

# Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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

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Weekday Office Hours: 8:30 am - 12:00 Noon, 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

## SERVED BY:

Pastor	Fr. John Okosun
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Oliver Omega
Finance	Juliana Yacyshen
Secretary	Ela Klonowska
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:

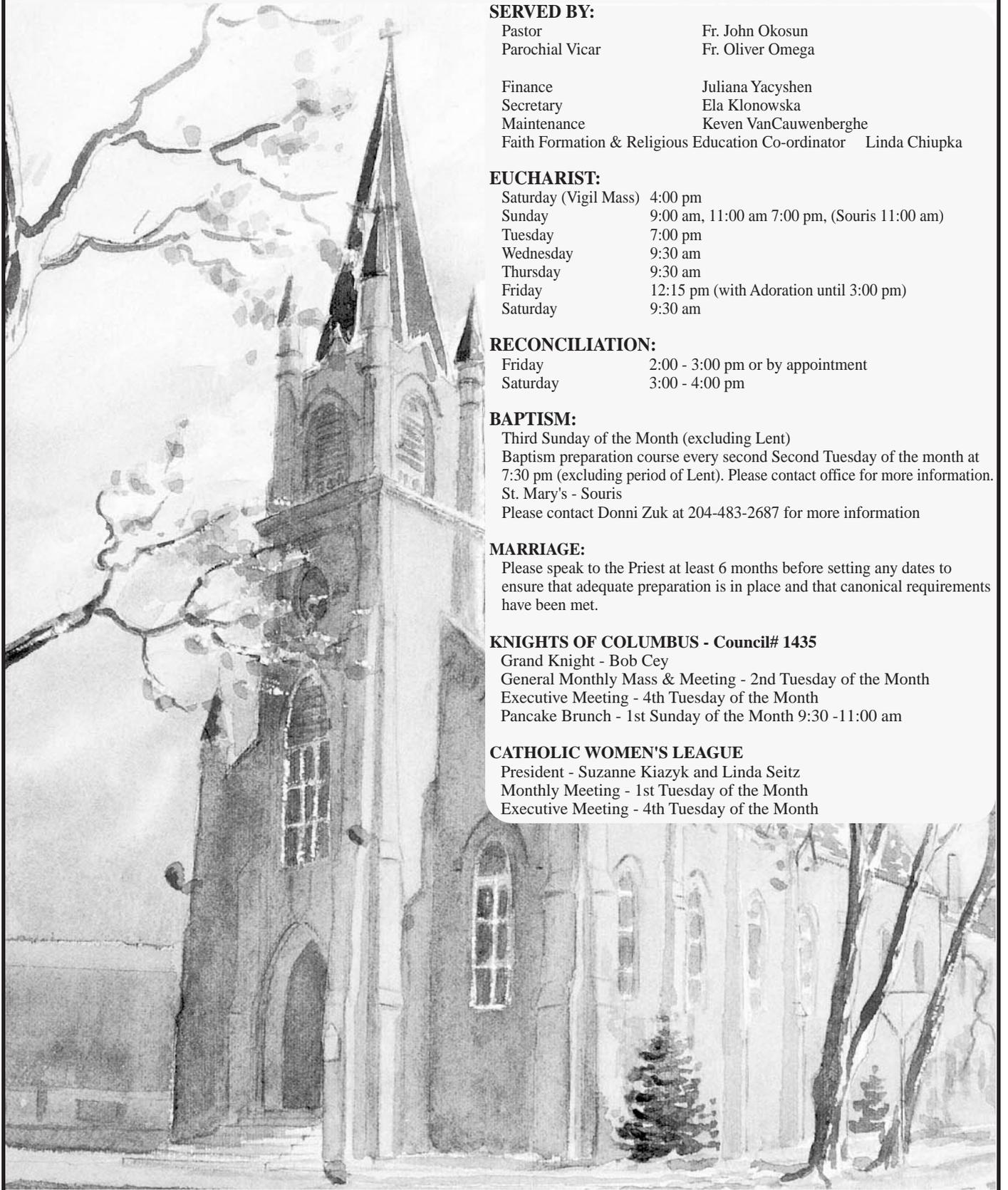
Please speak to the Priest at least 6 months before setting any dates to ensure that adequate preparation is in place and that canonical requirements have been met.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Council# 1435

Grand Knight - 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





## Where Heaven and Earth Meet

ANN M. GARRIDO

**H**ave you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to “go together”? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains’ height pierced the sky. Turns out, it’s a bit more complicated. Mountains “create” their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind.

It’s no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the “heavens”—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak.

