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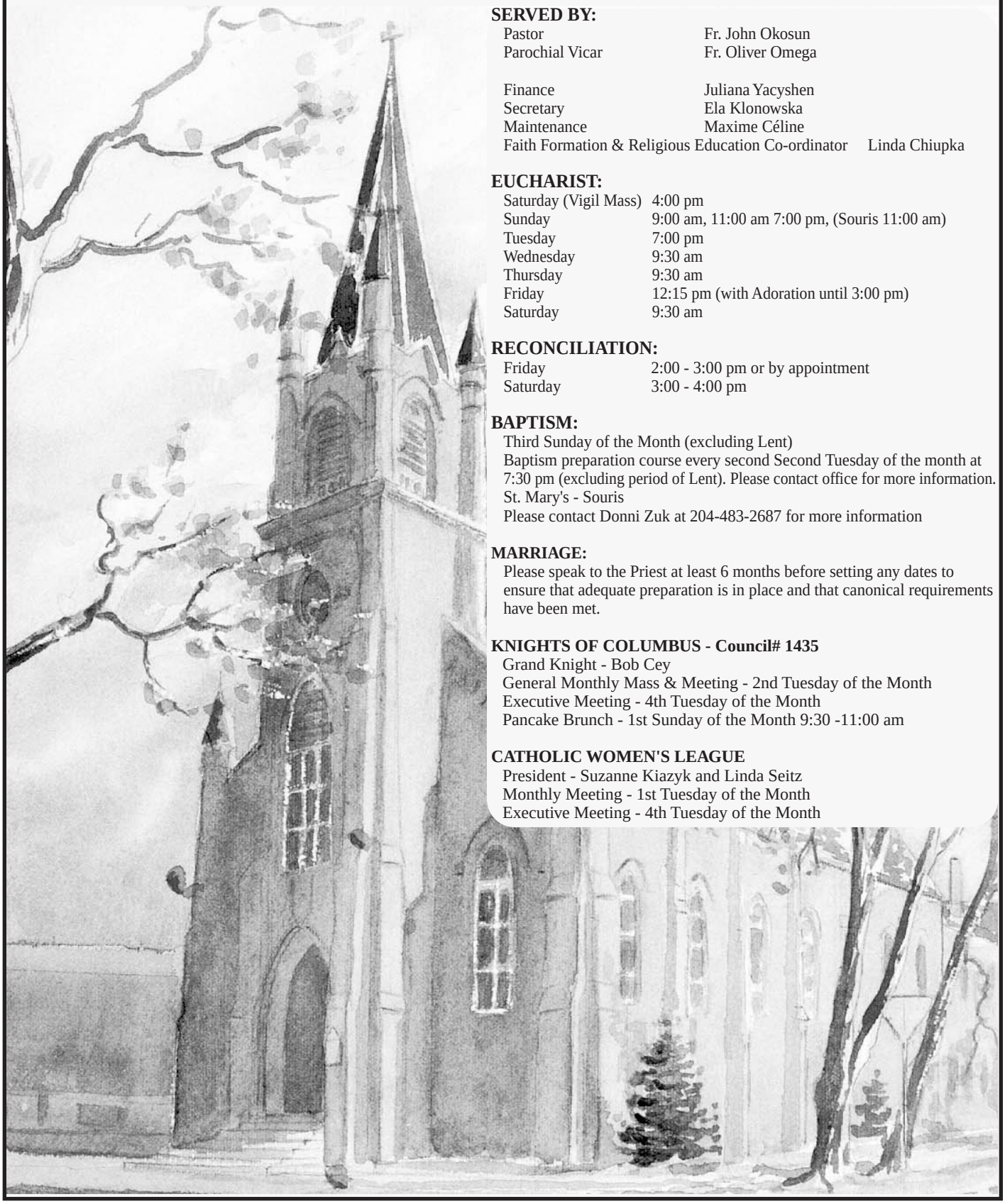

SERVED BY:

Pastor	Fr. John Okosun
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Oliver Omega
Finance	Juliana Yacyshen
Secretary	Ela Klonowska
Maintenance	Maxime Céline
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 Kiazyk and Linda Seitz
Monthly Meeting - 1st Tuesday of the Month
Executive Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the Month

