	May 2 St. Athanasius, Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11	May 3 Sts. Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14	May 4 Easter Weekday Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

## Financial report as for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Weekly Collection (including 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion)	\$ 8,789.
Average weekly expenses	\$11,000.
Children's collection	\$ 209.
SGG	\$ 9,494.

**Options for Donating Money :** We are trying to ensure your ease when making a donation. For your convenience we accept donation envelopes, e-transfers (finance@staug.ca) and pre-authorized payments. Please note that e-transfers are only funds to St. Augustine's.

**Thank you very much!!!**

**CWL Banquet** Everyone is invited to CWL "Annual June Wind-up", that will take place on June 4<sup>th</sup>, starting with the Holy Mass at 4pm, dinner to follow. Tickets are \$26 each, available from: Albertine Moran, Ann Kaman and Leona Smithson. Please see posters for more information.

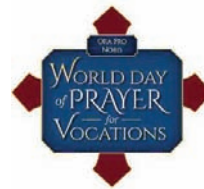
## CWL - Share the Words : Week 10 COURAGE

If you only knew the courage of Catholic Women's League members. In the 1920s, Winnifred Fulton travelled by horseback to start more than 30 councils. Today we continue to carry the message of faith, service and social justice to women across Canada and internationally. Pack your courage! Your place is among us.



## CWL Scholarship

Applications for the 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. Deadline for applications is 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 31, 2024.



## GOD IS STILL CALLING

It's up to the whole Church to amplify His call.

**Vocation Retreat May 11<sup>th</sup>.** Serra Brandon is pleased to announce a vocation retreat for youth age 12-18 on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this retreat is to help young people learn how God is calling them to live out their baptismal call to holiness, whether it be married, priestly, religious or single vocation. Information on this retreat and application forms are available from a Serra member after each Mass.

## Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Our KofC Brandon are offering a \$500 scholarship to a high school graduating male student going on to higher education. The rules for applications can be found at each church information board or picked up at the church office. Deadline for application is June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



## LiveLoud Worship Event - May 19, 2024 Polo Park Winnipeg

Be inspired and moved by the power of music and faith! Join this one-of-a-kind worship night celebrating faith through music. LiveLoud Worship is an advocacy that promotes and declares the Word through Catholic music and is meant to be a way of life: living each day according to our identity

as children of God. Over the years, LiveLoud has been able to expand its reach to many different countries all over the world. There will be a **Catholic Expo** from 5:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. (Open to the public) Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Concert starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are only \$15 and can be purchased online.

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