So, it’s also no wonder why Jesus, with three of *his* closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God’s voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet. ●



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### Reflect

*What places or moments in my life have made me feel close to heaven?*

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>TUES. March 03</b> (Isaiah 1.10, 16-20, 27-28, 31; Matthew 23.1-12)		
7:00 pm	Eldora	Sisters
<b>WED. March 04</b> (Jeremiah 18.18-20; Matthew 20.17-28)		
9:30 am	†Stanley Andruski	Gilberte Andruski
11:15 am	†Aurora Trinidad Ramirez	Escalera Family
<b>THUR. March 05</b> (Jeremiah 17.5-10; Luke 16.19-31)		
9:30 am	Homeless	CWL
	†Theresa Usunier	Issigonis Family
	†Gerard Fumier	Kerselin Fumier
	†Laura Archer	Claude & Marian Archer
10:30 am/FVH	†Marion McDuffe	Josie Scaletta
<b>FRI. March 06</b> (Genesis 37.3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46)		
12:15 pm	Bernadette	Sisters
	†Bea Gross	Aleks Onita & Girls
	Betty Taverner	Sally Scaletta
	†Claire Beaudette	Velma Beaudette
	Special Intention	Brian & Mary Anne Schoonbaert
<b>SAT. March 07</b> (Micah 7.14-15, 18-20; Luke 15.1-3, 11-32)		
9:30 am	Our Children	Michael & Carolyn Markmann
4:00 pm	†Victor Hercun	Carol MacKenzie
<b>SUN. March 08</b> – 3rd Sunday of Lent		
9:00 am	†Michael & Marie Bomek	Grant Bomek
11:00 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for All Parishioners)	
7:00 pm	†Adrienne LeBeau	Corinne Hodgson
11:00 am/Souris		

St. Augustine **Class Mass** for grades 2, 4, & 8 will take place on Wednesday **March 4<sup>th</sup>** at 11:15 a.m.

#### Lenten Penance Service

**Thursday, March 19**

School – 1:00 p.m. & General – 5:00 p.m.

**Children’s Rosary** will take place on Saturday **March 7<sup>th</sup>** (the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month) at 10:00 a.m. at the Church.

**Adoration for Youth & Young Adults Group** is on Sunday **March 15<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 p.m.

**Men’s Group** will meet on Wednesday **March 18<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 p.m. to learn: “On Justice – Perfecting the Will to Love God and Neighbor”.

**Altar Servers** are meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the Church. For more information, please call Matthew at tel. 204-441-9295.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be holding an **exemplification** after the 11 AM Mass on Sunday **March 15<sup>th</sup>**.

If you are a Catholic male 18 years or older this is your opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus Brandon Council. Please contact The Grand Knight Bob Cey at 204-724-4308 for more information and how to join.

**In Our Prayers Are:** Gresnor Acquisio, Hermann Aquin, Jamie Ashley, Myron Blocka, Angel Eranio Cabrera, 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, and the homebound.

# Dear Padre,

*I've been to Latin Masses, and people do not socialize in church and seem more respectful than at a regular parish Mass, where people are leaving before Mass is finished, and there seems to be constant talking. Why is there such a contrast?*

I'd like to caution you about two assumptions. The first is about judging people who leave Mass early. We can't know what is in a person's heart. Some people work on Sundays or have other unavoidable commitments that require them to leave at a certain time.

The second assumption is that socializing before and after a parish Mass is disrespectful. The celebratory and welcoming culture of a Christian community that has gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist gives glory and praise to God. It is not disrespectful of the Eucharist, but rather a powerful witness to the unity, the community, and the faith of the people of God who gather with their Lord and Savior.

There are Eucharistic gatherings that encourage silence, such as the Latin Mass you have experienced as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion. We need both—silence as we worship together and joyful interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both give glory to God.

All that being said, to those who enjoy socializing or who must leave the Mass before the final note of the final hymn: do be considerate of those praying near you. They might be praying for you! ●



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

Financial Report for: February 22, 2026	
Weekly collection	\$ 7,945.
Children collection	\$ 160.
Sharing God's Gifts 2026	\$ 3,640.
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.

**Sharing God's Gift 2025 Update** – we wish to thank all who helped us to realize our 2025 Sharing God's Gift goal of \$64,959. Thank you for your generous contribution.

**2026 Sunday Missals** books are still available for sale at the Parish office. Cost is \$6/each.

**BAKING** – if you enjoy baking and would like to share your talents with your fellow parishioners, please contact the Parish office.

**EASTER FLOWERS** – collection for Easter flowers (to decorate our Church) will take place on the weekend of **March 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**.

**Reminder about PARKING** – in case you are parking on the streets around our Church, please ensure you keep the proper distance from an intersection, driveways, and back lanes. The rule in Brandon is: *you must not park, stop, or stand a vehicle within 9 meters (appr. 30 feet) from an intersection and 3 meters from a driveway or a back lane.*

**St. Augustine's Development & Peace** encourages parishioner to go online at [dp.staug.ca](http://dp.staug.ca) during LENT 2026. There you will find Development & Peace's 2026 LENTON THEME "On Track for JUSTICE".

Also, on the tables at the entrances to the church, you will find printed material which you are encouraged to take.

**Friday Fish Fry** sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus** is on every Friday **until March 27<sup>th</sup>**. Serving begins at 5:00 p.m. at the Parish square.

Prices: adult: \$20.00, children ages 7-12: \$10.00, and kids ages 6 and under are free.

Menu: Pickerel Fillet

Either: French Fries, Perogies, Small Roast Potato or Rice, Salad or Coleslaw

Pie Raffle 50/50

Proceeds will be donated to many community services.

Thank you for your support.

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.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS - LENT 2026

Friday @ 7:00 p.m.

February 27	Couples for Christ
March 6	Vocation Committee
March 13	Knights of Columbus
March 20	Development and Peace
March 27	Life Culture Brandon
April 03 (Good Friday)	Confirmation Class



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