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 23, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 22:19–23 / Romans 11:33–36 / Matthew 16:13–20

Who Do You Say That I Am?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" An easy answer if you just report what other people say and what you have heard. No commitment. No revelation. No risk. But it all changes when the question is more to the point: "Who do *you* say that I am?" Tell me what you know, not what you heard. The silence is almost deafening. Vulnerability, not just anonymous reporting, is required in the asked-for response. No surprise—it is Peter who answers. Never one to hide his emotions or edit his thoughts, it is Peter who reveals what he knows, perhaps even what he is unsure of, perhaps the truth that he only hopes for but has not yet declared. "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God" (Matthew 16:16).

Jesus responds with a prayer of blessing; the apostles, on the other hand, remain silent. Although we are very familiar with Peter's assent of faith, his declaration was almost unheard-of or unexpected from a first-century Jewish man. It was dangerous to identify someone as Messiah. It was blasphemous to name someone as the Son of the Living God. Yet, in faith and humility, Peter made the declaration and, in the naming, entrusted his life, his hope, and all that he believed firmly into the hands of Jesus. This was no simple act. This was no ordinary day. ●

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

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, Arlene Spence, Albertine Moran, Angel Eranio Cabrera, Ladesma Cabrera, Emery Fouillard, Marie Bialkoski, Lorraine Williams, Rohan and Baby, Dave, Kerry Fast, Adrian Villafana, Patricia Greene, Harvey Ostroski, and the homebound.

MASS INTENTIONS

TUES. August 25 (2 Thessalonians 2.1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23.23-26)		
7:00 pm	†Marion McDuffe	Yacyshen Sisters
WED. August 26 (2 Thessalonians 3.6-10, 16-18, Matthew 23.27-32)		
9:30 am	†Tom Lehman	Darlene & Irvin Unrau
THUR. August 27 (1 Corinthians 1.1-9; Matthew 24.42-51)		
9:30 am	†Bea Gross	Pat Dinsdale
	†Mariano Pasaporte Sr.	Pasaporte Family
	†David Wayne Clemens	Charles & Maria Lim
10:30 am/FVH	†Lilia Cansino, Conrado & Corazon Rara	Verano & Rara Family
FRI. August 28 (1 Corinthians 1.17-25; Matthew 25.1-13)		
12:15 pm	Bob Boucher	Juliana & John
	Special Intention	Rick & Jocelyn Kehler
	†Wladyslaw Gramatyka	Aleks Onita
	Special Intention	Bruce & Jackie Miles
	†Oscar Samson	Michelle Samson
SAT. August 29 (Jeremiah 1.17-19; Mark 6.17-29)		
9:30 am	Guy Giorno	Mackalski Family
4:00 pm	Joseph Shiu-Pong Yam	Peter, Cecilia & Family
6:30 pm/Souris		
SUN. August 30 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
9:00 am	Markmann Family	Rod Ferris
11:00 am		Missa Pro Populo
7:00 pm	†Yolanda Flores & Hermogenes Flores	Maricris Sabado & Family

TUES. September 01 (1 Corinthians 2.10b-16; Luke 4.31-37)		
7:00 pm	†Ignazio Scaletta	Sally & Family
WED. September 02 (1 Corinthians 3.1-9; Luke 4.38-44)		
9:30 am	Teachers & Students	CWL
THUR. September 03 (1 Corinthians 3.18-23; Luke 5.1-11)		
9:30 am	Plante Family	Maria & Charles Lim
	Adrian Villafana	Carla Villafana
	Bob Schmidt	Legion of Mary
	†Patria Isabel Cayabyab	Parishioner
10:30 am/FVH	†Ray West	Carol MacKenzie
FRI. September 04 (1 Corinthians 4.1-5; Luke 5.33-39)		
12:15 pm	†Bea Gross	Gerry & Gary Walker
	Fr. Oliver	Peter & Eldora Manshanden
	Brian O'Donohoe & Family	Issigonis Family
	Pacag Family	Mary Jane Pacag
	Ed Kostecki	Rudy & Rosemarie Bidinosti
SAT. September 05 (1 Corinthians 4.6-15; Luke 6.1-5)		
9:30 am	†Zewdi Adhanon	Robiel Yibetit
4:00 pm	Imelda Nila Bersalona	Virgil & Joy Escalera
SUN. September 06 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
9:00 am	†Percy M. Villafana	Carla Villafana
11:00 am		Missa Pro Populo
7:00 pm	†Mary Kennedy	Ray & Anne West
11:00 am/Souris		

