

Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

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

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SERVED BY:

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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:

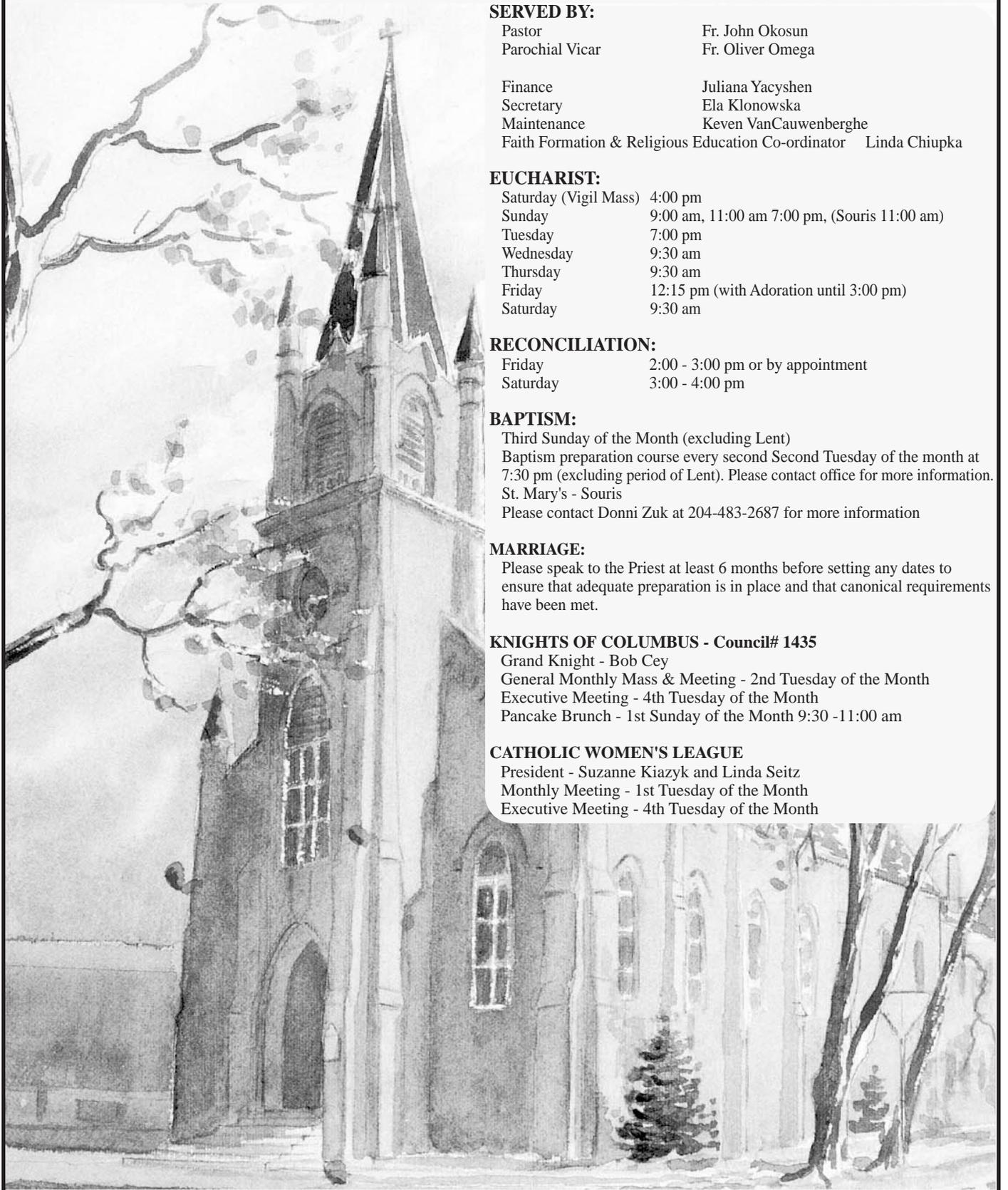
Please speak to the Priest at least 6 months before setting any dates to ensure that adequate preparation is in place and that canonical requirements have been met.

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





I Am the Resurrection

ANN M. GARRIDO

The prophets before Jesus had long spoken of God’s dreams for our world. In seasons of darkness and despair, they would offer snapshots of hope for what it would be like in the “kingdom of God.” Those who were blind would see. Those unable to walk would dance. Those imprisoned would be free. And those who had died would be raised to life again.

In today’s gospel, we hear that Martha shared in the prophets’ hope. When Jesus tells her that her brother Lazarus will rise, she replies, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” In other words, Martha believes in the coming “kingdom of God.” But then, Jesus stuns her with his response: “I am the resurrection and the life.” That is, “I am the kingdom of God.”