Welcome to our Christian Community: *Cedric Axel Labiano, Megan Brianne Barahona Hasbun, Emily Brigitte Penagos Barahona, Thiago Gianluca Penagos Barahona, Netochi Adrian Dim, Karis Ofure Macaulay, and Kobimtochukwu Aidan Ijeomah.*

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Weekend of August 22/23, 2026

Saint Paul reminds us in today's second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God's own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace. Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose.

Financial Report for: August 09 & August 16, 2026		
	August 09	**August 16**
Weekly collection	$ 9,331.	$ 8,385.
Children collection	$ 150.	$ 170.
Sharing God's Gifts 2026 (Appeal)		$20,603.
Sharing God's Gifts 2026 Target		$62,365.
Weekly average spending	$11,000.	$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 or Older Envelopes.** Thank you and God bless.

Sharing God's Gifts Appeal is transforming into **Together in Mission** effective September 1st. As a result, participants will receive two tax receipts: 1) Gifts made between Jan 1 - Aug 30, will be from Sharing God's Gifts. 2) Gifts made between Sep 1 – Dec 31, will be from Together in Mission.

FESTIVAL OF JOY
The next Planning Committee meeting is Tuesday September 1st immediately following the 7 pm mass. Please let the chair know if you are unable to attend.

SAFE ENVIROMENT TRAINING
There will be a Safe Environment Training for all volunteers on Saturday September 19th. The training session will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the square and will last about two hours. If you are unable to attend, please notify Linda at the Faith Formation office.

ONCE-WEEKLY CATECHISM
Catechism classes will start at our Church on **Thursday September 10, 2026**. We invite all kids registered and parents to the Opening Mass which will be celebrated at 6:30 pm.

We are still in need of a teacher for the 2026-27 year. If you feel God is calling you to this ministry, please contact Linda at the faith formation office.

RCIA
Rite Of Christian Initiation for Adults program for everyone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church will begin on **Tuesday September 8th at 6:30 p.m. in room 108.** If interested, please leave your contact details at the Parish office.

THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR MINISTRY
This ministry is dedicated to seniors, sick people, those with disability, and the homebound.
If you know any person who will benefit from this ministry kindly reach out to the person or persons and give their contact information to the parish office. Also, if you are interested in joining this noble ministry, please give your name to our parish secretary.

SEMINARIAN
Our parishioner Robert Schmidt has been admitted into the Seminary to begin his training to the priesthood. We congratulate him and encourage parishioners to pray for him and support him.

YOUTH GROUP
Next gathering for Youth & Young Adults Group is on **Sunday September 6th** at 1:00 p.m. Topic to discuss: "How to fix basic things in the home."

SAVE THE DATE
Serra's **Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner** will be held at our Parish square on **October 14th**. Vespers will be at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner. Tickets prices: women 16-25: $22 and regular: $45 – pay to Brandon Serra via cash or cheque by September 18th.

2026 FESTIVAL OF JOY
This year festival is coming on **Saturday September 12** (1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) Please come and bring your family and friends for Mass (4:00 p.m.), games & activities, praise & worship, live music, testimonials, soccer tournament, and community potluck. Everything is happening on St. Augustine school grounds. We hope to see you there!

- Food donations are gratefully appreciated. Sign up sheets are available at the east door.
- All existing music ministers and all other interested parishioners are invited to join the FOJ choir that will lead music during the festival. Rehearsal will be held August 27th , September 3rd & 10th at 7 p.m. in Room 108.
- All willing to join the soccer tournament during the festival are invited. Please watch for sign up sheets at the east door.
- We invite everyone who wish to give testimonies. Please leave your contact details at the Parish office.
- Gift donations for prizes are also gratefully appreciated. They can be dropped at the parish office.
- FOJ merchandises will be available for sale for cash only (t-shirts $10 and tumblers $5).

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