Origen of Alexandria—a third-century theologian—spoke of Jesus as the *autobasileia*. The term comes from two Greek words: *auto*, meaning “self,” and *basileia*, meaning “kingdom.” It was his way of expressing that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the prophets had preached. He was all of God’s dreams for us manifest, not as had been anticipated in a future time, but in a living person.

We still wait for God’s dreams to be realized on a global scale, but, like Martha, we have seen what that realization will look like already in our experience of Jesus. With Martha, we can confess that he is “the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” ●

MASS INTENTIONS

TUES. March 24 (Numbers 21.4-9; John 8.21-30)		
7:00 pm	†Henry & Ursula Gerritzer	Issigonis Family
WED. March 25 (Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d; Hebrews 10.4-10; Luke 1.26-38)		
9:30 am	†Beverley Litkovich	Marlene & Garry
11:15 am	†Jana Korol	Laura Gurr
THUR. March 26 (Genesis 17.3-9; John 8.51-59)		
9:30 am	†Annette Boucher	Helen & Brian Forsyth
	Rose Hercun	Secret Prayer Partner
	Robert Leclerc	Rose Hercun
	†Hermogenes Flores & Yolanda Flores	Maricris Sabado
	June Fleury	Polly Fleming
10:30 am/FVH	†Rita & Judge Joseph O’Sullivan	Issigonis Family
	FRI. March 27 (Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13; John 10.31-42)	
12:15 pm	†Victor Hercun	Denis & Lea Badiou
	†Bea Gross	Rudy & Resemarie Bidinosti
	Carol MacKenzie	Prayer Partner
	†Nelson Baranyk Granddaughters	Rudy & Rosemarie Bidinosti
	Shelly Coull	
SAT. March 28 (Jeremiah 31; John 11.45-56)		
9:30 am	†Dustin Moffat	Corinne Hodgson
4:00 pm	†Gwen Gibney	Bruce & Jackie Miles
SUN. March 29 – Passion (Palm) Sunday		
9:00 am	†Patti & Franklin Toms	Don & Yvette Lennon
11:00 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for All Parishioners)	
7:00 pm	†Bob Shineton	Dan & Lynn Potvin & Family
11:00 am/Souris		

*** TRIDUUM SCHEDULE ***

Apr. 02 Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Apr. 03 Good Friday

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayers

12:00/noon & 3:00 p.m. – Services

Apr. 04 Holy Saturday

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayers

12:00/noon – Blessing of Easter Baskets

Apr. 04 Easter Vigil - 9:00 p.m.

Apr. 05 Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Masses of the Resurrection

St. Mary’s Church in Souris

Holy Thursday – 6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday – 3:00 p.m. Service

Easter Sunday – 11:00 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection

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, Anne Sawers, Arlene Spence, Albertine Moran, Angel Eranio Cabrera, Ladesma Cabrera, Emery Fouillard and the homebound.

St. Augustine **Class Mass** for grades 1/2, 5 & 6 will be on Wednesday **March 25th** at 11:15 a.m.

Dear Padre,

I've offered many Masses for wife and family, thinking if perhaps they are in Purgatory, it would help shorten their time. How can we tell if our prayers and Masses are beneficial? How do we know?

It has been a long- and well-established expression of Catholic faith and practice to pray for the departed. Our prayers help us as we grieve and mourn the passing of the people we love. Our prayers help us keep their passing in perspective—not as the end of something, but rather as the beginning of new life in Christ. This is beneficial and needs no further evidence to illustrate the value of the practice.

Your question, on the other hand, goes beyond what the tradition emphasizes. It seems like you are seeking some sort of guarantee or warranty, which you assume will be reassuring. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee or warranty either promised or implied in this spiritual practice. In death, indeed in the whole of Christian life, we bump up against mystery, not certitude. We are invited to enter into the mystery. To grow in the mystery. To be graced by the mystery. Nothing more is possible. We hope because we believe. We believe because we practice what we hope for. ●



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

Financial Report for: March 15, 2026

Weekly collection	\$	10,450.
Children collection	\$	160.
Sharing God's Gifts 2026	\$	6,420.
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.

Address - in case your 2025 donation receipt contains a wrong address, please update the address with the Parish office.

Advertising in the Bulletin – please consider supporting our Bulletin by advertising your business. If you are interested, please call 1-800-268-2637.

Next gathering for **Youth & Young Adults Group** is on Sunday **April 19** at 1:00 p.m. Topic to discuss: How to Become Holy – Vocations and Church Ministry.

Men's Group will meet on Wednesday, **April 15** at 6:00 p.m. to learn: On Temperance – The Virtue of Enjoying Truly Good Things.

Pancake Brunch has been cancelled for the month of April.

Reflection of the Week

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11.1-45

St. Augustine's Development & Peace encourages parishioner to go online at 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 27th**. 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 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - LENT 2026

Friday @ 7:00 p.m.

February 27	Children's Rosary Group
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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